

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 21, 2012

Attendees:

Kevin Abbasse – Physical Plant
Susan Campbell – UAW 1976 & ORD
Joanne Hansen – Women's Commission
Thomas Kovacs – AAUP
Mark Wesley – Emergency Mgmt

Elizabeth Bucciarelli – Library/AAUP
Akosua Dow – Academic Affairs
Barbara Hopkins – CORR.
Kevin Lawson – Student Center
Kathryn Wilhoff – EHS

Absent:

Sonya Alvarado, Diana Good, Nick Graham, Norman Harrington, Erica Healander, Robert Heighes, Chad Humble, Mark Monarch, Toni Taylor, Ken VanZandt, and Eric Ward.

1. Kathryn Wilhoff distributed the activity summary for August/September. Discussion was held, including scheduling laboratory safety training, residential animal protocol, N-95 respirator fit testing, bake sale changes, Strong safety concerns and apartment pest management concerns.
2. Kathryn Wilhoff reported the Nuclear Regulatory Committee (NRC) conducted an inspection that went very well. There were several open items that need to be addressed. Steve Francoeur, RSO, is working on the responses to the NRC. The closing conference will be held after the NRC reviews the responses.
3. Kathryn Wilhoff updated the committee on EHS staffing. Ellen Bernard-Buie retired in September. Kathryn and Mark Wesley are conducting interviews for the EHS Specialist position and the Laboratory Compliance Manager position is posted.
4. Mark Wesley reminded everyone about the emergency system test next Friday, including text messaging and all speaker systems. It will begin at noon and last approximately two minutes.

Mark also noted in the last week there have been multiple schools temporarily shut down because of bomb threats; all of which turned out to be hoaxes. He will be reviewing EMU's Bomb Threat Management Plan and working with Executive Council accordingly.

Mark also indicated Emergency Management wants to work with the National Weather Service to have the EMU campus "Storm-Ready" certified. In reviewing the criteria, EMU is approximately 90% of the way there, additional procedures are needed.

Mark is still waiting for final approval from the state on the mitigation grant. Upon receipt of state and federal approval, EMU could seek grant funding for lightening detection devices, especially for the athletic fields.

5. Kevin Lawson stated the water rescue equipment storage box has been installed.

He also mentioned the Student Center has several helium tanks left over from guests that need to be disposed of properly. Kathryn recommended he contact the local gas suppliers to see if they can be returned. If not, they can be added to the next hazardous waste disposal.

Kevin reported one of the exit doors from the ballroom has the push-bar on the wrong side. Kevin Abbasse and Kathryn reviewed it after the meeting and work orders for corrective action have been submitted.

6. Thomas Kovacs inquired on the location of the AEDs in MJ. Kathryn reported that there currently are none in MJ or Strong. However, the AED program has been funded for additional AEDs, training, maintenance and alarming of the units to DPS.
7. Susan Campbell reported a traffic concern from a co-worker who parks in the McKenny Lot. The concern is that some drivers come off Cross St. too fast (30-35 mph). The pedestrian crossing signs are very small in an area that previously was not high traffic. Kathryn indicated Dieter Otto is the contact person for these concerns.

Susan stated that there aren't enough handicapped parking spots in the McKenny Lot. Kevin Abbasse explained that the lot meets the ADA requirements which allocate handicapped spaces based on an equation. The equation uses the number of spaces in the lot to determine the number of handicapped spaces.

Susan inquired as to when the sidewalk by the Smith Lot and Hover building (running E-W) is going to be fixed. Kevin stated that a significant amount of sidewalk repairs were made this summer and these repairs are an ongoing project. He also mentioned the Physical Plant possesses a grinder that can be used to grind spots down as a temporary fix. Dieter Otto or Chris Grant should be contacted for sidewalk concerns.

8. Barb Hopkins reported CORR received notification from MIOSHA that EMU was approved for another year of trenching and excavation training. A class was conducted for the Physical Plant last Monday and was well received.

She also stated CORR received verbal confirmation that EMU will be renewed as an OSHA Training Center. However, under the current OSHA administration, online training is not viewed as and equivalent to classroom training. CORR will

still offer the online courses, they will just no longer be offered as OSHA trainings.

9. Barb Hopkins reported CORR has not been able to post Arlene Cooks position. Kathryn supported filling this position as EHS relies on CORR for training assistance.
10. Akosua Dow stated the Starkweather flooring will be installed during the December break. Painting may also be included.
11. Elizabeth Bucciarelli complimented the Physical Plant on how great campus looks. Kevin Abbasse mentioned some of the latest improvements including the new facing to the steps by Rec IM / Snow, fencing along Oakwood, and a new generator at the indoor practice field. Upcoming work includes replacement of the automatic doors at Snow and an additional 100 parking spaces for the indoor practice field.
12. Mark Wesley inquired as to when the MJ siren will be back on. Kathryn stated it is on her to do list.
13. Mark Wesley asked if the Smoke House training at Jones had been held. Kevin Abbasse informed him that it was scheduled.

**The next meeting is Friday, October 19, 2012 at 9 a.m.
in room 104 Student Center.**