

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

December 16, 2015

Meeting Summary

Members Present: Carrie Burkholder, Jim Kiser, Ariel Leshchinsky, Joe McQuillin, Heidi Melton, Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell, Debi Rothermund, Mike Sreniawski, Jennifer Stewart

Members Absent: Mike Bamberger, Stephany Chacon, Denson Chatfield, Kevin Christman, Patrick Hughes, Dan Kermoyan, Mike Mayers, Jennifer McKay (chair), Christina McKnight, Jim Patton, LeAnna Pitts, Anthony Veltri

Guest Present: Kris Osterloh

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from November were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

- Jennifer M has reached out to Angelo Gomez in the Office of Equity and Inclusion about attending a future UHSC meeting, and is awaiting a response. *Tabled*
- Jennifer M is continuing work to confirm UHSC memberships. *Tabled*
- Jennifer M will invite Glenn Ford to a UHSC meeting early next year. *Tabled*
- Sting/bite/exposure discussion was tabled until Jim K is in attendance. *Jim will send information on stings/lime disease, etc. to EH&S.*
- Debi will forward information (including that received from Carrie) to Mike S and LeAnna, who will work with Scott Williamson (HVAC Control Technician) to put together a freezer/cold room alarm and response SOP. Mike S will work on an egress guidance document.
- Tyler Strampel (EHS) and Mike S should have a draft hydrofluoric acid policy ready for UHSC review at the next meeting. *A Safety Instruction has been developed. EH&S will probably begin tracking hydrofluoric acid (HF) inventory in the EHSA database (similar to carcinogens).*
- Mike S is working with several shops on campus to develop a shop safety program. Some components include identifying shops on campus and who is responsible, signage, authorized users, SOPs, training, and documentation. *Mike is assessing the current state of the shop safety program, gathering and entering information into the database. Will present the shop safety program to the committee for review in the future.*
- A final draft of the field safety policy will be given to the UHSC for review. *In final review prior to UHSC review.*
- Mike M – Student employees unable to complete essential functions/departmental training. *Tabled.*
- Jennifer S and Ariel will be asked to write a summary/guidance document regarding emergency use of epi-pens by non-medically-trained individuals. *Ariel has prepared a draft; Jennifer will review prior to UHSC review.*

REVIEW OF ACCIDENT REPORTS

An individual became ill after working with pathogens in a lab, however it has not been determined whether the illness was definitely work-related. SAIF will pay for treatment until the final determination is made.

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS UPDATE

Jennifer noted that this is the second year in a row that McAlexander Fieldhouse had no infractions.

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

Brief descriptions of EHS responses to unsafe condition reports were reviewed by Mike S.

There were several odor complaints this month.

Heidi stressed that reports need to be made when there are building safety issues so there is a record on file.

FACILITIES MONTHLY LIFE-SAFETY WORK ORDERS REPORT

Mostly routine maintenance work.

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE

In December, EH&S recorded the following safety training across 47 departments:

May	Course
1	Bloodborne pathogens for non-lab workers
11	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety
0	NIH Guidelines
47	Hazardous waste training
3	Hazwoper refresher training (EHS employees)
11	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
76	General laboratory safety
12	Animal handler safety
1	Hearing protection training
12	Respirator training/fit testing (+1 SCBA fit test)
14	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
13	Fire extinguisher
0	Forklift
54	Globally harmonized system/hazcomm/SDS
1	Golf cart/utility vehicle
5	Office and general safety
0	SIM training
2	Isotope user orientation
2	Laser safety
1	Unsealed radioisotope user refresher
1	Sealed radiation source (new or refresher)
4	X-ray machine safety

Upcoming safety training opportunities are listed on the EH&S safety training web page.

ACTION ITEM UPDATES

- Debi will forward information on freezer/cold rooms (including that received from Carrie) to Mike and LeAnna, who will work with Scott Williamson (HVAC Control Technician) to put together a freezer/cold room alarm and response SOP. *In progress*
- Mike S will work on an egress guidance document for freezers/cold rooms. *In progress*
- Tyler Strampel (EHS) and Mike S should have a draft hydrofluoric acid policy ready for UHSC review at the next meeting. *In progress*
- Mike S is working with several shops on campus to develop a shop safety program. *In progress*
- Kay will follow up with Risk Management regarding the covered bridge hazard. *Kay forwarded the information to Meredith Williams, Director of Parking and Transportation Services. PTS is in charge of campus bike paths. Meredith will either have the area repaired or contact Benton County Parks (who owns the bridge itself).*

NEW BUSINESS

A few UHSC members attended the Corporate Partners Seminar on Hurricane Katrina response (as mentioned by Anthony in October) and reported that it was an excellent presentation.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 27, 2:00 – 3:30 pm. Burt 193