

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee Summary of the April 23, 2014 meeting

Members present: Stephany Chacon, Kevin Christman, Jim Ervin, Joe Evans, Rainier Farmer, Camille Freitag, Ariel Leshchinsky, Mike Mayers, Christina McKnight, Heidi Lively Melton, Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell, LeAnna Pitts, Mike Sreniawski, Jennifer Stewart

Members absent: Mike Bamberger, Karin Hardin, Patrick Hughes, Dan Kermoyan, Nick Larsen, Ricardo Letelier, Jim Patton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Minutes from February and March were approved.

NEW BUSINESS OSHA made a surprise visit to the International Living and Learning Center in response to an inquiry about a possible safety hazard at the entrance to the freezer. EH&S and UHDS had representatives respond and accompany the OSHA inspector. The inspector determined that the claims were unwarranted.

REVIEW OF INCIDENT STATISTICS AND REPORTS Heidi clarified why some illnesses are reported when they are not work-related. In some cases they can become work-related later, so it's a good idea to report on-the-job illnesses even if they don't appear to be work-related.

A stroke victim in Forestry recovered very well due to her co-workers' early recognition and quick action to get her treatment. The worker returned to work the next week with no residual problems.

All animal bites are supposed to be reported to Benton County Public Health. This does not apply to lab animals that are in controlled situations (i.e. no risk of disease). Mike Sreniawski reviews accident reports and forwards animal bites to Matt Philpott, the Biological Safety Officer for any needed follow-up. Matt will verify with the county on how OSU should proceed and will the necessary changes, if any, to the appropriate policies and procedures.

The water main break in Corvallis affected some campus buildings, mainly Gilbert Addition. There may be health issues involved where water lines flooded the building (due to mold, etc.).

Mike S will look into procedures at Chem Stores to be sure student workers are taught proper PPE (this is in response to a splash in the eye of isopropyl alcohol while dispensing).

Mike S said that supervisors who report back sprain/strains receive an email from him about SIM training for their workers as part of their corrective action plan. Mike is building a SIM network with trainers across campus. This will help be more efficient by combining classes and making them more available. So far, Surplus, UHDS, Student Health Services, Outreach and Engagement, Rec Sports, Vet Med and the MU are actively participating.

Mike M and Mike S will discuss whether SIM classes can be required for those who suffer lifting-type accidents, and also require SIM training for targeted departments such as Printing and Mailing, Facilities, and Surplus.

FIRE/LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS As listed in the agenda. Members are encouraged to attend any they are interested in.

There were no Unsafe Conditions reported to EH&S this month. Most have gone to Public Safety or the Facilities Services Work Coordination Center.

A recent gas leak made it clear that better communication is needed throughout campus. Facilities and Emergency Management and others will be meeting to discuss options.

The committee discussed things that can be done to avoid accidents like the one last month where a pregnant woman was hit by a bicyclist on the sidewalk near campus. Suggestions included saturation patrols by OSP, especially near construction area; warnings and/or citations; more bike patrols; freshen signage around campus (prohibiting bikes on sidewalks); include skateboards (particularly at 26th and Washington due to the railroad tracks); more education. A diversion program for bikes is not available for bike citations received on campus (because they would be issued by State Police, not local). A program would need to be set up with the Circuit Court which is similar to the Municipal Court’s program. Mike M will follow up with Public Safety and the Alternative Transportation Advisory Committee.

The construction corridor near Adams Hall has improved in the past week. There are still some wires that hang down within peoples’ reach.

Mike S confirmed that the needle stick reported January 22 did not involve exposure to the animal’s bodily fluids or other matter.

Facilities Services will join a discussion about emergency notices and the alert system and what improvements are needed. The water outage highlighted some issues with getting information to the proper people in a timely manner. Students need to be made aware of the alert system.

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE In March, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following safety training, which occurred in 45 departments:

13	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety (new or refresher)
15	General lab safety
11	Hazardous waste
35	Animal handler safety
13	Respirator training/fit testing
13	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
31	Department/Unit Safety Coordinator seminar
1	Fire extinguisher
17	Golf/utility cart
5	Hazard communication
4	Office safety
19	Safety In Motion4 (four different modules)
3	Isotope user orientation
4	Isotope user refresher
1	Laser safety
1	Radiation Center
2	X-ray

OLD BUSINESS

- Mike Mayers was nominated to serve another term as Chair. Voting will occur next month.
- Mike M will contact Stuart Larson about a nighttime safety walk. Bill Coslow (FS) wants to also do a landscape safety walk. Dan van Vliet will be asked for a campus map; Ted Pawlek (FS night maintenance) will be asked to join the night walk.

LeAnna received a Safety Assessment report from Public Safety for the University Plaza building. This is the first known report from DPS who conducts the assessments. WCC gets reports to

create work orders, however funding is not identified for corrective items. LeAnna will forward a copy of the report to UHSC members.

ACTION ITEM UPDATES (tabled)

LeAnna will check into student employee SIM training. *LeAnna was unavailable to report.*

Mike M will follow up on committee membership. *Lizz will graduate and be replaced by Stephany Chacon (Crop and Soil Science and CGE member). Discussion of which positions on the committee are considered "permanent." By statute, Risk Management, HR, EHS, and Unions. This does not include individuals whose Position Descriptions or department/unit require them to attend. Mike was unavailable to provide any updates.*

Chair elections for Academic Year 2014-2015. *Will be conducted in April for term beginning 7/1/14.*

The golf cart safety policy will be resurrected for review. *Mike will be asked to find out the status of the policy.*

Mike M on behalf of the committee – Ask Public Safety to increase awareness of bike rules

Mike M or Jennifer – An update on the status of the committee charter.

Mike M – Find out the status of the Golf/Utility Cart policy. Separate safety issues from rules/regulations/administrative procedures (parking permits, etc.). It is believed that Dan was going to follow up with Motor Pool, Transit and Parking Services and Athletics to get their input.

ACTION ITEMS

Mike S will verify who is to contact the county regarding animal bites.

Mike S has initiated contact with the Chem Stores manager regarding safety training in response to the March 10th isopropyl alcohol splash into a student employee's eye .

Mike M and Mike S will discuss requiring SIM classes for injured workers and targeted departments.

Mike M will follow up with Public Safety and the Alternative Transportation Advisory Committee regarding bicycle regulation enforcement.

NEXT MEETING Wednesday, May 28, 2:00 – 3:30 pm. Location: Oak Creek Building 201

Safety Committee Roster: Michael Bamberger, Stephany Chacon, Jim Ervin, Joseph Evans, Rainier Farmer, Camille Freitag, Karin Hardin, Patrick Hughes, Dan Kermoyan, Nick Larsen, Ariel Leshchinsky, Ricardo Letelier, Michael Mayers, Heidi Lively Melton, Kay Miller, Jim Patton, Mike Sreniawski, Jennifer Stewart, Chuck Yutzie

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