

# Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

## Summary of the June 26, 2013 meeting

**Members present:** Jim Ervin, Camille Freitag, Karin Hardin, Ricardo Letelier, Michael Mayers, Heidi Lively Melton, Mike Sreniawski (new), Jennifer Stewart, Joseph Long (MU Summer Intern)

**Members absent:** Martha Adams, Joseph Evans (Chair), Rainier Farmer, Elizabeth Hardardt (new), Patrick Hughes, Dan Kermoyan, Nick Larsen, Kay Miller, Jim Patton, Carolyn Tix, Chuck Yutzie

**LOCATION:** McAlexander Field House conference room

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** unavailable.

**INCIDENT STATISTICS AND REPORTS** Reviewed May data. Incidents involving the Temp Tech/ Para Professionals were discussed. In particular, there had been 6 incidents with 4 people from the same group that spends the majority of its time in the field. Heidi mentioned that there are several issues to be figured out involving the Affordable Healthcare Act and the hiring of temp workers. The issue of needle sticks and animal bites was brought up as these are to be reported to county health officials and the possibility of adding a field to the ROA form indicating these and other requirements was broached.

**FIRE/LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS** No update.

**POLICY AND PROCEDURE REVIEW** A substantial percentage of the meeting centered around this topic. Issues include timeframe for review, redefining the trigger(s) for reviewing a policy, standard formatting of documents, how to provide productive input from members who are not particularly subject matter experts, and how are UHSC recommendations processed as feedback is not always evident. In the interest of continuous improvement, there seems to be a growing sentiment that this charge of the UHSC may need to be reviewed and redefined (ie proactive vs. reactive) accordingly to better leverage the strengths of the members. In addition, what resources are available to empower and facilitate implementing UHSC recommendations?

**SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE** None reported. Consensus is that departments need to communicate better between themselves when training is available to maximize the exposure and effectiveness of those resources. Jennifer suggested that each department that has specific needs for Safety in Motion (SIM) should develop an in-house evaluator and combine that with office ergonomics evaluations. Reminder: UHSC members are invited to send Kay summaries of training given by departments for inclusion into the minutes.

In May, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following safety training, which occurred in 44 departments:

32	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety (new or refresher)
1	Hazmat shipping
1	Hazmat receiver
8	General lab safety
19	Animal handler safety
20	Respirator training and fit testing
15	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazcomm
7	Forklift
33	Golf/utility cart

13	Fire extinguisher use
5	Office safety
2	Custodial safety (for entering rooms with radioactive materials)
7	Initial radioisotope orientation
20	Lab Hazard Awareness (new or refresher)
12	X-ray training
4	Sealed radioactive source safety (new or refresher)

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Reach out to new member Lizz Hardardt (Coalition of Graduate Students) to be sure she knows when/where for next meeting.

**UHSC** will review SAF 108 for grammatical issues, broken links, etc. Content considered to be accurate.

**EH&S** will look into SIM training and report back.

**EH&S** will check with Jim Patton on providing some additional level of specifics on inspection findings and increasing participation with the UHSC.

### **ACTION ITEMS (carried forward)**

**Dan** will further investigate the mold inhalation incident.

**Kay** will submit SAF 103 for publishing.

A Safety Instruction needs to be developed for bites, exposures to poison oak, etc. **(EH&S)** *In progress*

**Dan** will be asked to follow up on the two injuries noted in the January minutes. *No report*

### **ACTION ITEM UPDATES**

**EH&S** will develop a procedure for non-lab workers performing work in lab areas. *In process.*

**Dan** will investigate Network Analyst injury circumstances. *Not available to report.*

**Dan** will look further into construction at off-campus facilities, and will talk with Lowell Fausett. *Not available to report.*

**NEXT MEETING Wednesday July 24<sup>th</sup>. Location: MU 207**

**Safety Committee Roster:** Martha Adams, Jim Ervin, Joseph Evans, Rainier Farmer, Camille Freitag, Elizabeth Hardardt, Karin Hardin, Patrick Hughes, Dan Kermoyan, Nick Larsen, Ricardo Letelier, Michael Mayers, Heidi Lively Melton, Kay Miller, Mike Sreniaswski, Jennifer Stewart, Carolyn Tix, Chuck Yutzie

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