

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

August 26, 2015
Meeting Summary

Members Present: Jennifer McKay (chair), Carrie Burkholder, Joe McQuillin, Heidi Lively Melton, Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell, LeAnna Pitts, Mike Sreniawski, Jennifer Stewart

Members Absent: Mike Bamberger, Stephany Chacon, Denson Chatfield, Kevin Christman, Patrick Hughes, Dan Kermoyan, Jim Kiser, Ariel Leshchinsky, Mike Mayers, Christina McKnight, Jim Patton, Debi Rothermund, Anthony Veltri

Guest Present: Nathan Patterson, Capital Planning and Development

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from July were approved, with the addition of one action item.

NEW BUSINESS

It was suggested that the committee invite a representative from the Office of Equity and Inclusion to address the group to discuss what each group can do for the other.

Nathan Patterson of OSU's Capital Planning and Development department was introduced to the committee. Nathan will review and discuss safety items that need to be addressed by his department, on an *ad hoc* basis.

OLD BUSINESS

Safety walks for 2015 should be completed by the September meeting. Kay will assemble reports into one spreadsheet for the Facilities Services Work Coordination Center.

Tyler Strampel (EH&S) and Jennifer McKay are working on a policy/procedure for hydrofluoric acid use. Good Samaritan Hospital's response capabilities are being verified.

Use of epi-pens is still being reviewed. Dixon Rec, Student Health and OSU's General Counsel are involved. There are discrepancies/conflicts between laws (Good Samaritan vs providing medical care).

REVIEW OF ACCIDENT REPORTS

There were several people listed in one report, which is OK as long as there is no medical attention required. These were all exposures to the same irritant.

An individual complained of noise from an alarm when responding to the alarm. Mike S spoke with the supervisor and recommended foam earplugs. Public Safety will issue earplugs to their workers for use in areas where alarms are sounding.

There were a few band saw injuries this month, all involving student workers. Band saws are one of the more dangerous shop tools. Mike S is working on developing a shop safety program, and

will meet with supervisors/professors to discuss required training. He will target Forestry, CEOAS, and supervisors of record of the injured.

Dixon Rec has had some injuries where the person’s status (worker, volunteer, student) at time of injury is unclear. They are working to distinguish roles more clearly.

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS UPDATE

Tabled

EH&S REPORT OF UNSAFE CONDITIONS

One construction concern was reported.

FACILITIES MONTHLY LIFE-SAFETY WORK ORDERS REPORT

Bees need to be reported to Facilities Services.

There was an emergency alarm for a person stuck in a freezer. There is a requirement for all cold rooms to have working doors. Most don’t have alarms, due to the need for a phone line. EH&S will make a policy and/or recommendations for emergency cold room/freezer egress. Other institutions have SOPs. OSU needs a better system for transferring spaces; LeAnna will work with Lynn Schauble, OSU’ Space Allocation Manager. Carrie will send SOPs to her department, LeAnna, and EH&S. LeAnna will follow up.

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE

In August, EH&S recorded the following safety training across 43 departments:

May	Course
4	Bloodborne pathogens for non-lab workers
16	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety (new or refresher)
1	NIH Guidelines
80	Hazardous waste generator
85	General laboratory safety
11	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
37	Animal handler safety
6	Respirator training/fit testing (+1 SCBA fit test)
12	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
25	Fire extinguisher
6	Forklift
64	Globally harmonized system/hazcomm/SDS
0	Golf cart/utility vehicle
6	Office and general safety
0	SIM training
4	Laser safety
4	Sealed radioactive source orientation and refresher
2	Isotope user refresher
7	X-ray machine safety

NEW BUSINESS

SAIF came and toured and met with Heidi, Ryan, Carrie, Jennifer S and Jennifer M.

Dixon Rec interns studied heat problems at the facility. Staff members felt like they were being heard. Some recommendations and some implementations were made.

Orchard Street needs work, but it is a City of Corvallis street. The road near the parking structure is being looked at for improvements. The parking structure is also being worked on for better flow.

A crosswalk is needed at McAlexander Field house.

Clearer markings are needed on 26th Street at Monroe to prevent people from driving the wrong way on the one-way street (turning south from Monroe onto 26th).

Nathan will review and address the safety walk full report.

OLD ACTION ITEMS PENDING

Jennifer Stewart will follow-up with SAIF regarding SIM training for OSU community that are not OSU employees. *Pending*

Committee members reviewed current practices for student staff unable to complete the essential functions of their employment. Mike Mayers will coordinate a work group to create recommendations for departments. *Pending*

ACTION ITEM UPDATES

Mike S will approach Nathan Patterson about serving on the committee. *Nathan attended the meeting and will serve as an ad hoc advisor.*

Kay will bring extra copies of accident reports to meetings. *Extra copies will be distributed at the meetings.*

Jim will send Forestry Department information on stings/bites/exposures to Mike S. *Jim was not present at the meeting.*

EH&S will develop Safety Instructions or tip sheets on stings/bites/exposures. *In progress.*

Ariel and Jennifer S will follow up on legal issues regarding epi-pens. *In progress.*

Tyler Strampel in EH&S will a Safety Instruction and policy on hydrofluoric acid. *In progress.*

Jennifer M will coordinate with Good Samaritan Hospital regarding supplies of calcium gluconate. *In progress.*

LeAnna will follow up on beehive problem at Langton. *Was unable to reach beekeeper. Life safety trumps all, so if no response is received in a timely manner, the bees will be exterminated. Currently, screens are being installed.*

ACTION ITEMS

Jennifer M will invite a representative from the Office of Equity and Inclusion to address the group.

Mike S is working on developing a shop safety program, and will meet with supervisors/professors to discuss required training.

EH&S will make a policy and/or recommendations for emergency cold room/freezer egress.

LeAnna will work with Lynn Schauble, OSU' Space Allocation Manager on a process for transferring spaces.

Carrie will send emergency egress SOPs to her department, LeAnna, and EH&S.

LeAnna will follow up on freezer/cold room alarms.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 23, 2:00 – 3:30 pm. Magruder Hall room 269