

## **SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**May 15, 2014**

**Barnhart Room in Carson Hall**

**Attendees:** Adam Jones, Doug Brooke, Hannah Vasey-Vehrs, Lynn Alvarez, Manuel Balesteri and David Flock.

The April 17, 2014 minutes were approved.

### **Accident and Injury Report**

The committee reviewed the accident and injury report for April.

Hannah reported that claims are running about the same. There is an upswing of accidents on campus, however. One theme is general carelessness and lack of attention to rules.

Hannah discussed an accident when someone pretended to trip a co-worker and actually tripped them. The individual received multiple injuries and has been off work for nearly a month. This is a good reminder that we can't tolerate horseplay and we should remind our crews of this.

David reported watching a Campus Ops recycling worker pushing a recycling bin while on a skateboard. Hannah suggested David give Karyn Kaplan a call. It is best to contact supervisors on the day of the incident.

Hannah shared information about the window closing incident. There were two incidents back to back. Adam questioned if the windows were in working order. Hannah will ask Dana to follow up on this.

Hannah discussed the sprain/strain injury from pushing a heavy cart. This was brought up at the Housing Food Service Safety Committee. It was difficult to figure out exactly how this injury happened. Adam will look into this further.

Adam reported on the incident in Housing when paper towels between pans caught fire from a burner. The individual tried to pat out the fire and burned their skin. They have purchased silicone sheets that can resist higher temperatures to use between the pans. They are also going to reposition the pans.

Hannah will send a safety reminder email to departments who work at graduation events (Campus Ops and Catering). In the last two years we have seen at least one graduation setup-related injury. Hannah will also send out a reminder for summer student workers in facilities. Doug will talk with Krista about a safety inspection of the stands.

### **Old Business**

Gwynn was unable to attend today's meeting but will give an update next month on the United Academics collective bargaining contract.

### **New Business**

Doug shared a list that Hannah found on topics for safety committees. <http://www.ucop.edu/risk-services/loss-prevention-control/be-smart-about-safety-program/safety-meeting-topics.html>.

The list comes from the University of California Risk Services. Doug suggested we arrange for SAC members to present a safety topic for 5-10 minutes at each meeting to help spread safety

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awareness. SAC members could take this information back to their staff. The presentation doesn't have to be long or fancy. A short discussion and a handout on 5 important issues on a particular topic would suffice. David or Jake will present on electrical safety at our June meeting. Adam or Doug will present on construction safety in July. Lynn will present on a food safety topic in August. Other members should sign up for topics as well.

The next Safety Advisory Committee meeting is **June 19th, 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the PeaceHealth North Training Room (677 E. 12th Avenue, 12th & Hilyard, 4th floor, Room 478)**

Submitted by Michelle Cottrell