

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

July 22, 2015

Meeting Summary

Members Present: Jennifer McKay (chair), Mike Bamberger, Carrie Burkholder, Kevin Christman, Jim Kiser, Ariel Leshchinsky, Heidi Lively Melton, Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell, LeAnna Pitts, Debi Rothermund, Mike Sreniawski, Jennifer Stewart

Members Absent: Denson Chatfield, Patrick Hughes, Dan Kermoyan, Mike Mayers, Christina McKnight, Joe McQuillin, Michael Mitchell, Jim Patton, Clay Simmons, Anthony Veltri

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from June were approved, with minor corrections.

Jennifer M will check with Mike Mayers and Melanie Rose regarding memberships. It was recommended that a person (Nathan Patterson) from Construction and Planning be added to the committee. Mike S will approach Nathan.

There was a question as to whether the committee meets on the fourth or last Wednesday of each month. It was determined to be the fourth Wednesday, except in November and December when the dates are adjusted for the holidays.

OLD BUSINESS

Issues with fume hoods in Richardson have led to four work orders. The system is complicated, with many things affecting it. There are specific rules regarding exhaust to the atmosphere, including dissipating heat prior to release. FS has hired Environmental Controls to look at the system; additional work is being done this weekend.

REVIEW OF ACCIDENT REPORTS

It was noted that some members had trouble printing copies of the reports. Kay will bring extra copies to meetings.

Jim will send Forestry Department information on stings/bites/exposures to Mike S. EH&S will develop Safety Instructions or tip sheets. Ariel and Jennifer S will follow up on legal issues regarding epi-pens.

Regarding last month's injury involving hydrofluoric acid, Tyler Strampel in EH&S is creating a Safety Instruction and policy. Jennifer M will coordinate with Good Samaritan Hospital regarding supplies of calcium gluconate (GSH does carry CG for use as an antidote).

In response to a student worker's foot injury, Facilities Services will now require safety shoes for student workers as well as regular staff.

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS UPDATE

Tabled

EH&S REPORT OF UNSAFE CONDITIONS

No items of interest/concern were reported.

FACILITIES MONTHLY LIFE-SAFETY WORK ORDERS REPORT

There was some discussion about whether bird droppings are a safety concern. In large quantities, it can contain mold and diseases such as salmonella. Experts should be used to clean up large quantities. If left undisturbed, it should pose no hazard. Usually, cleaners wet the material to keep spores down. Parking Services takes care of cleaning it from the parking garage; it is unknown how often this is done, but probably at least annually.

A beehive on the NW side of Langton is posing a danger to kids attending day camps. Facilities is not able to mitigate the problem. Jim K suggested that Tad Buford (local beekeeper) be contacted. Facilities might pay for his "pest services."

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE

Mike reminded members of upcoming SAIF Safety in Motion training opportunities.

In July, EH&S recorded the following safety training across 48 departments:

May	Course
27	Bloodborne pathogens for non-lab workers
105	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety (new or refresher)
0	NIH Guidelines
105	Hazardous waste generator
136	General laboratory safety
22	Animal handler safety
10	Respirator training/fit testing (+1 SCBA fit test)
36	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
42	Fire extinguisher
8	Forklift
130	Globally harmonized system/hazcomm
3	Golf cart/utility vehicle
11	Office and general safety
0	SIM training
16	Tractor safety
23	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
3	Laser safety
3	Radiation Center
1	Isotope user refresher
6	X-ray machine safety

OLD ACTION ITEMS PENDING

Jennifer Stewart will follow-up with SAIF regarding SIM training for OSU community that are not OSU employees.

Committee members reviewed current practices for student staff unable to complete the essential functions of their employment. Mike Mayers will coordinate a work group to create recommendations for departments.

NEW BUSINESS

Ariel announced that tetanus shots will be provided to the Landscape crew at no cost to the department.

The annual safety walk needs to be done prior to the end of September. Kay distributed maps and report forms; members signed up for which routes they would be responsible for. August's meeting will consist of a quick meeting, then time to complete the walks.

EH&S distributed an email outlining laboratory safety requirements and verifications of compliance to all labs on campus. It was suggested that new policies and procedures be sent through the UHSC prior to implementation.

Some hydraulic fluid was spilled near Dixon Recreation Center, and the material used to mitigate it smelled really bad. People in the building were complaining and there wasn't much information available. It was suggested that in cases like this, an information sheet be posted nearby so people would have the information they need readily available.

ACTION ITEMS

Mike S will approach Nathan Patterson about serving on the committee.

Kay will bring extra copies of accident reports to meetings.

Jim will send Forestry Department information on stings/bites/exposures to Mike S.

EH&S will develop Safety Instructions or tip sheets on stings/bites/exposures.

Ariel and Jennifer S will follow up on legal issues regarding epi-pens.

Tyler Strampel in EH&S will a Safety Instruction and policy on hydrofluoric acid.

Jennifer M will coordinate with Good Samaritan Hospital regarding supplies of calcium gluconate.

LeAnna will follow up on beehive issue at Langton.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, August 26, 2:00 – 3:30 pm. Magruder Hall room 269