



UO Safety Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: December 21, 2023

Attendees ("X" indicates meeting attendance):

Name	DEPT		Name	DEPT		Name	DEPT	
Theodora Ko Thompson	Admissions	X	Steve Stuckmeyer	EHS	X	Deb Donning	RISK	
Charles Dougherty	Athletics		Pascale Voelker	EHS	X	Tiffany Lee	RISK	X
Krista Osburn	Athletics		Justin Zunker	EHS		Trisha Lijana	RISK	
Devon Shea	Athletics		Brittany Jayne	ELR	X	Lisa Taylor	RISK	
Scott Clarke	CoD		Celia Marie Nittmann	ELR		Gary Malone	SEIU	X
Jeffrey Billington	CoD		Mike Barr	EMU		Rhonda Reed	TS	X
Kevin Farthing	CPFM		David Flock	EMU		Shawn Kahl	UA**	
Brad Johnson	CPFM		Wade Young-Jelinek	EMU		Dean Walton	UA	
Michael Philly	CPFM		Steven Harris	FS*	X	Debra McLaughlin	UHS	
Ruby Thompson	CPFM		Christina Cauley	GTFF	X	Carl Peaster	UOPD	
Julie Quelch	EC Cares	X	Errol Kaylor	GTFF				
Kersey Bars	EHS	X	Leslie Selcer	GTFF				
Ben Bythell	EHS	X	Farrah Meade	Housing				
Laurie Graham	EHS	X	Ruben Moreno Eusse	Housing				
Haily Griffith	EHS	X	Kyle Harshbarger	OHAZ				
Nicole Nesser	EHS	X	Al Dias	PE & REC				
Seth Sponcey	EHS	X	Cody Weaver	PE & REC	X			
*Fleet Services								
**University Advancement								
Guests								
Student Intern	ELR	X						

INCIDENT REPORT

MILLRACE 3 – 11/1 – Kersey shared that Justin has already followed up on this and spray painted the knobs on the trunnion bar and is working with CPFM to get additional lighting installed in the area.

LCC – 11/3 – Steve asked for clarification on the acronym LCC, which Kersey said is Lane Community College. Julie provided the explanation that there is an area there used by EC Cares.

MATTHEW KNIGHT ARENA – 11/06 – Justin evaluated the hot water tanks at Matthew Knight Area to ensure that they hoses were clipped down to prevent this from happening again.

PACIFIC HALL - 11/8 – Pascale asked about the type of chemical that was splashed in their eye; Laurie responded saying that it is a DNA stain and that they flushed their eye for 15 minutes. Nicole shared that the employee received first aid.

CENTRAL KITCHEN – 11/28 – Haily shared that EHS has followed up with this incident, as we were not sure what method of removal was used (scraping, water, chemical, etc). The supervisor explained that ice was scraped on the inside and



outside of the window and, due to a frozen latch, the door was slammed. The rubber seal fell out, which caused the window to fall out and shatter. Steven shared that the golf carts at Central Kitchen have doors that are entirely glass and has heard of this happening before and that the cart has not been brought to him.

QUAT SANITIZER – VARIOUS – Kersey shared with the committee that Ben and Haily had evaluated the safety data sheet and walked through the different locations that use the QUAT sanitizer.

LOKEY – 11/09 – Theo asked for more information about this injury. Haily shared that that the fumes were due to a chemical that was used as part of the Heustis renovation to seal concrete. When the issue was reported, EHS responded within an hour to measure the levels. The monitor can only measure things in the parts per million, but we can smell them in the parts per billion, so the chemical can be smelled before the monitor can measure it. EHS confirmed that an email was sent prior to the work informing the building users. Ben added that you can smell the fumes, but they were not drastically different than outside, and that the measurements were well below any regulatory threshold. Steve asked if the employee reported this when they noticed it and Haily explained that that they had not, that a different employee reported the odor. Additionally, when employees are in an area that smells differently than normal, then they should report it.

LEFT BLANK – VARIOUS – Theo asked in the chat about the “left blank” on the incident report. Haily explained that when an incident is reported, the supervisor and the employee complete the form together and when a field is not completed, it gets populated with “left blank”. Theo commented that they hope that there is follow up and a chance to review the policies and procedures, which Haily confirmed there is.

REVIEW MINUTES

The November 2023 minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

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.

FOOTWEAR POLICY: There was no update on this, so it will be remaining on the minutes.

SAIF RESOURCE FOR FENTANYL: Haily shared a resource for an occupational exposure of fentanyl at work that was sent to us by SAIF ([LINK](#)).

UPDATE (10/19): Haily informed the committee that Debra has been collaborating with a pharmacist at UHS for them to provide a Narcan training. The dates have not been finalized.

ACCREDITATION SURVEY FOR UHS: Debra added that UHS has an accreditation coming up and they are concerned that there are areas where they do not meet compliance.

BUILDING INSPECTION: There was a call for recommendations for the next building inspection with a deadline of Friday, October 20 at 5:00 p.m.

UPDATE (11/16): Ruby announced we would be inspecting Condon Hall.

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 Marshall have been looking into this issue for the batteries and bikes.



Security Operations Center (SOC): Ashley Dougherty, Associate Director of Security Operations Center, joined us to present and overview of the SOC.

NOTE: This was an information share and will be removed from the minutes.

Space Heaters: Shawn shared that as the weather gets cooler, they have been noticing people bringing in their own space heaters and has been drafting their annual email to their building occupants. Haily shared that EHS has a safety sheet for space heaters and shared it in the chat. The link to the space heater safety sheet can be found [HERE](#). Ruby explained that there is a process in Work Control to request a space heater and offered to connect with Shawn. David shared that at the EMU, when occupants request a space heater that they direct them to a link on Granger. Julie requested that the information be shared with the committee. Kersey added that if Ruby can get the information to her, then she would email the information the committee.

UPDATE (12/21): Theo asked if there is a reminder to people to turn off the space heaters in their offices/turning off space heaters when they see them on.

NEW BUSINESS

Safety Committee Charter Review: Haily shared that we will be reviewing the SAC charter in our January meeting. Christina asked about the process for electing a chairperson and Haily explained the process is outlined in the charter. Kersey will be attaching a copy of the charter to the email for our January 2024 meeting.

OSHA ADOPTED NEW RULES: Haily summarized the updates and adoption of new OSHA regulations and rules. Here is a [link](#) to the Oregon OSHA webpage that has information on all adopted rules. The page includes text of changes to the rules, a summary page of violations and penalties, as well as links to the Senate Bills 592 and 907 which required OR-OSHA to make amendments to the rules. In the chat, Christina shared that the renewed focus on fines came from the state senate and included a [link](#).

SAFETY AT NIGHT WALK: Kersey shared an update from Molly Kennedy, which is, “Wednesday, November 8, 2023. 102 students and staff dropped 150 pins on the Safety at Night map and identified 115 lighting, 14 hardscapes, 7 landscape, and 14 other issues. We are reviewing the data and verifying the locations of the reported issues to determine the next steps.

Special thanks to all of you and our campus partners: Associated Students of the University of Oregon, Campus Planning and Facilities Management, Office of the Dean of Students, University Housing, OSPIRG, UO Police Department, Safety and Risk Services, Transportation Services, and Office of the Vice President for Finance and Administration.

Please continue to use the [Safety at Night Map](#) to report any issues or concerns.”

The ELR Student worker, on behalf of ASUO, shared their appreciation for being included. Cody Weaver shared their appreciation for ASUO for gathering student representation for the Night Safety Walk and that there was record participation and lots of perspective.

BROKEN LINK: The student intern from ELR noted that they found a broken link while clicking through the website. Steve has fixed the link.

MEETING INVITES FOR 2024: Kersey shared that the meeting invites for the 2024 SAC Meetings will be sent during the first week of January. They are sent as a series, so committee members can RSVP to the series, or each individual meeting.

JANUARY SAFETY TRAINING: Kersey shared the safety trainings that will happen in January.



January Safety Training (In Person):

Confined Space Entrant & Attendant (required to enter or act as attendant in permitted confined spaces)

Thursday, January 11th 7:30 – 9:00 am, Tuesday, January 23rd 1:00 – 2:30 pm.

1715 Franklin Building, Rm 271

Instructor: Haily Griffith

Sign up [HERE!](#)

Hazard Identification (required for members of the Safety Advisory Committee, also beneficial for all other employees in recognizing hazards across the campus and workplace)

Thursday, January 11th 9:00 – 10:00 am, Wednesday, January 24th 1:00 – 2:00 pm.

1715 Franklin Building, Rm 271

Instructor: Justin Zunker

Sign up [HERE!](#)

January Safety Sheets (For Department Use):

Week 1: [Medical Emergencies](#)

[Medical Emergencies \(Spanish\)](#)

Week 2: [Evacuation](#)

[Evacuation \(Spanish\)](#)

Week 3: [Hazard Reporting](#)

[Hazard Reporting \(Spanish\)](#)

Week 4: [Correcting Unsafe Acts](#)

[Correcting Unsafe Acts \(Spanish\)](#)