

## Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee Summary of the December 18, 2013 meeting

**Members present:** Karin Hardin, Michael Mayers (Chair), Heidi Lively Melton, Kay Miller, Jennifer Stewart

**Members absent:** Martha Adams, Michael Bamberger, Kevin Christman, Jim Ervin, Joseph Evans, Rainier Farmer, Bryan Feyerherm, Camille Freitag, Lizz Hardardt, Nick Larsen, Patrick Hughes, Dan Kermoyan, Ariel Leshchinsky, Ricardo Letelier, Jim Patton, Mike Sreniawski

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Minutes from November were approved.

Mike brought attention to the “coming attractions” listed in the agenda. Next meeting Glenn Ford or David Blake will attend the meeting. Jennifer McKay from CEOAS’s safety committee will attend an upcoming meeting share about their efforts and processes.

**REVIEW OF INCIDENT STATISTICS AND REPORTS** There were some Norovirus exposures during a conference in Salt Lake City. It was unclear whether some individuals were acting as students or workers while on the trip. A few more cases have since been reported.

Heidi reminded people to document all slips on ice using a Report of Accident form. Heidi may send OSU Today or general email reminding workers and asking them for slip/trip/fall incidents during the ice and snow storm in order to get data.

Mike S. and Dan are looking into placement of overhead cabinets and their accessibility to hit one’s head on (due to a few recent injuries).

The incident involving exposure to goat blood (via a cut thumb) will be followed up with the Biological Safety Officer to find out what the procedure is.

Mike S. will be asked to look into the finger cut at Reed Lodge to find out what kind of paper cutter was being used.

**FIRE/LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS** As listed in the agenda.

An update on Reports of Unsafe Conditions was not available for review.

**SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE** In November, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following safety training, which occurred in 32 departments:

18	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety (new or refresher)
23	General lab safety
20	Animal handler safety
11	Respirator training/fit testing
8	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazcomm
5	Golf/utility cart
10	Laboratory Cleanout Procedures
5	Office safety
108	Safety In Motion4 (four different modules)
1	Laser safety
4	Isotope user orientation

6	Isotope user refresher
2	Sealed radioactive source orientation
1	Sealed radioactive source refresher
5	Radiation Center safety
11	X-ray

**OLD BUSINESS** UHSC charter – still being edited.

Use of epi-pens for allergic reactions. Training for those who administer them is to be by a physician, annual, and documented. Jennifer will send epi-pen rules documentation (Oregon law) to Mike, Kay, Heidi and Karin. Dr. Mull at Student Health provides training to Recreational Sports staff members.

**NEW BUSINESS** The Healthy Campus Initiative is interested in sit/stand desks. Contracting is looking into vendors to have at a vendor fair/show and tell.

If needed for a medical condition (ADA) – refer individual to Equity and Inclusion. If purchased for a non-ADA-related reason, then they should be available for everyone, department-wide. It may be best (and more cost-effective) to emphasize training, posture, breaks, and other activities.

**POLICY AND PROCEDURE REVIEW** A safety policy is being developed by EH&S for remote/field work. Safety Instructions will also be developed for field work (including instructions for stings/bites/exposures).

**ACTION ITEM UPDATES** (Tabled)

**Mike Mayers** will contact Veterinary Medicine again about getting a member on the UHSC.

**Ricardo** will look into accidents aboard the Research Vessel and report at the next meeting.

**Mike S or Dan K** will be asked to look into the auto accident on July 10.

**Jim Ervin** will find out what training is done for student workers in Ag.

**Lizz** will follow up on the process for union membership and provide the committee with a copy of the letter from the Coalition of Graduate Employees.

**Mike S.** will meet with Forestry representatives to discuss safety training.

**Mike S.** will follow up on the videographer injury and the log contusion injury.

**Kay** will meet with LeAnna Pitts to discuss providing safety walk results to the WCC.

**Kay** will forward the approved Policy 108 for publishing on the web.

**Mike S.** will forward the final Policy 209 to Kay for publishing.

**Mike S.** will look at SAIF reports for the past few years to determine the “top offenders” in SAIF claims.

**Jennifer** will revise the charter and send to Mike M.

**NEXT MEETING** Wednesday, January 22, 2:00 – 3:30 pm. Location: McAlexander Fieldhouse Classroom

**Safety Committee Roster:** Martha Adams, Michael Bamberger, Jim Ervin, Joseph Evans, Rainier Farmer, Camille Freitag, Elizabeth Hardardt, Karin Hardin, Patrick Hughes, Dan Kermoyan, Nick Larsen, Ariel Leshchinsky, Ricardo Letelier, Michael Mayers, Heidi Lively Melton, Kay Miller, Jim Patton, Mike Sreniawski, Jennifer Stewart, Chuck Yutzie

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