

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

Summary of the June 25, 2014 meeting

Members present: Stephany Chacon, Kevin Christman, Joe Evans, Camille Freitag, Ariel Leshchinsky, Ricardo Letelier, Mike Mayers, Heidi Lively Melton, Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell, Mike Sreniawski, Jennifer Stewart

Members absent: Karin Hardin, Patrick Hughes, Nick Larsen, Jim Patton, LeAnna Pitts

Guests present: Interns Stacey Child, Israel Salgado, Katie Clark

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Minutes from May were approved (with a correction to the list of attendees).

NEW BUSINESS

Michelle McDermott has moved to the Portland SAIF office so will not be attending our next meeting.

REVIEW OF INCIDENT STATISTICS AND REPORTS

Mike S. looked into animal bites and provided a summary of his findings via an email to the committee. Basically, bites from children are not reportable. Bites from purpose-bred rodents do not need to be reported. The report to the county should be made by the person bitten, a police officer, an attending physician or other person with direct knowledge of the bite.

There was some discussion about whether EH&S should try to follow up with individuals who have been bitten to be sure they know the reporting process, and whether the online accident reporting system can have information "built in" via a pop-up information box. It does not appear that the current software system is capable of having the information inserted at this time.

There have been some reports of possible allergic reactions at the Lab Animal Research Center. A third-party environmental sampling service performed tests and found no evidence of mold. All air filters have since been changed (also with no evidence of mold). Exposure time is being minimized.

A Rec Sports worker was injured while filming activities outside their normal work duties. New policies and procedures have been put in place to prevent future accidents. Proper footwear is also being stressed.

Kevin will check to see whether a work order has been placed for the Motor Pool parking lot to address the depression that caused an injury.

Kevin will follow up with Bill Coslow and Joe Majeski regarding a campus lighting survey.

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.

Fire/life safety inspection reports are sent to Mike M and are posted on the EH&S website. Responsible parties (department, Facilities Services, EH&S, etc.) are identified in the reports. FS creates work orders for their items.

The yellow bump strip near Dutch Bros at the railroad tracks has come up. Cars drive where they are not supposed to. Better lighting might help. This may be addressed as part of the parking garage modifications.

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE In May, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following safety training, which occurred in 43 departments:

15	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety (new or refresher)
10	General lab safety
5	Hazardous waste
61	Animal handler safety
7	Respirator training/fit testing
111	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
1	Fall protection
11	Fire extinguisher
32	Golf/utility cart
2	Hazard communication
5	Office safety
2	Safety In Motion ⁴ (one module)
2	Nuclear gauge refresher
9	Isotope user (new and refresher)
1	Laser safety
3	X-ray

NEW BUSINESS

Topics for the July meeting:

- More formal committee member training is needed
- SAIF has some programs for training committee members
- Jim Patton and Dan Kermoyan will have some input
- Bill Coslow may be invited
- Public Safety will be invited to address questions about building assessments (intent, expectations, etc.), their role in employee injuries, and more
- Building assessment responses should be documented (even if only to say “we don’t have the money to address that issue”)
- Additional time may be needed for the meeting
- A room with air conditioning is needed
- Discuss agenda, topics (including who the experts are), charter, guest speakers

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.

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 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.

ACTION ITEMS

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address the depression that caused an injury.

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Mike M will send a meeting request to members for next month's meeting.

NEXT MEETING Wednesday, July 23, 2:00 – 3:30 pm. Location: Weatherford 5th floor conference room

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

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