

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

February 24, 2016

Meeting Summary

Members Present: Carrie Burkholder, Jim Kiser, Ariel Leshchinsky, Mike Mayers, Jennifer McKay (Chair), Christina McKnight, Joe McQuillin, Heidi Melton, Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell, Kris Osterloh, LeAnna Pitts, Debi Rothermund, Mike Sreniawski, Jennifer Stewart

Members Absent: Mike Bamberger, Denson Chatfield, Patrick Hughes (alt), Dan Kermoyan (alt), Jim Patton, Anthony Veltri

Guest Present: Brian Lilley, Environmental Health and Safety

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from January were approved with one membership correction.

OLD BUSINESS

- Angelo Gomez is no longer in the Office of Equity and Inclusion. *Jennifer will contact Clay Simmons about attending a meeting.*
- Jennifer M is continuing work to confirm UHSC memberships. *In progress.*
- Jennifer M will invite the VP for Finance and Administration to attend a meeting, once the new VP has been hired.
- Mike S is putting together a field work policy. The intention is to have a web page with planning guides, links to additional information, sample safety plans, resources, etc. Jim K. noted that most tracking devices (for people working in remote areas) require a 12-month subscription, which becomes cost-prohibitive (especially when a lot of field work is done in the summer, making 8-9 months of the subscription unnecessary). It is most important that there is good communication between workers and PIs, and that plans are accurate and on file. Kris reported that the Coalition of Graduate Employees is working on putting together some resources.
- Tyler Strampel (EHS) is finalizing the HF safety policy.
- 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. *In process.*
- Heidi will talk with the Office of Equity and Inclusion, FMLA, and Employee Relations about creating a work flow for students out due to illness/injury, regarding sick leave, SAIF on-the-job, off the job, forms, time reporting, etc. *After discussion with the departments mentioned above, Heidi developed a flow chart which has been reviewed by the committee.*
- Jennifer S and Ariel will be asked to write a summary/guidance document regarding emergency use of epi-pens by non-medically-trained individuals. *Jennifer is finalizing the document, reducing "legalese" and making the information more practical. A draft version will be ready for the next meeting. Use of epinephrine will be included in the bites/stings Safety Instruction.*
- LeAnna said that there is a suicide prevention group who will speak at a Building

Managers meeting. Roof access, fire escapes, etc. will need to be assessed.

REVIEW OF ACCIDENT REPORTS

Timely reporting requirements have been updated by the legislature. Some cases in litigation will determine the effect of the new requirements.

Due to an injury involving using boiling water for mopping, the Standard Operating Procedure has been changed.

One employee injured in an elevator at the Library is still off work.

There was an injury due to a curb at the parking garage. Mike S will contact the injured employee, and will work with Nathan Patterson (Facilities Services Capital Design and Construction) to address the problem.

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS UPDATE

No report available.

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

No items of note.

FACILITIES MONTHLY LIFE-SAFETY WORK ORDERS REPORT

Mostly routine maintenance work.

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE

In February, EH&S recorded the following safety training across 73 departments:

January	Course
1	Bloodborne pathogens for non-lab workers
36	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety
3	NIH Guidelines
427	Hazardous waste training
282	Universal waste handling
1	Hazardous materials shipping awareness
43	Formaldehyde safety
77	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
377	General laboratory safety
68	Animal handler safety
8	Hearing protection training
13	Respirator training/fit testing (+2 SCBA fit test)
57	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
61	Fire extinguisher
0	Forklift
399	Globally harmonized system/hazcomm/SDS
1	Golf cart/utility vehicle
41	Office and general safety
0	SIM training
6	Isotope user orientation
12	Laser safety
1	Sealed radiation source (new or refresher)

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

NEW BUSINESS

Bollards between Goss and Dixon are lying down and are a trip hazard. Jennifer S reported the problem to EHS today.

Brian Lilley, Environmental Health and Safety, would like a campus eyewash program (a plan with a budget) for installation, maintenance and replacement. When eyewash stations don't work, they should be reported to Facilities Services. Costs may be covered by FS or by the department, or split (e.g. FS labor/dept parts).

Jim reported that Forestry has initiated a relational database to keep track of the lab safety requirements for the department. They purchased Filemaker and hired a custom designer, with a total price of under \$1000.

ACTION ITEMS

Mike S will contact the employee injured at the parking garage, and will discuss with Nathan Patterson.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 23, 2:00 – 3:30 pm. **Women's Building room 210**