

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY HEALTH AND SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2018

Attendees:

Susan Campbell – ORDA/UAW 1976	Tracey Piercecchi – Legal & Workers’ Comp.
Jason Crispell - AFSCME	Alex Porreca – Guest
Joline Davis – Human Resources	Dan Salk – Risk Management
Sierra Duty - EHS	Lewis Savage - Housing
Tanya Johnson – MJ	Beth Stoner - CORR
Jennifer Jones Barnes – UAW 1975	Mark Wesley – DPS, EM
Pat McGill – EMU Officers	Kathryn Wilhoff - EHS
Auggie Mickevicius - EHS	Gregg Wilmes - AAUP

Absent:

Julie Berger, Audrey Bernard, Daniel Burns, Chris Grant, Bob Heighes, Kevin Lawson, James McEvers, and Shana Thompson.

1. The activity report for February/March was distributed and several issues were discussed. Please see items 2-13.
2. Pat McGill asked about the reviewed table saw safe operation procedure in Briggs. Auggie Mickevicius stated Matt from the Art department has been working on report items from the building inspection to bring them into compliance. Matt is working his way through Briggs and making Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the equipment in the wood cutting lab.
3. Susan Campbell asked about the metal shear injury investigation in Briggs. Auggie explained there is a large yellow bar on the equipment that you are not supposed to cross. A student was injured because they crossed this line. The injury was bandaged and Matt is investigating if there are any additional safety guards available.
4. Mark Wesley asked about the Jones Pool install of confined space signage and lock. Auggie explained there is a deep sump pump with valves that need to be checked periodically. For safety compliance, a lock and confined space signage were placed on the cover doors.
5. Gregg Wilmes asked Dan Salk what the liability for the supervisor is if a student has completed training but disregards the training and gets injured. Dan replied the student is at fault. Auggie stated you would want written documentation that the student has been trained.

6. Susan asked about the green roof access and safety regarding Mark Jefferson. Kathryn Wilhoff stated University Communications wanted access to the roof for a photo for an upcoming article. Environmental Health & Safety is working with the carpentry foreman to ensure safety regulations are followed.
7. Mark Wesley asked about emergency lighting and the power outage site visits and the upcoming Loop One outages. Battery back-up emergency lighting is designed to last 30 – 90 minutes depending on the type units and age of batteries. Some buildings have emergency lights tied to generators which enables some corridor lighting.
8. Pat asked about the Mark Jefferson sewer gas odor. Kathryn stated they are still investigating to figure out what the odor is and where it is coming from. Pat asked what time of day the odor was present. Tanya Johnson stated the odor will come and go.
9. Susan asked if the sewer gas odor from Wise is similar to the odor in Mark Jefferson. Kathryn explained the odor appeared to be coming from abandoned sink pipes or a dried floor drain. When Plant investigated, they found a cracked pipe and repaired it. EHS and Housing are checking to see if the odor goes away.
10. Joline Davis inquired about McKenny IAQ. Kathryn stated this item will stay on the activity report because it is a reoccurring issue. Joline stated they have recently had some water damage.
11. Jennifer Jones-Barnes noted there was a lot of asbestos sampling on the activity report. Kathryn indicated because of all the planned renovation work, either asbestos surveys (Sill, Rec/IM, Team Building) or sampling (Eateries, Sellers, Strong, COB, Munson, Brown) have been needed.
12. Susan asked about Sill Hall NSF review of metal lathes. Auggie explained metal lathes were purchased at a good price but they do not have the NRTL certifications. NSF came in and reviewed them and talked with the distributor to get the documentation for the certification.
13. Mark Wesley inquired about the issue of equipment being purchased and not certified and if there was a protocol in place with Purchasing. Kathryn stated a protocol was in place and any equipment needing electrical will need to be reviewed by the Physical Plant and if it is specialty equipment Environmental Health & Safety will review it also.
14. Lewis reported Housing is progressing with summer projects and the residence halls will be closing at the end of April.

15. Joline reported an item from our last meeting regarding the Chartwell employee who was working with the oxygen tank, he had resigned.
16. Mark reported he attended the LEPC meeting. He has DEQ contact information if you would like to have it. He has been receiving a lot of requests for assailant (ALICE) training. To schedule training contact Mark. EM will be testing the emergency notification system at the end of the month and are double checking some building systems that are not working correctly, along with updating the continuity plans and commencement planning.
17. Pat reported two new officers completed FTO training. On March 26, 27, and 28 DPS will be training with Ypsilanti Fire and Police Departments.
18. Jason Crispell reported the union has concerns with the Heating Plant. There are two valves that need to be turned in the case of an emergency and the valves have an issue with clearance.
19. Beth Stoner reported there are a series of OSHA classes for the fall that will be on campus.
20. Tanya inquired about the Loop 1 project and if there was a protocol for security in the building during this time. Kathryn stated there is a protocol in place if access to the building is needed during this time.
21. Auggie reported he is continuing building inspections, the inspection results will be given to the building administrators and the department heads, if you would like to be copied on it as well, let him know.
22. Jennifer Jones Barnes reported the UAW is planning to do a memorial bench for Toni Taylor on campus. They are looking to have this bench outside of Pierce. They still need to raise some funds and are looking for donors. More information to follow.
23. Kathryn discussed the grievance regarding Briggs. Two reports were sent to the Health and Safety Committee for review. These two reports were the safety report and the Physical Plant facility summary. Kathryn then asked for any feedback regarding these. Susan mentioned the safety technicians for the art department are good to have, she also noted a fair amount will be helped by the roof and the Loop 1 Project.

24. Chris Grant (absent), sent the EHS the following current activities by the Physical Plant:
- a. Strong Hall Renovation:
 - i. Recently Completed: 2nd floor: Classroom, lab & lecture halls framing, 1st Floor: hallway and priority wall framing, backfilling for underground utilities
 - b. Loop 1 Conversion
 - i. 18 buildings
 - c. Chartwell's Projects:
 - i. Rackham Café
 - ii. Student Center Food Court
 - iii. DC2 Remodel
 - d. COB Flooring
 - e. IHA and EMU Health Center
 - i. Construction: 2018 - 2019
 - f. Student Athlete Performance and Success Center
 - g. Ford Boone Retaining Wall
 - h. Sill Renovation and Addition
 - i. Rec IM Renovation
 - i. Construction: Start Winter 2018-19
 - j. Verizon Mini Cell Towers
 - k. Carpenters Shop:
 - i. Student Center – Anti skate protection
 - ii. Roosevelt – Bell installation during the month of March
 - l. Fire Tech Shop:
 - i. Semi-annual inspection
 - ii. Monthly inspection of portable fire extinguishers
 - iii. Fire alarm battery replacement
 - m. Electrical Shop:
 - i. Campus – Solar PV lighting solution for the various bus stops around campus
 - ii. Lake House – Looking at options for additional exterior lighting on the North side
 - n. Elevators:
 - i. Conducting required State of Michigan safety and weight tests
 - ii. Looking into options for elevator emergency phone conversions to VOIP
 - o. Grounds
 - i. Trim trees around all new light poles on south side of campus
 - ii. Phelps/Sellers – Remove gate boxes and concrete islands in service drive
 - iii. Storm drain labeling

The next Health and Safety Committee meeting is April 20th, 2018, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM in the Student Center Room 320.