

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee
Summary of the January 22, 2014 meeting

Members present: Mike Bamberger, Kevin Christman, Jim Ervin, Joe Evans, Rainier Farmer, Camille Freitag, Karin Hardin, Ariel Leshchinsky, Michael Mayers (Chair), Heidi Lively Melton, Kay Miller, Mike Sreniawski, Jennifer Stewart

Members absent: Bryan Feyerherm, Lizz Hardardt, Nick Larsen, Patrick Hughes, Dan Kermoyan, Ricardo Letelier, Jim Patton

Guest present: Jennifer McKay, CEOAS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Minutes from December were approved.

REVIEW OF INCIDENT STATISTICS AND REPORTS

As a follow up to last month's incident, UHDS is installing non-slip flooring in the cooler.

After an individual tripped at the Oak Creek Building, additional lighting has been installed.

Slips/trips/falls during ice and snow storms – about the same as average; most likely underreported. Dining Hall entrances are generally well-cleared of ice and snow.

Power doors being installed at Cascade Hall for individual in a wheelchair. The Office of Equity and Inclusion is involved.

Mike will look into wall cabinet placements.

Safety notice/bulletin – how safe is your office? Ergo, cabinets, shelving, securing items from moving/falling, etc. Also – when moving an office, plan ahead to determine who will do the heavy lifting. Mike S. suggested that Libby (Space Planning) can draft a safety guideline for people who are moving their own offices or labs.

The end-of-year accident report comparisons for the past five years were reviewed. Overall, things seem a little better than last year.

The new Board of Directors will probably be interested in what OSU is doing to lower time-loss rates and how we compare with peer institutions.

It was suggested that there may be a correlation between lack of resources/overextended staff and the accident/injury rate.

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 December, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following safety training, which occurred in 37 departments:

19	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety (new or refresher)
40	General lab safety

16	Animal handler safety
8	Respirator training/fit testing
4	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazcomm
1	Hazard communication
4	Office safety
4	Laser safety
2	Isotope user refresher
2	Sealed radioactive source orientation or refresher
4	X-ray

REPORTS OF UNSAFE CONDITIONS There have been only three items reported in the past several months. Two have been addressed and the outcome of the third (lack of stop sign at the parking garage) is unknown (awaiting a response from Hank Kemper).

OLD BUSINESS A Chair-elect needs to be elected. Mike is meeting with Glenn Ford to discuss the committee and what Glenn’s wants/needs/expectations are for the chair.

University-wide safety training requirement determinations, training delivery, notifications, and tracking is desired. There needs to be a policy and an implementation process. A few different programs have been researched to incorporate these needs, but none have been pursued. A subcommittee (Joe, Kay, Heidi, Karin, Jennifer, Mike B) will get together to resurrect the information already gathered, to present to upper administration.

NEW BUSINESS None.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE REVIEW Tabled.

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, February 26, 2:00 – 3:30 pm. Location: McAlexander Fieldhouse Classroom

Safety Committee Roster: 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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Committee members

Glenn Ford, Vice President for Finance and Administration

Rick Spinrad, Vice President for Research

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Larry Roper, Vice Provost of Student Affairs

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