

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

Members present: Mike Bamberger, Kevin Christman, Jim Ervin, Joe Evans, Rainier Farmer, Camille Freitag, Lizz Hardardt, Karin Hardin, Ariel Leshchinsky, Heidi Lively Melton, Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell

Members absent: Patrick Hughes, Dan Kermoyan, Nick Larsen, Ricardo Letelier, Mike Mayers, Jim Patton, Jennifer Stewart

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Minutes from February were unavailable and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS There was a short discussion about a new Learning Management System (LMS) called Cornerstone On Demand which is being looked at in Human Resources (Linda Sather is heading the project). It would track all employee training. Supervisors and Human Resources would be able to proxy-enroll employees for required trainings.

REVIEW OF INCIDENT STATISTICS AND REPORTS An incident involving a bicyclist hitting a pedestrian on a sidewalk prompted discussion of what steps can be taken to heighten awareness and compliance of bicycle rules and regulations. The Committee will ask Public Safety to increase awareness of bike rules, especially the prohibition of riding on sidewalks and safety near construction sites. After an awareness phase, then increase enforcement.

A person who was cut (more like a puncture) while using a bread knife was wearing cutting gloves, but they do not completely protect from serrated blades. The gloves did make a minor injury out of something that could have been worse.

The premise rule covers employees who are injured on OSU property, in some cases even if they are simply travelling to or from their workplace and not actually on official business at the time of injury. Each case is looked at carefully for exact location and activity.

Construction at Washington and 15th Street is not well marked. Some cars are mistakenly turning west (from the south) where there is no road (near Adams Hall). Better signage is needed.

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 February, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following safety training, which occurred in 42 departments:

16	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety (new or refresher)
17	General lab safety
20	Animal handler safety
15	Respirator training/fit testing
11	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
2	Golf/utility cart
8	Hazard communication
3	Office safety

22	Safety In Motion4 (four different modules)
8	Isotope user orientation
3	Isotope user refresher
14	X-ray

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.

LeAnna Pitts (Facilities Services Work Coordination Center) submitted a report of work orders prompted by a Workplace Safety Survey report received from David Blake. It is unclear where the survey originated, and whether it is being coordinated with Risk Management or Environmental Health and Safety.

ACTION ITEM UPDATES

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

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.*

ACTION ITEMS

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.

NEXT MEETING Wednesday, April 23, 2:00 – 3:30 pm. Location: Oak Creek Building 201

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

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