

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY HEALTH AND SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2018

Attendees:

Susan Campbell – ORDA/1976
Joline Davis – HR
Sierra Duty – EHS
Chris Grant – Physical Plant
Tanya Johnson – Mark Jefferson
Jennifer Jones Barnes – UAW 1975

Kevin Lawson – Student Center
James McEvers – EHS
Pat McGill – Officers Union
Auggie Mickevicius – EHS
Tracey Piercecchi – Legal Affairs
Dan Salk – Risk Management

Absent:

Julie Berger, Audrey Bernard, Daniel Burns, Jason Crispell, Bob Heighes, Lewis Savage, Beth Stoner, Shana Thompson, Mark Wesley and Gregg Wilmes.

1. The activity report for December/January was distributed and several issues were discussed. Please see items 2-4.
2. Kevin Lawson asked about the status of pets on campus. Kathryn Wilhoff explained how there is no policy in place currently and there are issues with people bringing pets to class and into campus buildings. She also explained that all residence rooms and apartments that have animals are supposed to be identified.
3. Susan Campbell inquired about the laundry room smoke investigation. Kathryn stated students save money by overloading the washers with their clothes. Kathryn explained overloading the washer causes the belts to burn. There are also issues with the lint not being cleaned out of the dryers; this can result in dryer fires. Pat McGill suggested using a larger commercial washer. Kathryn mentioned the fire department sometimes comes to investigate the smoke. She also mentioned the fire department has come out multiple times to a sewer gas odor in Mark Jefferson. She discussed with DPS that the Physical Plant and Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) should investigate internally before using the fire department resources.
4. Susan Campbell asked about the Porter injury follow up. Kathryn stated an inadvertent trip injury took place, it was investigated and no trip hazard was found.
5. Tracey Piercecchi distributed the annual OSHA Form 300A report of injuries and illnesses. Tracey stated any EMU employee who sought medical treatment is what is reported to OSHA. She reported the numbers were lower this year.

6. Jennifer Jones Barnes reported that a video of people falling at EMU on the day with the freezing rain is being circulated on social media. Jennifer would like to investigate this video further. Joline Davis mentioned Washtenaw County sent out an alert of the slippery conditions, she inquired about the Rave System and suggested alerts like these be distributed campus wide. Kathryn stated she will follow up with Mark Wesley.
7. Pat reported DPS has received their respirators, their fit test is next week and they are attending trainings.
8. Jim McEvers provide the laser history for the College of Technology and the Art Department. He also stated Purchasing has implemented a process for new equipment where Physical Plant and EHS will review the request to ensure compliance with safety requirements. Jim also mentioned a situation about an employee with an oxygen tank. This issue will be followed up by EHS and Human Resources.
9. Chris Grant reported the following current activities by the Physical Plant:
 - Strong Hall Renovation:
 - Recently Completed: Building temporarily enclosed
 - Loop 1 Conversion:
 - Recently Completed: Heating plant substation and feeder rework
 - Current: Splices and Terminations
 - Co-Gen/CHP Project:
 - Opterra working on Punch list
 - DTE Gas scheduled to be completed with 4 inch gas line late January
 - Chartwell's Projects
 - Rackham Café
 - Student Center Firepit
 - DC2 Remodel
 - Campus Roofing
 - Briggs
 - U-House
 - IHA and EMU Health Center
 - Construction: 2018 – Complete Jan/Feb 2019
 - Guardian Glass Prototype Projects
 - Recently Completed: Glazing units installed at Quirk and Sherzer
 - Current: Glazing to be installed at Briggs
 - Student Athlete Performance and Success Center
 - Sill Renovation and Addition
 - Rec IM Renovation
 - Construction: Start Winter 2018-19
 - Convocation Center Ice Storage

- Verizon Mini Cell Towers
- Carpenters Shop:
 - Hover – Stairwell door and frame replacement
 - Lake House – Painting/Refurbish
 - Putnam – Stairwell masonry work for heating line
- Fire Tech Shop:
 - Semi-annual inspection, testing and maintenance of Fire Alarm Detection Systems
 - Monthly inspection of portable fire extinguishers
- Lock Shop:
 - Exterior card reader repairs – Downing, Hill, Pittman, Wise and Student Center
- Electrical Shop:
 - Honors College – Exterior lighting enhancements
 - Lake House – Looking at options for additional exterior lighting on the North side
- Elevators:
 - Conducting required State of Michigan safety and weight tests
 - Looking into options for elevator emergency phone conversions to IP type phones
- HVAC Shop:
 - Westview F – Replaced boiler
 - 600 W Forest – Replaced furnace
- Heating Plant
 - Engineers are getting trained on the new Co-Gen boiler
- Plumbing Shop
 - Jones Pool – Replace pool pit submersible pump
- Grounds
 - Campus – Snow removal and de-icing
 - Trim trees around all new light poles on south side of campus

**The next Health and Safety Committee meeting is February 16th at
9:00 a.m. in room 330 in the Student Center.**