

**Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee**  
**Summary of the February 26, 2014 meeting**

**Members present:** Jim Ervin, Joe Evans, Rainier Farmer, Camille Freitag, Lizz Hardardt, Karin Hardin, Patrick Hughes, Dan Kermoyan, Ariel Leshchinsky, Michael Mayers (Chair), Heidi Lively Melton, Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell, LeAnna Pitts, Mike Sreniawski, Jennifer Stewart

**Members absent:** Nick Larsen, Ricardo Letelier, Jim Patton

**Guest present:** David Blake, Assistant Vice President, Finance and Administration

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Minutes from January were approved.

**REVIEW OF INCIDENT STATISTICS AND REPORTS** There was a discussion about a near-miss with a forklift, and forklift training. A training powerpoint and supervisor check-off sheet are available through EH&S. Upon completion of training, EH&S provides certification cards which are good for three years. Hank Fields (FS) and Pete Schoonover (EH&S) are trainers.

Accidents which involve OSP investigation should also be referred to EH&S for investigation. David Blake will talk to Chuck Yutzie at the Department of Public Safety about this.

Regarding the needle puncture wound at Vet Med – was there any biological substance involved?

Two of the three time-loss claims were denied.

The incident involving lifting a trash can of scrap metal resulted in the department requiring two people to lift. LeAnna will check to see whether FS student workers have attended SIM training.

It would be interesting to compare OSU's incident rates with industry (forestry, agriculture, food service), based on employee hours worked.

Heidi mentioned that the new reporting system will be able to create reports on any data field. The accident report form has been modified and Heidi asks committee members to test it and send her their feedback.

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

There were no new Reports of Unsafe Conditions this month.

**SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE** In January, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following safety training, which occurred in 37 departments:

22	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety (new or refresher)
39	General lab safety
29	Animal handler safety
8	Respirator training/fit testing
5	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazcomm
3	Golf/utility cart
46	Hazard communication
1	Hazardous materials shipping

1	Hazardous waste guidelines
9	Office safety
11	Safety In Motion4 (four different modules)
6	Lab hazard awareness (new or refresher)
4	Laser safety
5	Isotope user refresher
1	Sealed radioactive source refresher
1	Nuclear gauge refresher
6	X-ray

**OLD BUSINESS** Tabled

David Blake addressed the committee and answered questions. He is interested in the health, welfare and safety of all personnel and students. The new Board of Directors has greater independence, and can create directives that supersede Oregon Administrative Rules.

The UHSC's jobs are

- Review accident reports
- Investigate accidents
- Determine ways to mitigate accidents
- Determine what safety training is needed and available
- Make recommendations on safety issues

David will respond to all UHSC correspondence, and will attend meetings when invited.

Deferred maintenance is a huge problem. When life safety is an issue, David will advocate for fixes. Any safety policy changes that are directional, cost money, or change duties will need to be reviewed and approved by David.

David would like to see the golf cart policy resurrected.

**NEW BUSINESS** LeAnna stated that Joe Majeski and Stuart Larson would like to conduct a safety walk at night to survey lighting on campus. Planning will do foot-candle measurements. Also needed is a landscaping survey to identify possible hiding places, along with blue light testing. Geospatial Services is putting lights on a campus map.

**POLICY AND PROCEDURE REVIEW** Tabled.

**ACTION ITEMS**

The accident involving a needle puncture will be investigated to see whether there was any biological substance involved.

**LeAnna** will check into student employee SIM training.

**Mike M** will follow up on committee membership.

The golf cart safety policy will be resurrected for review.

**NEXT MEETING** Wednesday, March 26, 2:00 – 3:30 pm. Location: Dixon conference room

**Safety Committee Roster:** Michael Bamberger, Jim Ervin, Joseph Evans, Rainier Farmer, Camille Freitag, Elizabeth Hardardt, 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

**DISTRIBUTION:**

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