

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

Summary of the November 16, 2011 meeting

Safety Committee Roster: Martha Adams, Aston, Brandi, Greg Axe, Jim Ervin, Joseph Evans, Rainier Farmer, Bryan Feyerherm, Camille Freitag, Karin Hardin, Sherri Hawkins, LaDonna Johnson (alt. for Martha Adams), Dan Kermoyan, Ricardo Letelier, Michael Mayers, Heidi Melton, Kay Miller, Mathew Rodgers, Jennifer Stewart, Chuck Yutzie (alternate for Greg Axe)

Members present: Brandi Aston, Greg Axe, Jim Ervin, Joseph Evans, Rainier Farmer, Bryan Feyerherm, Camille Freitag, Karin Hardin, Sherri Hawkins, Dan Kermoyan, Ricardo Letelier, Heidi Melton, Mathew Rodgers, Jennifer Stewart

Members absent: Martha Adams, LaDonna Johnson (alt. for Martha Adams), Michael Mayers, Kay Miller

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. October minutes approved.

INCIDENT STATISTICS AND REPORTS

Medical treatment:

10/06/11 Office Specialist 2 COAS finger cut while on lunch – question if this should be listed since report indicates at lunch when happened. Possible working thru lunch.

10/10/11 Student Regular Ag – Food Sci cleaning of test tube with phenol in it, contents spilled onto hand. Discussion around training videos that are available that could be utilized to better educate person(s) on correct procedures.

10/24/11 Temp Tech/Para Prof Ag. Botany Dropped a lead brick on finger. Discussed opportunities on campus for such injuries and why bricks used in processes.

Time Loss:

10/07/11 Grants/contracts Tech ASBC Bee Sting at desk – discussed how happened and reason for time loss.

10/10/11 Project Manager Enterprise Computing - discussed how and why slipped on entry and fell breaking arm.

OLD BUSINESS

Melanie Rose is the new Assistant to Mark McCambridge. Bryan has furnished her with roster information. Veterinary Medicine has not responded to requests for a committee member. Bryan will contact Mark McCambridge, with a copy to Vet Med. Some specific incidents will be cited. Dan will talk with the Research Office about research animal injuries and exposures.

Kay will send the link to the committee with the Laboratory Safety training videos for review. Veterinary Medicine has not responded to a request for a committee member from their department.

Accident Committee – Heidi inquired on accident reporting software, no response to date. Committee for reporting to department head on regular basis include Heidi, Dan & Karin at this time. Suggestion made by committee member to collect ideas or reporting from other safety committees. UH&DS shared that they have a way to use accident reports online – Heidi and Joe to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Jennifer discussed climbing wall incident with committee. Contractor fell from back of wall while trying to position camera and opted not to harness himself in case of fall, as Dixon had previously instructed him to do. The Fire Dept cut the wall to gain access to where the contractor had fallen. Students were reminded of the availability of CAPS services if needed & Employees were reminded of the EAP program if needed after witnessing the fall. The contractor received a Back injury from the fall, but did not experience a life threatening injury, as a result of the fall. There have only been 2 injuries at the climbing wall in the last 4 – 5 yrs.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE REVIEW

To be completed at next meeting. Policies 003 & 004 Discussion of possible LAN/WEB Portal for policies to ensure that we are all referring to the same documents in the numerous departments that need access to the Safety Policies.

Golf Cart policy still under development, Bryan suggests that we present it to Safety Committee at the January meeting.

Inclement Weather Policy – Discussed use of and policy itself. Notices are normally sent by Department Heads, DPS or Emergency Management. Suggestion made to distribute the policy to the Safety Committee for informational as well as possible edits to process that may be beneficial to the University.

SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

December

5 – 10:00 AM – Kearney Hall

6 – 9:00 AM – Plageman Student Health Center

7 – 2:00 PM – Mac Field House

8 – 9:00 AM – Women's Bldg.

13 – 8:00 AM – AG/Life Science

14 – 9:00 AM – Langton Hall

15 – 9:00 AM – Kerr Admin.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Dan will follow up on the horse incident; he will report at the next meeting.
2. Dan will follow up on the student chemical exposure in Portland.
3. Bryan will check to see if the web page has been updated with the revised 001 section in Safety Policies and Procedures.
4. Kay will send the link to the committee with the Laboratory Safety training videos for review.
5. Bryan will contact Mark McCambridge about getting a committee member from Vet Med, with a copy to Vet Med. Some specific incidents will be cited.
6. Dan will talk with the Research Office about research animal injuries and exposures.
7. Kay will make the Acknowledgement of Safety Rules, Emergency Procedures and Hazard Communication Training form more easily accessible on the web.

NEXT MEETING. December 21, 2:00 – 3:30 pm in Valley Library 4960
(Drinkward Conference Room)

DISTRIBUTION:

Committee members

Mark McCambridge, Vice President for Finance and Administration

Rick Spinrad, Vice President for Research

Edward Ray, President

Vincent Martorello, Director, Facilities Services

Larry Roper, Vice Provost of Student Affairs

Sabah Randhawa, Provost and Executive Vice President

Staff, Environmental Health and Safety