



# Oregon State University

## University Health and Safety Committee

**Date of Meeting:** May 26, 2021

**Time:** 2:30 – 3:15 pm

**Location:** Via Zoom

**Members present:** Mike Bamberger, Laura Beaver, Carrie Burkholder, Bill Callender, Chandra Char, Marcia Dickson, Tom Doyle, Stephanie Harrison, Dan Kermoyan, Ariel Leshchinsky, Shirley Mann, Mike Mayers, Jennifer McKay, Heidi Melton, Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell (Chair), Linda Nye, Jim Patton, Debi Rothermund, Marcus Silkman, Tarrigon Van Denburg

**Guests present:** Dave Adams (SAIF), Matt Ashland (EHS)

### 1. Call to Order – Agenda

Ryan Mitchell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm

### 2. April 2021 – Minutes Consideration and Approval

Heidi moved to approve the April, 2021 minutes; Stephanie seconded. Minutes approved.

### 3. Recent and Ongoing Business

#### 3.1 Policy Review

Dan reported that he hopes to have some drafts by next meeting.

### 4. Accident & Inspection Reports

#### 4.1 Accident Reports

Discussion: Person stepped through a rotted board in a wooden deck. It is not known whether HMSC does safety walks. This type of hazard might have been caught with a walk-through. UHSC will recommend safety walks to their safety committee, and will share forms and instructions. Ryan and Kay will reach out to the Bend campus also (Steve Pitman).

#### 4.2 Fire Safety Inspections

Nothing new to report. There was a small fire Monday evening at Snell East on the ground floor. Did not activate the alarm system; there are few detection devices, and most of the building does not have a sprinkler system. The fire was extinguished quickly. It was in a small room used for screen printing, and contained a homemade appliance that incorporated a UV light, plywood, and fans. The unit was unattended for several months. It appears to have been caused by a failed fan, which burned the plywood. The appliance was the only thing damaged; some smoke damage to the room and odor in the building. There were no injuries. People are reminded to canvas areas that are rarely used.

#### 4.3 Facilities Monthly Life/ Safety Work Orders/ Report

Responded to the Snell fire; coordinated with ServiceMaster to get it cleaned up.

Eyewash station in Weniger – fixed.

Furman Hall odor investigation – floor trap needed water.

Kelley Engineering – a chemical smell coming from an Amazon box. Unknown resolution.

#### 4.4 On-Call Log / Report of Any Unsafe Conditions

Chemical odor in basement of Nash was determined to be mineral spirits

Mercury spill in Richardson was vacuumed up

Diesel fuel leak at ALS generator – contained mostly on the floor; some fuel was released into Oak Creek. EHS coordinated with the city of Corvallis to clean up. Absorption materials placed at the source and at the creek.

### 5. Updates and New Business

5.1 New vehicle policy, Meredith Williams, Director of Transportation Services, would like to speak to the committee.

5.2 Reviewed process of appointing committee members. Those who express an interest in serving should contact the chair and/or secretary who will then provide the VP for Finance and Administration with the name, department, start date, and expected term (3 years) of the appointment. The secretary will grant access to the UHSC box to the individual.

5.3 Wildfire response/smoke/poor air quality plan. EHS has developed a new website; the link was provided to the UHSC for review. Three outdoor air quality devices have been placed on campus for monitoring. Decisions about possible campus closures will be made dependent on air quality. A portable indoor monitor has been purchased by EHS. EHS is in the process of finalizing an IAQ decision-making spreadsheet to guide on what activities can be held and which will be curtailed depending on air quality. There was a short discussion of what the best air filters are to be used in rooms to keep the air good enough to keep working when the work is time-sensitive. Portable HEPA IAQ devices are available. The work would need to be identified before a closure so the device could be turned on. The department would need to have the equipment available prior to an emergency. EHS can advise on what equipment to get. The matrix addresses not only safety for personnel, but also buildings themselves (air handling systems, etc.). Insurance and Risk Management are the best people to advise on how to prepare ahead of time for possible claims in case of losses due to either smoke damage (filters, etc.) or loss of work.

### 6. Safety Training: Upcoming/ Planned/ Updates

6.1 Submit upcoming/completed training information/records to Kay for recordkeeping.

Ryan noted that there is a new Bridge training module on Clery Act Compliance.

6.2 In May, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following trainings, which involved 74 departments.

May 2021	Course
10	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety
10	Bloodborne pathogens for non-lab workers
1	Bloodborne pathogen awareness
1	Bloodborne pathogen overview

5	Biosafety cabinets
1	NIH guidelines
5	Infection control
15	Hazardous waste
1	Hazardous materials shipping awareness
17	Universal waste handling
25	Autoclave safety
5	Laboratory compressed gas safety
7	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
4	Formaldehyde safety
75	General laboratory safety
0	Controlled substances
6	Fume hood safety
3	Liquid nitrogen safety
20	Animal handler safety
9	Noise and hearing conservation
1	Respirator training/fit test
6	Acknowledgement of safety rules and emergency procedures
5	Arc Flash and Electrical Safety Best Practices
1	Asbestos Awareness
5	Back Safety and Injury Prevention
1	Compressed gas cylinder safety (non-lab)
13	Cold, flu & transmissible illness prevention
0	Crane and hoist safety
0	Confined space
24	Covid-19 masks, coverings and respirators
1	Driver safety
0	Earthquake preparedness
1	Electrical safety overview
0	Eyewash and emergency showers
0	Fall protection
0	Farm electrical safety
3	Field research safety
19	Fire extinguishers
6	Flu season
5	Forklift overview
5	Forklift user
19	Hand washing
19	Globally harmonized system/Hazcomm/SDS
1	Golf cart/utility vehicle
0	Hot work
1	Incident investigation
1	Ladder safety
0	Lead awareness
0	Loading dock safety introduction
0	Lock-out/tag-out
1	Machine guarding

2	Office and general safety
21	Pandemic – slowing the spread
1	Power and hand tools
2	Respiratory protection program
0	Silica hazards overview
1	Isotope user refresher
2	Laser safety
0	Sealed radiation source training or refresher
1	X-ray safety

## 7. Agenda Item(s) for Next Meeting

7.1 Members were asked to provide nominations or to volunteer for Chair-Elect and Secretary for the coming year (beginning July 1, 2021).

7.2 Moving forward in fall – will we meet in person/via Zoom/hybrid? Unknown at this point. Linda says UHR will have information coming out soon. May need to look for a new meeting location that will accommodate the number of people and the required spacing. The room may need Zoom capability for those who are not on campus. Some members want to just keep meeting via Zoom for the foreseeable future. The majority of the committee sees continuation of the meetings via teleconference favorably. Ryan will reach out to his IT people to verify that OSU will continue to use Zoom (or something similar) for the near future. Debi offered use of Milam 119; Ryan mentioned that Vet Med also has some rooms available that could accommodate the committee if it met in person.

Adjourned at 3:15 pm

**Next Meeting Date / Venue:** 2:30 pm, June 23, 2021 / Zoom