

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES February 17, 2012

Attendees:

Ellen Bernard – EHS

Akosua Dow – Academic Affairs

Joanne Hansen – Women’s Commission

Barbara Hopkins – CORR

Steve Pernecky – AAUP

Susan Campbell, UAW 1976 & ORD

Alvin Dumas – Physical Plant

Robert Heighes - DPS

Kevin Lawson – Student Center

Kathryn Wilhoff - EHS

Absent:

Kevin Abbasse, Sonya Alvarado, Diana Good, Caroline Gould, Nick Graham, Norman Harrington, Erica Healander, Chad Humble, Mark Monarch, Steve Moore, Toni Taylor, Eric Ward, Mark Wesley.

1. Kathryn Wilhoff distributed the activity summary for December/January/February. Discussion was held.
2. Barbara Hopkins inquired about the status of Halle. Kathryn Wilhoff provided an update on the project and commented on the great job being done. EHS is currently air monitoring to assure there are no mold issues.
3. Susan Campbell asked about Starkweather noise and indoor air issues. Kathryn Wilhoff reported that noise testing was performed as the result of a concern related to an IT device and that IT plans to add more equipment in this area. A recommendation for relocation of the equipment or the addition of sound deadening insulation is being made. Kathryn was happy to report that repairs to the foundation have been effective. Akosua Dow stated that the FF&E request for the carpeting change in the McNair office has been submitted and is slated for completion in the spring.
4. Kathryn Wilhoff reported that the hot water issue at the Northwest Activity Center has been resolved.
5. Joanne Hansen inquired about the status of the emergency warning systems. Kathryn Wilhoff stated the outdoor speakers are working well but there are issues regarding the indoor speaker system. DPS and Plant are working to resolve the issues.
6. Steve Pernecky asked about the V.O.C. sampling that was taking place. Kathryn reported that testing was conducted in L022 Mark Jefferson, the chemical prep/storage area, due to the odors. The sampling results were below OSHA limits for individual chemicals, but the additive effect is unknown. The sampling information has been provided to the project manager and a request for additional ventilation has been submitted to the project engineers.

7. Sampling for coal tars and asphalt fumes has been conducted in Mark Jefferson and Strong due to the roofing activities on Mark Jefferson. Charcoal filters have been placed on the Strong air intakes and seems to be helping.
8. Kevin Lawson inquired about the Parking Structure disposal issue. Kathryn Wilhoff reported that Parking needed to clean-up the items stored in the northwest corner of the Structure and this required the disposal of paint.
9. Susan Campbell asked about the injury at Quirk. Kathryn Wilhoff reported that there had been the amputation of the tip of a student employee's finger on a table saw. Kathryn stated that the department has already purchased and installed a new saw with a sensor to shut down the saw if it senses conductive material. They are also now documenting training.
10. Susan Campbell inquired about the Computer Lab safety issue in Pray-Harrold. Kathryn Wilhoff stated that there are trip hazards with the electrical and computer cords and the lab coordinators for each area have addressed the hazard differently. The concern has been submitted to the Project Manager for possible improvements to the installation.
11. Kathryn Wilhoff reported that the issue of pizza sales was discussed at the Building Administrators Meeting. As the result of the discussion and a comment regarding a permit, Kathryn contacted Washtenaw County Health Department. The Health Department stated that a temporary license is required for the sale of pizza and other temperature sensitive foods. The cost is \$69/event for a non-profit organization or \$135/event for others. Bake sales are not affected.
12. Steve Pernecky inquired about the asbestos concern in Mark Jefferson. Kathryn Wilhoff stated that it was in the penthouse regarding a pipe that could not be reached.
13. Kathryn Wilhoff reminded that Committee that if someone has a concern they can call EHS directly and do not have to wait to speak to their union representative or have the union representative bring the concern to the committee meeting. This enables EHS to promptly investigate concerns.
14. Susan Campbell asked about the status of the AED program. Kathryn Wilhoff stated that DPS is working with Purchasing to request funding for additional AEDs and the overall AED program. Kathryn also stated that they're addressing satellite locations with this request. The cost is slightly more than \$1700/AED and we're looking at adding at least 25 AEDs.
15. Steve Pernecky inquired about the status of the inventory control system. Ellen Bernard reported that Don Schoolmaster had identified a couple systems and had representatives come in for a demonstration but they did not meet our needs. He is looking for additional systems. The system needs to be compatible with EMU

mainframe programs, capable of barcode scanning, expandable and easy to use. IT does not currently have the resources to identify a system.

16. Ellen Bernard reported that the EHS On-Line Safety Awareness Training Part 1 is complete and the second part of the training program is in progress. HR has reported that after July 1, 2012 they will be moving to a system that will allow all EMU employees, regular and student employees, access to all on-line training. Ellen also reported that the new EHS website is schedule for launch on March 9, 2012.
17. Bob Heighes reiterated the request for issues and concerns to be reported in a timely fashion. Security/safety concerns need to be investigated sooner than later for more effective results.
18. Barbara Hopkins stated that she found the meeting very interesting and that was pleased to hear that EHS was addressing issues at the satellite locations.
19. Kevin Lawson reported that the outdoor rescue equipment box has been installed but the hook and ring are just hanging on the wall. Kevin is looking to getting an alarmed cabinet for them.
20. Steve Pernecky reported that when the fire alarm goes off in Pray-Harrold that the Audio-Visual equipment goes off and needs to be rebooted. A professor wanted to know if the AV equipment is tied into the fire alarm system. Al Dumas said he will check into it. Al reported the following "This was investigated by our Fire and Safety team and it was discovered the system is working properly. The system is programmed to shut off the AV loudspeakers, so everyone can hear the emergency messages properly. This was reconfirmed after speaking with the Foreman."
21. Susan Campbell reported that the center section of the ramp on Starkweather is not being cleared of snow. The custodian is responsible for part of it and the Grounds vehicle can only go up so far so the middle is not being done. Al Dumas will check on this issue.
22. Barbara Hopkins inquired about placing signs at the crosswalk in front of Pease warning of pedestrians. Barbara was informed that this issue has come up before and this is a city street and that area is not a crosswalk so it does not warrant a sign. Susan Campbell asked if portable signage could be put on the sidewalk by EMU to warn the pedestrians. Al Dumas said he will inquire.

**The next meeting is Friday, March 16, 2012 at 9 a.m.
in room 104 Student Center**