

Campus- Wide Health & Safety Committee
April 22, 2021 – 10:00 am
Minutes

Welcome & Introductions

- Meeting began at 10:00am. Members present: M. Williams, J. Scheffler, R Magallanes, S. Milton, D. Evans, L. Broussard, A. Diaz, B. Cuaros, Theo Mai, K. Ha, K. Boisselle, S. Rainwater

Minutes Review

- The minutes were approved from the meeting in March.

Regular Business

- **Michael** addressed Paymen's question about the library re-opening. Jonathan and Larry are still waiting for the library group to get back to them.
- **Jonathan** also addressed this by mentioning that the library group is still working on their re-population plan.
- **Shaun** addressed the progress of the red folder for desktops. It is still in progress and awaiting to connect with the right person in I.T. to have the ability to add information in the folder.
- **Michael** sent Benjamin the list of people who got training on protexus (electrical sprayer)
- **Michael** addressed Benjamin's question about training indoors and the sharing food among staff. It was mentioned that Jonathon communicated to all his mangers through email to have meeting outdoors. If a meeting is to take place indoors then staff is required to wear masks and not share food.
- **Benjamin** asked if Michael could mention to the Custodial Manager to be more consistent with the dates for the safety meetings. It was mentioned to Benjamin after he had arrived for a Friday meeting that the safety meetings had been moved to Thursdays.
- **Michael** mentioned that he would communicate to Deon that training times have to be telegraph to all his staff.
- **Jonathon** would additionally follow up with an email too.
- **Michael** demonstrated the live Fire Extinguisher Training that is being implemented by EHS. He mentioned that staff must complete the Fire Safety & Prevention course first on CSULearn.

COVID 19

- **Michael** addressed Lee's question about the cleaning policy. It was mentioned that the new CDC guidance was out and that the campus would adhere to the guidance. Additionally, surfaces are secondary for exposure compare to breathing the same air as somebody. If everyone is wearing

a mask indoors you are not spreading the virus as much. The masks are still catching most of the droplets. Furthermore, buildings are all HEPA filter too. Cleaning is still important but is not the primary route of exposure as far as risk of transmission by the CDC. The main risk factor is through inhalation but custodial will keep on cleaning as best possible.

- **Jonathan** confirmed what Michael had mentioned about the cleaning policy. LA county guidelines follow CDC guidelines. He sent the guidelines to Deon, the Custodial Manager, who will cover them with all the custodial staff in the next meeting. Jonathon reassured that the communication would go out to all custodial staff and Lan in housing too.
- **Michael** addressed the COVID19 surveillance program on campus. The surveillance program has been operating since January. The campus has seen a low positivity rate and had has total 6 positive cases. The individuals were asymptotic and surveillance testing was able to identify these individuals. Two cases were identified recently, one of the cases involved an individual from athletics who was preparing to come back to campus.
- **Daryl** mentioned if we are going to 3-foot social distancing?
- **Michael** answered the question by stating that he was unsure. Additionally, that the 3-foot rule pertain more to K-12 because the spread is different in that age group. Michael does not see the mandate for higher education being 3 feet. Some discussion through the EOC has been discussed, only if the governor releases us on June 15 back to normalcy. EOC is still considering some spacing because of the reservations of coming back at 100%. So, nothing has been finalized by the EOC regarding the amount for social distancing.
- **Lee** asked how fast will the air be circulating in the buildings?
- Michael addressed Lee's question by mentioning that in general, a regular building must circulate air six times an hour, every 10 minutes.
- **Jonathan** added that under OSHA standard's a minimum of 50% outside air is brought into the building. Facilities has even moved the number up if outside air quality is good and depending on the outside temperature too. The S.I. and N.S.M. buildings are a 100% outside air because they are science buildings and required by code. The implementation of MER 13 filters is being used on the campus too. Furthermore, all classrooms and offices will have standalone de-ionizing filters.
- **Lee** requested the information that Jonathon had just mentioned on circulation to be communicated to her over email. So, she in turn could communicate that information to her staff.
- **Jonathan** agreed to sending the information to the committee that explains the MER 13 filtration and air changes that are recommended by the CDC and OSHA.

W/C Claims

- **Shaun** mentioned that one incident had occurred in March that involved a unit 5 employee. The employee was attempting to open the gate at Physical Plant and could not lift the poles up. While the employee pushed the gate back and forth to get it open. The gate open in the wrong manner and pinched the employee's left hand. Michael and Jonathan are currently investigating the incident.

Metrics

- **Michael** in alignment with Shaun's information about the injury employee last month. The one injury to unit 5 puts their injury rate at 18%, one of the highest rates among the units. The injury did not result in loss of time. Slips/Trips/Falls, Ergonomics, and Struck by are our top 3 injuries on campus.

Open Forum

- None

Next Meeting: TBA