

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

June 28, 2017

Milam 119, 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Meeting Summary

Members Present: Debi Rothermund (Chair), Tim Borgen, Carrie Burkholder, Stephany Chacon, Marcia Dickson, Bryan Feyerherm (for Victoria), Barbara Lerwick, Mike Mayers, Jennifer McKay, Heidi Melton, Ryan Mitchell, Heather Wall

Members Absent: Mike Bamberger, Erin Frost (alt), Dan Kermoyan (alt), Patrick Hughes (alt), Kay Miller, Christina McKnight, Jim Patton, Aimee Scrivens (alt), Steve Beaudoin, Kevin Christman, Victoria Heiduschke, Jim Kiser, Ariel Leshchinsky, Jennifer Stewart, Joe McQuillin, Roshni Sabedra, Mike Sreniawski

INTRODUCTIONS

Brief introduction of members to those newly present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May minutes submitted for approval, passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- (3.1) Hydrofluoric acid program. *Jennifer McKay to follow up*
- (3.2) 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. *No update, Mike S not present*
- (3.3) Jennifer Stewart to coordinate subcommittee on UHSC goals/safety awards. *On hold*
- (3.4 & 3.6) Eclipse: Heidi reported that SAIF is not expecting claims from people looking at sun, deferring to State Emergency Planners to coordinate efforts and communications related to the upcoming August eclipse and potential issues/safety hazards. Also noted that Christina indicated eclipse planning meeting at OSU to be held 6/30/17. *Christina McKnight to follow up with additional information after meeting*
- (3.5) Crosswalk striping. *Debi to follow up with Kevin on this (as he was not present today)*
- Safety walk reports due for route assignments, if not already submitted.

REVIEW OF ACCIDENT REPORTS

- Discussion regarding student employee burned after using ethanol to wipe arms. Committee members wanting additional information on this. Heidi will ask Mike S to provide update at next meeting.
- Discussion of HR Advocate Public Incident Reporting form and confusion that can occur as to what should be reported there based on language (specifically, instructors not understanding that it is to be used to report incidents with students, not just employee incidents). Heidi noted that wording is shared in some form fields between accident reporting and with the required “Mandatory Reporting of suspected child abuse and neglect”, so it can be tricky to word in ways that the shared fields are not too specific to one

or the other but more general. Also noted that wording was originally accidents/injuries, but people then indicated they did not report work-related illnesses (as it was not specified there). Updated to include that (“accident/injury/work-related illness”) but it can then be confusing for people reporting things for non-employees. Open to suggestions for potential ways to clarify. Send any ideas to Heidi, who can confirm if proposed wording may work within the shared system.

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 – Kevin not in attendance

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

Reviewed 4 calls reported this month.

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE

In June, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following trainings, which involved 58 departments:

June 2017	Course
10	Biological safety cabinet use
17	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety
0	NIH Guidelines
119	Hazardous waste training
53	Universal waste handling
0	Formaldehyde safety
11	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
84	General laboratory safety
24	Animal handler safety
20	Noise and hearing conservation
8	Respirator training/fit testing
20	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
9	Emergency operations plan
41	Fire extinguisher
0	Forklift operator
77	Globally harmonized system/HazCom/SDS
0	Golf cart/utility vehicle
0	Office and general safety
0	Respirator for comfort only
9	Isotope user orientation
2	Isotope user refresher
1	Laser safety
10	Sealed radiation source (new or refresher)
13	X-ray machine safety

NEW BUSINESS

- Stephany brought up issue of graduate student employee and repetitive motion injury. Could ergo information be added to the New Employee Orientation (NEO). Also, they are working to plan new hire training in fall specifically for GRA/GTA employees. Would like to include information on accident reporting. Heidi noted that Mike S would be a good contact

for ergo info, and she can provide accident reporting information.

- Mike M looking at issues regarding aging workforce, specifically in more physical positions (such as custodial, given an increase of OSU employed custodial staff and move away from contracted custodial services). Looking into cross-training and workshops with all custodial staff on campus (MU, UHDS, and Dixon who are reportedly moving to in-house from contracted custodial in the fall).
- Question on marble slabs next to MU steps, as they appear under repair. Mike M indicated that one side fell down, so sides have been temporarily braced. They are likely waiting for another year or so before working a permanent repair/solution into a larger ADA accessibility plan/budget for the MU north entrance (quad).
- Debi noted that a survey went out regarding planning around the eclipse. Possibilities of closing for the day, or for a partial day. Questions came up around potential building issues, such as security of buildings (closed or open to public), lighting (if University closed), bathroom accessibility (for visitors on campus), and questions about how this information may be disseminated (by building managers? Department heads?)

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NEXT MEETINGS

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