



Oregon State University

University Health and Safety Committee

November 15, 2017

Milam 119, 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Meeting Summary

Members Present: Jennifer Stewart (Chair), Jessica Armstrong, Carrie Burkholder, Stephanie Harrison, Ariel Leshchinsky, Heidi Melton, Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell, Debi Rothermund, Brian Stroup, Rachel Ziegler

Members Absent: Mike Bamberger, Steve Beaudoin, Tim Borgen (SEIU), Marcia Dickson, Erin Frost (alt), Patrick Hughes (alt), Dan Kermoyan, Jim Kiser, Mike Mayers, Jennifer McKay, Christina McKnight, Jim Patton, Aimee Scrivens (alt), Victoria Heiduschke, Roshni Sabedra (alt), Heather Wall

Guests Present: Amy Carter, Environmental Health and Safety; Marcus Silkman, Environmental Health and Safety

INTRODUCTIONS

Members and guests introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Debi moved that the October minutes be approved as written; Heidi seconded. Minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- (3.1.1) Hydrofluoric acid program. *Amy noted that Dan Kermoyan has drafted a policy and will bring it to the next meeting.*
- (3.1.2) Jennifer Stewart to coordinate subcommittee on UHSC goals. *Heidi will work with Jennifer; will meet in December or January.*
- (3.1.3) Subcommittee on safety awards. *Jennifer S will put together a subcommittee to meet in December or January. Carrie volunteered to help.*
- (3.1.4) Safety walks. *Kay reminded committee members to complete and submit their safety walks before the next meeting if possible.*
- (3.2) As noted above, subcommittees will meet in December or January.

SAFETY COMMITTEE TRAINING

Kay provided basic safety committee training for those present. The training will be made available to members who were absent, and a Qualtrics survey will be used to track the training. The training will be tracked in the EH&S database.

The updated bylaws were reviewed. Debi moved that they be accepted; Heidi seconded. The

revised bylaws (v. 4 dated October, 2017) were approved.

Jennifer briefly reviewed the suggested UHSC monthly plan. The plan is fairly general, and will be used as a starting point meeting agendas. Debi moved that the plan be adopted; Heidi seconded. Plan approved.

ACCIDENT AND INSPECTION REPORTS

- (5.1) Accident report review. As it has become fairly common for there to be multiple reports of the same incident (e.g. many people exposed to an infected animal), Heidi will consolidate multiple reports into one for this report. It seems that there have been a lot of concussions lately. Also, late reporting is common, usually with student workers. Training and re-training are needed. There may also be multiple layers of supervision (for example at Recreational Sports), and student lead staff may not know their responsibility to report as well as a staff member might. Heidi reiterated that all accidents should be reported, no matter how minor it may seem and even if medical attention is not being sought at the time. This protects the worker’ rights and coverage in case it turns out to be a bigger issue. Supervisors who don’t report can be disciplined. Whether the injury/illness is work-related will be determined by a medical professional and/or SAIF.
- (5.2) Fire and Life Safety Inspections – Reports are posted on the EHS website; monthly schedules are posted in the UHSC box.
- (5.3) Facilities life safety work orders report – a compressor failed in Snell. Langton reported a foul smell. Facilities workers are not putting enough detail into AiM; something more than “work complete” is needed.
- (5.4) No reports received

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE

In November, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following trainings, which involved 52 departments:

November 2017	Course
20	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety
1	Bloodborne pathogens for non-lab workers
1	Recombinant DNA
132	Hazardous waste training
45	Universal waste handling
15	Formaldehyde safety
18	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
114	General laboratory safety
1	Benzene safety
1	Centrifuge safety
1	Pyrophoric liquid safety
1	Compressed gas safety
1	Eyewash and safety shower
29	Animal handler safety
19	Noise and hearing conservation
7	Respirator training/fit testing (includes one SCBA)
18	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
30	Fire extinguisher
2	Forklift operator
120	Globally harmonized system/HazCom/SDS

0	Golf cart/utility vehicle
15	Office and general safety
5	Respirator for comfort only
1	Isotope user orientation
2	Isotope user refresher
7	Laser safety
2	Sealed radiation source (new or refresher)
9	X-ray machine safety

NEW BUSINESS

- It was noted that Saferide vans have been seen driving under the ALS arch and on the sidewalk. Saferide was made aware of the issue and will train drivers not to do this. Facilities vehicles have also been seen going around bollards to drive in areas where vehicles are not allowed. Stephanie will mention this to Joe Majeski at tomorrow’s FS staff meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

- Jennifer will contact Clay Simmons to discuss safety policies and whether he’d like to review them prior to publication.
- Jennifer will arrange subcommittees for UHSC goals and Safety awards.

NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday, December 20, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, Milam 119 (note: one week early due to holidays)

Wednesday, January 24, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, Milam 119

Wednesday, February 28, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, Milam 119

Wednesday, March 28, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, Milam 119