

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

May 24, 2017

Milam 119, 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Meeting Summary

Members Present: Debi Rothermund (Chair), Jessica Armstrong, Steve Beaudoin, Tim Borgen, Carrie Burkholder, Stephany Chacon, Marcia Dickson, Laurie Fletcher (alt), Victoria Heiduschke, Jim Kiser, Barbara Lerwick, Mike Mayers, Jennifer McKay, Christina McKnight, Joe McQuillin, Heidi Melton, Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell, Mike Sreniawski, Jennifer Stewart, Heather Wall

Members Absent: Mike Bamberger, Kevin Christman, Erin Frost (alt), Dan Kermoyan (alt), Patrick Hughes (alt), Jim Patton, Roshni Sabedra, Aimee Scrivens (alt)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the April meeting were approved as written, with corrections to the attendee list.

OLD BUSINESS

- UHSC membership – Debi will continue working to get representatives from Science and Engineering.
- Waiting for new VP for Finance and Administration to be appointed before doing further work on appointment letters.
- Jennifer M will work on hydrofluoric acid policy/procedure after Spring term is over. She will contact Dan Kermoyan, now that Lance Jones has retired. Stephany will work with Jennifer on inventory and training program requirements.
- Mike S will look into a “How do I...?” or FAQ for the Unsafe Conditions report web page once the EHS website is updated.
- New items from Capital Planning have been incorporated in the Safety Walk report form.
- Jennifer S will lead a project to establish UHSC goals.
- Heidi has drafted a notice for OSU Today to invite people to UHSC meetings in October and April.
- Joe is working on getting the Beaver Bike Safety video up in UHDS facilities for Fall term.
- Kevin was not in attendance to report on the status of crosswalk striping.

REVIEW OF ACCIDENT REPORTS

To avoid injuries such as those incurred when employees moved a large freezer (not a normal part of their duties), departments may need to hire someone else to do the job.

In response to a sprayer incident, the department has created a procedure where all sprayers will be depressurized after use.

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS UPDATE

Debi related that Milam’s fire inspection results included a notation that bulletin boards are not allowed in stairwells (could slow egress), and that fans and lights should be off when rooms are not in use, but otherwise had a good report.

FACILITIES MONTHLY LIFE/SAFETY WORK ORDERS

No report available.

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

A very quiet month.

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE

In May, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following trainings, which involved 76 departments:

May 2017	Course
0	Bloodborne pathogens for non-lab workers
36	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety
2	NIH Guidelines
95	Hazardous waste training
42	Universal waste handling
6	Formaldehyde safety
20	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
72	General laboratory safety
30	Animal handler safety
6	Noise and hearing conservation
3	Respirator training/fit testing
41	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
1	Emergency operations plan
39	Fire extinguisher
6	Forklift operator
87	Globally harmonized system/HazCom/SDS
35	Golf cart/utility vehicle
1	Office and general safety
1	Respirator for comfort only
0	Safety Committee training
2	Isotope user refresher
2	Isotope user refresher
1	Laser safety
2	Sealed radiation source (new or refresher)
9	X-ray machine safety

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Roshni stated that she contacted First Student about reports of Beaver Bus drivers driving aggressively on campus.

Jennifer S suggested that the UHSC implement some type of safety awards. Discussion items included:

- Carrot instead of stick approach
- Help to spread safety information
- Could stir committee interest
- Could help to “advertise” the UHSC
- Nominations could come from anyone
- Recognition could be for a number of different categories/items (training, compliance, timely reporting, special accommodations, preparedness, etc.)
- Could help to address noted safety problems

- Observation of safe practices

Jennifer, Mike M and Carrie will form a work group to discuss further.

NEW BUSINESS

There is a need for a flagger at the Peavy construction site. Pacific Power has had one, but the contractor has not. Construction is currently shut down.

Heidi will ask SAIF about any eclipse planning. Christina will attend a meeting on eclipse planning for campus, and will ask what/if the UHSC can do to help.

Stephany suggested that the committee look further into chemical deliveries on campus, as there have been some recent problems. Purchasing and Contract Services will be contacted.

Debi has called for Chair-Elect nominations (or volunteers) for next year. Jennifer S will be the new Chair, beginning in July.

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NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday, June 28, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, Milam 119

Wednesday, July 26, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, Milam 119