

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

January 25, 2017

Milam 119, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Meeting Summary

Members Present: Debi Rothermund (Chair), Steve Beaudoin, Carrie Burkholder, Stephany Chacon, Marcia Dickson, Erin Frost (alt), Ariel Leshchinsky, Mike Mayers, Joe McQuillin, Heidi Melton, Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell, Mike Sreniawski, Jennifer Stewart

Members Absent: Mike Bamberger, Dan Kermoyan (alt), Victoria Heiduschke, Patrick Hughes (alt), Jennifer McKay, Christina McKnight, Jim Patton, Aimee Scrivens (alt)

Guests Present: Meredith Williams, Transportation Services; Rebecca Houghtaling, Capital Planning and Development; Tim Brewer, Public Safety

INTRODUCTIONS

Meredith, Rebecca and Tim were invited to discuss bicycle safety on campus.

DISCUSSION OF CAMPUS BICYCLE TRAFFIC AND SAFETY CHALLENGES

Over the past 30 months, there have been 21 bicycle accidents, resulting in 5 Workers' Compensation claims. 2 were pedestrian vs bike; 1 was bike vs bike, 1 was bike vs vehicle, and 1 was bike vs the roadway.

Meredith stated that [Transportation Services](#) has been concentrating on bicycle and pedestrian safety over the past year. Transportation Services recently released a YouTube video "[Beavers Bike Safe](#)," which is also on [OSU's Facebook page](#).

Rebecca said that transportation improvement plans use ODOT crash report data. Any infrastructure problems should be reported to [Capital Planning and Development](#).

All accidents should be reported using the [HR Advocate](#) online report form. Tim suggested that all vehicle/pedestrian/bicycle accidents also be reported to the [Department of Public Safety](#).

The group discussed how to educate students and staff, and how to deal with the increased number of individuals on campus. Rebecca said that the transportation plan is looking at:

- Walk-only areas
- Further restricting the campus core to vehicle traffic
- Increased signage
- Adding a Danish Cross on Western Boulevard
- Possibly restricting campus deliveries to certain times and/or locations

Tim reported that there was a bike saturation patrol in November, resulting in about 150 contacts. Another is planned for February, with more enforcement for bikes and pedestrians. Public Safety is looking into a system for citing and educating cyclists.

Planning is trying to move bike racks away from ADA ramps, and away from high pedestrian areas. Better signage is needed for bike walk areas (quads); signs painted on sidewalks are

easily obscured. Bike accident reports will be forwarded to Planning.

Suggestions were made as to where and when bike safety information could be made available and the Beavers Bike Safe video could be shown:

- START
- New employee orientation
- Student Health Center video screens
- Public Health video screens
- Kerr Admin video screens
- Dixon bike repair shop
- The Beaver movie channel
- UHDS video screens
- MU video screens

It was noted that the parking garage has had some improvements, but more are planned. In addition, crosswalks need to be better marked at 14th and Jefferson, and 14th and Monroe.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the November meeting were approved as written, with one minor correction (under Review of Accident Reports, the statement will be changed to read “The Forest Service has increased communication, radios, and installed cameras; individuals are not allowed to work alone in remote areas.”

Please Note: The December UHSC meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

OLD BUSINESS

- Debi is continuing work on committee membership. *The College of Science, College of Engineering, and Facilities Services are looking for members. Marcia Dickson will represent Extension. There has been no word from Forestry.*
- Debi heard from the Oregon Covered Bridge Society, and they do not maintain the bridges. Benton County will look into signage.
- Hydrofluoric acid program. *Jennifer McKay not present to report. An inventory of HF on campus is needed.*
- Mike S has finalized the Summary of Health and Safety Inspections, which will be kept on file in Environmental Health and Safety. The UHSC will review the summary annually.
- 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. *In progress.*

REVIEW OF ACCIDENT REPORTS

No items of note.

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS UPDATE

Inspection reports are posted on the EH&S website as they are completed.

FACILITIES MONTHLY LIFE/SAFETY WORK ORDERS

No report

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

Two odor complaints and one asbestos concern (had been abated prior to the call) this month.

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE

In December 2016, and January 2017, EH&S recorded the following safety training across 84 departments:

Dec '16/Jan '17	Course
40	Bloodborne pathogens for non-lab workers
42	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety
16	NIH Guidelines
451	Hazardous waste training
190	Universal waste handling
34	Formaldehyde safety
64	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
305	General laboratory safety
61	Animal handler safety
13	Noise and hearing conservation
36	Respirator training/fit testing (includes 5 SCBA fit tests)
38	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
9	Confined space awareness
114	Fire extinguisher
5	Forklift operator
341	Globally harmonized system/HazCom/SDS
3	Golf cart/utility vehicle
14	Office and general safety
10	Safety Committee training
1	Unrestricted isotope shipper
2	Isotope user orientation
4	Isotope user refresher
17	Laser safety
3	Sealed radiation source (new or refresher)
20	X-ray machine safety

Upcoming safety training opportunities are listed on the [EH&S safety training web page](#).

Kay will re-send the link to a Qualtrics survey to members who have not yet completed it, so that those who attended the Safety Committee training in November may certify their attendance, or any members not present for the training may read the information online and certify that they've completed it via the Qualtrics survey.

NEW BUSINESS

It was noted that SAIF does not require class attendees to be SAIF customers; there is no charge for OSU students to attend SAIF courses.

Heidi will draft a message for OSU Today to run one week prior to each UHSC meeting, notifying campus of their open invitation to attend.

At the next meeting, the safety walk timing will be discussed. Spring may be a better time than summer, especially when observing pedestrian, auto, and bike traffic.

Also suggested for discussion – 3- and 5-year goals for the committee.

ACTION ITEMS

- Debi will continue to work on UHSC membership
- 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.
- Jennifer M will continue work on a hydrofluoric acid policy/procedure and provide UHSC attendance data.
- Kay will re-send a link to a Qualtrics survey to members who have not yet completed it, to record their safety committee training.
- Heidi will draft a message for OSU Today to run one week prior to each UHSC meeting, notifying campus of their open invitation to attend.
- Mike will add the following items to next month’s agenda:
 - Safety walk timing
 - Discussion of UHSC goals

NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday, February 22, 2:00 – 3:30 pm, Milam 119

Wednesday, March 22, 2:00 – 3:30 pm, Milam 119

Wednesday, April 26, 2:00 – 3:30 pm, Milam 119