



## UO Safety Advisory Committee

**Meeting Date:** March 16, 2023

**Attendees:** An "X" indicates attendance

Name	DEPT		Name	DEPT		Name	DEPT	
Theodora Ko Thompson	Admissions	X	Celia Marie Nittmann	ELR		Trisha Lijana	COMP	
Devon Shea	Athletics		Brittany Jayne	ELR	X	Annette Estevez	LAB	X
Krista Osburn	Athletics	X	Mike Barr	EMU	X	Molly Kennedy	SRS	
Charles Dougherty	Athletics		David Flock	EMU	X	Lisa Taylor	RISK	
Scott Clarke	CoD		Wade Young-Jelinek	EMU		Steve Stuckmeyer	SRS	
Jeffrey Billington	CoD	X	Courtney Tabor	GTFF		Deb Donning	Risk	
Kevin Farthing	CPFM		Aria Radick	GTFF		Laurie Graham	LAB	X
Michael Philly	CPFM		President	GTFF		Shawn Kahl	UA	
Ruby Thompson	CPFM		Ruben Moreno Eusse	Housing		Debra McLaughlin	UHS	X
Emily Matlock	EC Cares		Farrah Meade	Housing		<b>Guest</b>		
Julie Quelch	EC Cares	X	Dean Walton	Library	X	Seth Sponcey	SRS	X
Justin Zunker	EHS	X	Kyle Harshbarger	OHAZ				
Kersey Bars	EHS	X	Al Dias	PE & Rec				
Haily Griffith	EHS	X	Cody Weaver	PE & REC	X			

Before we began the meeting, Haily asked the group what was the weirdest household appliance that EHS has had to remove from an office? The answer to the question appears later in the minutes!

### INJURY REPORT

**Q5:** This incident involved an employee who bit their tongue. David Flock asked a question about how it is considered a Workers Compensation claim. Haily explained that the employee was on work time and doing a duty that is directly related to their scope of responsibility. The injury was severe enough that the employee wanted to have a medical professional to examine it and ensure that they had not bitten off part of their tongue.

**Q4:** A student employee lifted a trailer full of kayaks off the hitch and injured their back. David asked if there was somebody available to help the employee, because it seemed like a two-person job and he has helped them in the past. Justin investigated the incident and recommended that the department get a crank on the trailer, so they do not have to manually lift it.

**Q17:** An employee was demonstrating how to remove the serrated edge from a plastic wrap box and cut themselves. Justin mentioned that he confirmed with Zero Waste that there is no need to cut off the serrated edge and that it is okay to leave it on.

### REVIEW MINUTES

The meeting minutes from February 2023 have been approved.

**NOTE:** At the last meeting, people commented that it would be helpful to have the minutes attached to the meeting invite. For the March 2023 meeting, Kersey attached the minutes and the injury report to the meeting invite and confirmed that the SAC team found it helpful. We will continue this practice.



## OLD BUSINESS

### Earthquake Ratings:

During the February 2023 meeting, Julie Quelch brought up a question about how to find the earthquake rating for buildings and Dean Walton responded that the State of Oregon released a report about the ratings for state buildings 10 years ago. After the meeting minutes were emailed to the SAC team, Dean responded with the link to find the ratings. To view the ratings, please check out the [LINK](#). In the email, Dean advised to make the building view live and you can click on the buildings to view the report.

## NEW BUSINESS

Laurie Graham, Lab Safety Manager and Biosafety Officer, and Seth Sponcey Hazardous Waste Specialist, gave a presentation about waste disposal on campus. Universal waste refers to the hazardous waste across campus, and the goal of our Hazardous Waste Program is to keep the hazardous waste out of the landfills. The materials that Seth discussed are attached to these minutes. Highlights from the presentation include:

- Different items that qualify as hazardous waste: fluorescent light bulbs/CFLs and lightbulbs that have an Hg on them (which indicates they have mercury), mercury switches and thermometers, pesticides, aerosols that are highly flammable/combustible, rechargeable, car, and lead-based batteries (lead batteries will have a Pb on them), certain types of oils, and adhesives that are considered flammable solids.
- This is not a comprehensive list, so if you have any questions, then you can reach out to Seth through the phone or email. To arrange a pick-up or drop off (72 Onyx Bridge, which is on the ground floor) for waste, you can contact Seth, fill out the ESHA form, or email Work Control.
- Laurie discussed the Hazardous Materials Guide on the SRS website. The content is geared towards people who have non-laboratory waste. You can follow this [LINK](#) to view the page. We may think it is helpful to accumulate our waste before turning it in, but by hoarding the waste we are generating more work for Seth

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### Disposal Guides on Website:

On the SRS website, there are guides to help our campus partners with waste disposal; however, they can be difficult to find. To make it easier, we added the disposal guides to the Safety Sheets page. The guides are titled "[Disposal Guide – General](#)" and "[Disposal Guide – Laboratory](#)", so you can find them under "D" on the webpage. These guides only cover certain categories, so you can always contact Laurie or Seth with questions.



### **Fire Life Safety Professional:**

The deadline for the Fire Life Safety Professional has been extended from March 12 to April 11. To find out more information about the position, please visit this [LINK](#)

### **Hazardous Material Manager and Chemical Safety Officer:**

Application review for the position began on February 27, but this position is open until filled. To learn more about the position, please visit [LINK](#)

### **Reactivation of 0365\_SAC**

Kersey has reactivated the 0365\_SAC Team and will be uploading all the SAC files into the channel. As a forewarning, as Kersey begins updating the channel, members may be seeing notifications from her.

### **Indoor Air Quality (IAQ):**

When campus partners notice that their IAQ seems off, there have been a variety of methods they use to notify people. To ensure that the issues are acted upon in a timely manner, EHS advises that people alert the Work Control Center of the issues. Work Control can be reached at (541) 346-2319 or [workcontrolcenter@uoregon.edu](mailto:workcontrolcenter@uoregon.edu). Work Control will delegate the concern to the appropriate group.

### **Do's and Don'ts of Personal Chemicals:**

Julie mentioned that there was an outbreak of norovirus in two of their facilities. Even though the employees had been notified that the spaces were being disinfected, somebody brought in their own bleach-based cleaning product. This caused there to be a concerning chemical smell. Julie asked if there is a “do's and don'ts” for chemicals on campus. Laurie reminded members that with any chemical, you need to look at the SDS and see what considerations are needed to work with it (PPE, conditions, environment that you work in, healthcare/childcare versus general office environment, etc.). Employees should not bring in their own products for cleaning. Contact custodial services for extra cleaning and EHS to evaluate products if you have questions about their use and safety.

### **Question Answer:**

Haily asked, “what is the most unusual appliance ever removed from a university office?”. The answer is a waffle iron! Even though this began as a joke, it opened an important conversation about appliances that have heating elements. Some kitchen appliances are approved for use on campus but must be in designated kitchen/break rooms. If you have questions please consult Fire Life and Safety, [uofm@uoregon.edu](mailto:uofm@uoregon.edu), to see what factors you may need before using it.

### **Spring Break:**

Spring Break may be quieter, because there is less students on campus, but CPFM does a lot of their public work during that time. Relatedly, Cody Weaver noted that CPFM is testing Island Mode during the break.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, April 20, 2023