

UO Safety Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: September 19, 2024

Attendees (“X” indicates meeting attendance):

Name	DEPT		Name	DEPT		Name	DEPT	
Charles Dougherty	Athletics		Justin Zunker	EHS	X	Trisha Lijana	RISK	
Krista Osburn	Athletics	X	Brittany Jayne	ELR	X	Lisa Taylor	RISK	
Devon Shea	Athletics		Celia Marie Nittmann	ELR		Gary Malone	SEIU	
Jeffrey Billington	CoD	X	Mike Barr	EMU		Chris McLaughlin	SEIU	
Phil Chesbro	CPFM		David Flock	EMU		Theodora Ko Thompson	SEIU	X
Kevin Farthing	CPFM		Wade Young-Jelinek	EMU	X	Ruby Thompson	SEIU	
Michael Philly	CPFM	X	Steven Harris	FS*	X	Alonzo Costilla	Teamsters	
Julie Quelch	EC Cares	X	Christina Cauley	GTFF	X	David Catherwood	Teamsters	
Kersey Bars	EHS	X	Errol Kaylor	GTFF		Rhonda Reed	TS	
Ben Bythell	EHS		Leslie Selcer	GTFF		Shawn Kahl	UA**	X
Laurie Graham	EHS		Lynn Alvarez	Housing		Kate Mills	UA	X
Haily Griffith	EHS	X	J R Frankfurt	Housing		Dean Walton	UA	X
Jenny Kane	EHS		Adrian Sampedro Cruz	OA*** Council	X	Debra McLaughlin	UHS	
Nicole Nesser	EHS		Kyle Harshbarger	OHAZ		Ashley Dougherty	UOPD	
Seth Sponcey	EHS		Al Dias	PE & REC		Carl Peaster	UOPD	
Steve Stuckmeyer	EHS		Cody Weaver	PE & REC				
Laura Taggart-Murphy	EHS		Tiffany Lee	RISK	X			
*Fleet Services								
**University Advancement								
***Officers of Administration								
Chairperson								
Guests								

INJURY REPORT

INCIDENT 12: Steven asked for more information about this incident, as he wanted to know if it was a campus-owned vehicle or a personal vehicle. Tiffany does not believe that it was a campus owned vehicle.

INCIDENT 7: Theo wants to know which entrance at Oregon Hall this injury occurred at, and Tiffany explained it was the west entrance of the building and Justin added a picture in the chat.

INCIDENT 28 AND 29: Dean and Theo wanted more information about these injuries. Dean asked about the size of the stacks. Haily shared that Michelle has been assigned to this follow up and that EHS asked similar questions. Theo wanted to know if this was one or two people. Tiffany confirmed that it was two people completing the same task. Christina asked if there is webbing or reinforcement. Haily explained that they are not attached, since they are designed to move around. Haily referenced the STURDY Act, which looks at consumer product safety and is designed for housing units and focuses on the design of

the furniture to prevent it from tipping or falling over. Chrstina said that this reads as rules around use, not storage, and that stacking seems to be the issue. Haily agreed that this is about how the items are being used and moved.

INCIDENT 36: Steven asked if this was a personal vehicle, which it was.

REVIEW MINUTES

THE AUGUST 2024 MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED CONTINGENT UPON EDITS. The edits have been made. Since that item was resolved and removed from the minutes, the edits were made to the previous month's minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

LITHIUM BATTERY FIRES: Dean asked if there have been any fires on campus related to lithium batteries and if there has been any discussion on a "Bring in your Dead Batteries" Day. Ben responded that the UO Fire Marshal have been looking into this issue for the batteries and bikes.

UPDATE (05/16): Haily shared with the committee that we are working on a safety sheet for lithium batteries.

UPDATE (09/19): Kersey shared that EHS has created a Lithium-Ion Battery Safety Sheet and put the [link](#) in the chat.

HELMETS AND E-SCOOTERS: This is an ongoing concern and will remain on the meeting minutes.

UPDATE (12/21): Eugene and Superpedestrian's contract is dissolving, so the Superpedestrian scooters will be removed from campus.

UPDATE (01/18): Haily reminded the committee members that if they are using a scooter for a work-related purpose and on work time, that they need to wear a helmet.

UPDATE (02/15): Rhonda shared that Transportation Services has the equipment ready and are working on installing cages at the Millrace Garage and EMU for people to charge their e-Scooters. Krista asked if they will be the only cages on campus and Rhonda explained that those are the only two locations that are actively in progress but imagines that there will be monitoring of campus to see where the needs are highest. Dean asked if you could charge e-Bikes and Rhonda believes that the chargers will work with e-Bikes, but the intent is e-Scooters. Dean asked what the number of personal transportation devices the cages can hold, and Rhonda is uncertain. Ruby shared that people are upset about the bikes and scooters that are charging at Jaqua. Haily reminded the committee that there was recently a fire in a residence hall because of a lithium battery, so she is excited about the progress of the charging cages.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE SAC: Ruby shared with the committee that Safety and Risk Services has awarded \$1500 to the Safety Advisory Committee to use for any safety related item. This award is for the 2025 fiscal year. Some examples that the money can be used for are bringing in a speaker, hosting a training, renting a room to provide a space for campus to meet

with their safety team/safety committee, etc. The \$1500 does not have to be spent on one item, it can be used for multiple things. Kersey will post a link in the chat to a Microsoft form for all members of the committee to submit ideas for what SAC can use the money for. We are asking that SAC create a subcommittee of 3-5 people to review the submissions and present the ones they believe to be the most impactful for SAC to vote on. The goal is to have the ideas chosen by the subcommittee to be presented at the September meeting.

UPDATE (07/18): Ruby reminded the committee to submit their ideas for the financial support for SAC and asked if there was any additional interested in participating on the subcommittee. Haily explained to the committee that the subcommittee, which includes Ruby and Rhonda, will review the ideas to select the most impactful and present them to at the September meeting.

UPDATE (08/15): The form will be closing on Friday, August 16 at 5:00 p.m., so please submit your ideas before then. If you are not comfortable submitting your ideas through the form, then you can email them to Ruby or Rhonda, as they will be the ones reviewing the ideas.

UPDATE (09/19): Dean mentioned the foam from the building inspection at Alder House and wondered if it was something we could add to the 1500. Haily shared the foam, explained the purpose, and added that this is something currently supported through the Occupational Health and Safety budget, but it is something that can be discuss with the subcommittee.

SAFETY CONCERNS: Haily shared with the committee that EHS is always available to help and encourages people to reach out with their questions and concerns. Employees have the right to call OSHA with their concerns, which did happen. OSHA was called regarding materials that were being stored in a metal storage container and we are under investigation. At this time, Haily does not have additional information.

NEW BUSINESS

INCREASED TRAFFIC ON CAMPUS: Justin shared move in starts on Thursday, September 26 and classes will be starting on Monday, September 30, so there will be additional vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Haily added that Thursday, September 26 will have the largest number of students moving on to campus.

FACIAL COVERINGS AND N95S: Haily shared a reminder to the rest of the committee that there are no required protocols for facial coverings and UO supports employees wearing them. Also, facial coverings are not provided by SRS and individual departments can purchase their own supply. An N95 is a respirator and there are regulatory requirements for their use, even for voluntary users.

October Safety Trainings:

October Safety Training (In Person):

Slips, Trips, & Falls

Slips, trips, and falls (STF) are one of the leading causes of injury! This training will cover examples of hazards found around campus and way to prevent STF injuries.

Tuesday, October 8th 8:30-9:30 am or Thursday, October 17th 1:00-2:00 pm

1715 Franklin Building, EOC, Rm 271

Instructor: Justin Zunker

Sign up [HERE!](#)

Asbestos Awareness

CPFM employees: You do not have to take this class as your department will be scheduling your annual asbestos training

This training is required for campus personnel identified by their supervisor needing asbestos awareness training.

Tuesday, October 8th 9:30-10:30 am or Tuesday, October 15th 1:00-2:00 pm

1715 Franklin Building, EOC, Rm 271

Instructor: Nate Ferguson

Sign up [HERE!](#)

October Safety Sheets (For Department Use):

Week 1: [Bat Awareness](#)

Week 2: [Threatening Behavior](#)

Week 3: [Custodial Closets](#)

[Custodial Closets \(Spanish\)](#)

Week 4: [Animal Awareness](#)

Please review the [UO Wildfire Smoke](#) and [UO Working and Heat Stress](#) web pages as summer and wildfire season continues.

Wade asked if the asbestos training is offered annually or needs to be taken annually. Justin said that he believes it is required to be offered annually but is not certain and advised reaching out to Nate Ferguson to answer more specific questions about the training.

HEARING CONSERVATION PROGRAM: Kersey shared a reminder that part of the Hearing Conservation Program is that employees who are enrolled complete the annual training, which there is one session remaining in September.

FLOODING PROTOCOL: Dean asked if there was information or protocol that we provide to people about flooding. Haily shared that the Incident Management Team (IMT) has protocols for catastrophic floodings but is not sure if there is safety information for when we have a heavy rain fall that results in flooding. Haily extended an ask to the other members of the committee to think about the things that are likely to happen during a heavy rainfall.

BITES/STINGS ON CSB GROUNDS: Julie shared that they have been getting bites and stings to the children at CSB. She has reached out to CPFM and wants to know about UO protocol and/or best practices. Haily shared that there is an integrated pest management team and wonders if it would be possible for them to meet with the person who manages the building.

SPEED PROJECTION SIGN: Dean wonders if it would be possible to have a sign that shows how fast bikes are going on campus. A concern was raised that it may cause some to view it as a challenge and encourage them to go faster. Haily likes the idea, since there has been an injury involving an e-Bike and a pedestrian at a different university. In response to the injury, that campus created only walk zone. Christina suggested signs to remind people to use bells and notify pedestrians when approaching and reminders to ride in designated lane. Justin added signs about walking all e-scooters/scooters and e-bikes/bikes on sidewalks. Shawn asked what speed that is considered a safe speed, and Haily does not know. Haily added that Transportation Services has given a presentation to the committee before. Wade added that the e-scooters that were previously on campus were designed to behave a certain way (speed limits, distance from campus limits, etc.) and were bound by those guidelines and wonders if it is possible to bring back that partnership with Superpedestrian to flood the area with the behaviors that we want. Superpedestrian has gone out of business, which is what caused the partnership to end. Occupational Health and Safety will be reaching out to our partners in Transportation Services to see what options are available.