



**University Health and Safety Committee**

**Minutes**

**Date of Meeting:** (2/22/23)

**Time:** 2:30 – 4:00 pm

**Location:** Via Zoom

<b>Members: Attendance</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Martha Adams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Harrison	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Pitman
<input type="checkbox"/>	Michael Bamberger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dan Kermoyan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Debi Rothermund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Laura Beaver	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leece LaRue	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chris Russo
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rachel Burgess	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jennine Livengood	<input type="checkbox"/>	Aimee Scrivens
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carrie Burkholder, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michael Mayers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bill Sexton
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bill Callender	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Heidi Melton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brett Morrisette
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tom Doyle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ryan Mitchell	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian Stroup
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Suzanne Grey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Patton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tarrigon Van Denburg
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shirley Mann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Yon (DPS)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Matt Drahn
<b>Member Alternates / Visitors: Attendance</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dave Adams, SAIF	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tim Borgen, SEIU	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ariel Leshchinsky (alt)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Cardella	<input type="checkbox"/>	Justin Fleming	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**1. Call to Order – Agenda**

**2. January 2023 – Minutes Consideration and Approval**

Motion to approve minutes by Heidi Melton; seconded by Rachel Burgess. (January, 2023) minutes approved.

**3. Ongoing Business items discussed**

3.1. E-Scooters came up as a topic of conversation at a recent Safety Advisory Committee. Students are bringing in buildings, riding them in etc; Committee to research this and bring suggestions to next meeting; Transportation department will be followed up with to get their thoughts/feedback, as alternative transportation options are also encouraged. Is there the possibility of bike lockers that could be used for storing e-scooters when not in use?

3.2. Workplace Safety Task Force – About 200 attended the Task Force recommendations meeting; Web link to the recommendations are posted on the EH&S homepage. The Safety Culture Survey will go out tomorrow (2/23/23) and will run for 3-4 weeks duration. The survey will take a total of about 15 minutes to complete. Encouraging your fellow team members to complete would be appreciated.

Once analyzed, the data will be posted and distributed to the colleges. This committee will be apprised on the results from the survey once they are ready.

- 3.3. NSF Guidelines – For those that are doing field work, NSF wants to see documentation that shows the training is inclusive and will keep people safe. Funding is dependent upon meeting this criteria. Research office is in full support of the guidelines and UC Santa Cruz offers extensive training in this area. More to come on this topic.
- 3.4. Safety Walks – will be discussed at next meeting as to which ones are left to perform (to round out 2022). The 2023 schedule of safety walks will be compiled, along with instructions for performing safety walks.
- 3.5. Drying ovens – thermocouple failure is an item that is being looked into. These ovens are left on continuously, and sometimes for multi-years (as is the case for a few CoE research experiments). The question was posed as to whether there is a PM schedule for ensuring these are in good working order. None currently, just advise to follow the manufacturer’s recommendations. A Safety Minute was recommended to bring awareness to this topic. Possibly an addition to the next issue of Beaver Buzz. Drying ovens along with vacuum pumps are department owned, so the honus falls on the individual department. When not in use, the drying ovens should be turned off at the minimum.
- 3.6. UHSC Roster on the EH&S webpage – outdated and needs to be updated.
- 3.7. Vehicle Safety – Workgroup for CAS is in process (by far the largest use across campus). Mostly field/remote work. No training currently required above and beyond the standard sign offs. New training to include trailering, loading, unloading, and hitching of trailers. ATV training is being implemented as per the Workplace Safety Task Force presentation on February 8<sup>th</sup>; however this is not occurring at every off campus location currently.

#### **4. New Business items to be discussed at next meeting**

- 4.1. Stay tuned for the Safety Culture Survey to be rolled out; please encourage your department staff to take the survey!
- 4.2. GOSH Conference - Oregon Convention Center, March 6-9; <https://oregongosh.com/>.
- 4.3. SEIU Representation – Carrie will reach out to the SEIU to inquire as to who will be a willing participant in the UHSC.

#### **5. Accident & Inspection Reports**

- 5.1. Quarterly accident data summaries were discussed; Optimum flow of information would be disseminating to the departments and college safety advisory committees for local control follow-up.
- 5.2. Advocate accident management system contract expires June 30, 2023; Risk Connect will be the campus’ new tracking system and with new capabilities for analyzing data trends; Safety Culture Task Force recommendation will be to establish department safety contacts and safety advisory committees who can directly review and address accident causation.
- 5.3. Fire inspections for February include: Dryden, MU, Aerolab, Magruder, Johnson, Weneiger (not an exhaustive list). Goss has been inspected this week in preparation for the upcoming home baseball game on Friday 2/24/23. All checked out fine.

**Next Meeting Date / Venue:** 2:30 – 4:00 pm, March 22, 2023 via Zoom