

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

August 23, 2017

Milam 119, 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Meeting Summary

Members Present: Jennifer Stewart (Chair), Carrie Burkholder, Marcia Dickson, Stephanie Harrison, Ariel Leshchinsky, Mike Mayers, Jennifer McKay, Heidi Melton, Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell, Debi Rothermund, Heather Wall

Members Absent: Mike Bamberger, Steve Beaudoin, Tim Borgen, Erin Frost (alt), Dan Kermoyan (alt), Patrick Hughes (alt), Christina McKnight, Joe McQuillin, Jim Patton, Aimee Scrivens (alt), Kevin Christman, Victoria Heiduschke, Jim Kiser, Roshni Sabedra, Mike Sreniawski, Rachel Ziegler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Heidi moved that the July minutes be approved as written; Debi seconded. Minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- (3.1) Hydrofluoric acid program. *Jennifer McKay to follow up*
- (3.2.1) Jennifer Stewart to coordinate subcommittee on UHSC goals. *Note: Safety Policies and Procedures will be included. Currently on hold, pending summary of items not completed from previous years.*
- (3.2.2) Subcommittee on safety awards. *No update.*
- (3.3) Debi will follow up on crosswalk painting with Rebecca Houghtaling. *No update*
- (3.4) Carrie will inquire about why an individual was not wearing gloves when handling an owl. *Carrie will follow up with Heidi to get details and report next month.*
- (3.5) Safety walks. *Kay reminded committee members to complete and submit their safety walks before the next meeting if possible.*
- (3.6) Mike S will update the EHS website with FAQs. *Soliciting information from committee members on what to include.*

REVIEW OF ACCIDENT REPORTS

There were several possible exposures to *salmonella* in Veterinary Medicine. Procedures may need to be reviewed and adjusted in order to reduce potential exposures, particularly when receiving animal patients.

Issues at University Plaza indoor air quality – testing has not shown any contaminants. Accommodations through the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) are being looked at.

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS UPDATE

Inspection reports are posted on the EH&S website as they are completed, as well as the current month's inspection schedule.

FACILITIES MONTHLY LIFE/SAFETY WORK ORDERS

Stephanie reported that testing for lead is continuing on campus, with faucets being tagged if elevated levels are detected. Generally, remediation involves just replacing the faucet (not water lines). Retesting will be done after remediation. Reports are available on the EH&S website.

EH&S ON-CALL LOG/REPORT OF UNSAFE CONDITIONS

No items of note this month.

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE

In August, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following trainings, which involved 55 departments:

August 2017	Course
15	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety
6	NIH Guidelines
135	Hazardous waste training
9	HAZWOPER refresher
68	Universal waste handling
13	Formaldehyde safety
11	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
79	General laboratory safety
20	Animal handler safety
7	Noise and hearing conservation
9 + 2	Respirator training/fit testing + SCBA training/fit testing
13	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
58	Fire extinguisher
7	First Aid/AED
2	Forklift operator
85	Globally harmonized system/HazCom/SDS
1	Golf cart/utility vehicle
11	Office and general safety
0	Respirator for comfort only
4	Isotope user orientation
3	Isotope user refresher
7	Laser safety
1	Sealed radiation source (new or refresher)
4	X-ray machine safety

NEW BUSINESS

- The eclipse presented no problems with crowds on campus. The only medical treatment involved bee stings. Recreational Sports had security and paramedics on hand for the event. Not a lot of trash was left behind. Overall a very positive event.
- Debi noted that a ceiling collapsed in Langton Hall. Facilities Services responded quickly. The ceiling has been checked for stability, and cleanup is in progress.
- Jennifer S reported that Rec Sports has purchased sit/stand desk legs and are retrofitting desks. Jennifer will send information to committee members.

ACTION ITEMS

- Hydrofluoric acid program. *Jennifer McKay to follow up*
- Mike S will develop an FAQ or "How do I..." section for the Unsafe Conditions report form on the EHS website, once the new EHS website is up. It will also be distributed to building managers, facilities services, GCA, etc. *Committee members will provide suggestions to Mike.*
- Jennifer Stewart to coordinate subcommittee on UHSC goals/safety awards.

- Crosswalk striping. *Debi to follow up with Rebecca Houghtaling on this.*
- Carrie will inquire about why an individual was not wearing gloves when handling an owl.
- Members will complete their safety walks and send reports to Kay before the next meeting.

NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 27, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, Milam 119

Wednesday, October 25, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, Milam 119

Wednesday, November 15, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, Milam 119

Wednesday, December 20, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, Milam 119