

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

Attendees:

Jennifer Jones Barnes – UAW 1975
Susan Campbell – ORDA/UAW 1976
Tanya Johnson – Mark Jefferson

Pat McGill, - DPS
Auggie Mickevicius, – EHS
Mark Wesley – Emergency Management

Absent:

Mia Bass, Julie Berger, Audrey Bernard, Daniel Burns, Joline Davis, Jason Crispell, Sierra Duty, Chris Grant, Bob Heighes, Kevin Lawson, James McEvers, Tracey Piercecchi, Dan Salk, Lewis Savage, Beth Stoner, Shana Thompson and Kathryn Wilhoff

1. The activity report for September/October was distributed and reviewed.
2. Mark Wesley inquired about the DC III fire alarms. Auggie responded that the smoke detectors are frequently being activated by the sandwich shop and fryer area of the market. Further investigation for corrective actions is taking place.
3. Jennifer Jones Barnes initiated a discussion regarding the cell phone towers on campus and the effects of EMF (Electro Magnetic Field). Her concern was that studies she reviewed resulted in concerns for those exposed to a working environment near the EMF source. Auggie reported that Kathryn Wilhoff had shared her review of information she gathered and determined that it was inconclusive and asked for information from the cell tower companies. Other members noted the need for this strengthened cell phone system is based on all the individual communication devices students, faculty, staff and visitors are using on campus.
4. Jennifer shared several positive safety observations she was impressed with. The first was the response time and the solution to the cross walk barriers on Cross Street near Boone Hall. The second was the way the contractor was doing their project repairing/rebuilding the retaining wall on the east side of Ford Hall.
5. Pat McGill asked how the new parking department was affecting the daily functions of the university. A few of the committee members replied with their observations. Auggie asked for the committee members to take note if the parking employees are wearing safety vests when working outside of their vehicles. He is concerned for their safety.

6. Tanya Johnson asked what the campus policy was for portable gasoline/fuel cans. Auggie replied the requirement is for NRTL approved safety cans with safety closures incorporated. Tanya informed the committee that she spoke with a representative from Clark Construction who could not believe that classes were being scheduled for January in Strong.
7. Susan Campbell asked for an explanation of the egress investigations. In Pray-Harrold the travel path and egress path were blocked by signage. The signage was relocated. In the Marshall building, there is a significant amount of storage in one of the stairwells. The Building Administrator is working on corrective actions.
8. Pat McGill brought two concerns to the committee. The first one is the open gap in the construction fencing around DC II patio area. The site was reviewed and found to be in compliance. The second concern is that new hills being added on campus are obstructing the security cameras field of vision. Whenever a camera view is obstructed, DPS should notify Physical Plant.

**The next Health and Safety Committee Meeting is November
16, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in room 301 Student
Center**