



Campus-Wide Health and Safety Committee
April 28, 2022 - 10:00 am
Minutes

Welcome and Introductions

- Meeting began at 10:00 am. Members present: M. Williams, J. Scheffler, S. Momand, K. Ha, S. Turkel, O. Faynor, B. Cuadros, D. Routtenberg, G. Hernandez

Minutes Review – Mike

- Lee had asked about the Floor Warden Program. Mike said Nora Garcia the Emergency Manager is leaving and going to the City of Carson and her last day is tomorrow so the program will be on hold.

Ergo and Injury Prevention Cost Sharing Program – Mike

- The program is under Resources on the EHS website and is for non-office settings. It is for purchases of \$500-\$5,000 and EHS pays for ½ for the cost of the equipment. A form is filled out and applications are reviewed quarterly. One project approved was adding lighting to the mowers in Grounds for working early when it is still dark. Another was for the University Theater manlift for the scene shop to work safely at heights instead of using ladders. Benjamin was interested in a manlift for cleaning windows at housing and Mike said to discuss with Lan. Gilbert needs a cart that has a trunk to move equipment around because he only has a 6-seater cart with no trunk to transport items around safely. He can't always borrow a cart to use.

Covid – 19 - Mike

- There was a spike in cases for the last 3 weeks. Last month we removed the requirement for face coverings outside of class-room settings as well as the SHC. By tomorrow you need to submit the vaccination update with the booster.
- Sophia at the SHC saw an athlete who had covid a week ago and then went back to playing volleyball and had shortness of breath and chest pains and had post covid athletic syndrome. She said we haven't seen many active covid cases since many people have already had it.
- Sarah wanted to know if we will continue with the weekly testing. Mike said Cal OSHA had a revision to the covid standard and is extended to 12-31-22 saying you can self-administer and self-report a covid test. There still be weekly testing going on campus now but there may be some changes later after the semester.



Rusting in S & I Labs - Mike

- We are now seeing rusting in the cabinets, fume hoods and sink at the new science building. The equipment is still working fine but we don't want the rusting to occur. EHS and Chemistry and Biology are working with a contractor and manufacturer to see what is causing this to occur. It is not a health concern at this point and is not affecting the air quality. Dan wanted to know if the type of metal is the issue and Mike said it looked to be stainless steel 304 like a household metal. They are trying to see what the specs were and what type of metal was asked for and what was delivered. The drawings say all the corrosive cabinets should be vented into the back of the fume hood so it can be vented out of the building. We are seeing some condensate on the inside walls of the cabinets and they could start to corrode.

Metrics - Mike

- Shaun was not able to attend today. Last month we had 7 reported claims and 5 people had medical treatment. There was 1 incident in Unit 5, 1 in Unit 6, 2 in Unit 8 and 1 in Unit 9. The Unit 9 was a struck by injury and hit the head on the back of a chair while bending over. The Unit 6 was a reaching over injury from chronic knee pain from overuse. The grounds worker injury was from lifting. A theater student assistant had a radiator prop fall on her foot and a police officer had a laceration at the shooting range.
- Units 6, 7, 8 and 9 injury rates are higher than a year ago. The overall injury rate has gone from 1 to 1 ½ for every 100 employees. For injury by type #1 is struck by and #2 are slips, trips and falls. Facilities are getting new safety shoes and there is additional training for these units. June is National Safety Month so we are looking at putting out a slip, trip and fall campaign around campus.
- Dan said he didn't receive any notification about the injury to the Unit 6 employee. Mike said over time the employee had knee pain from working and he will discuss it with Dan later.

Open Forum - All

- Sophia mentioned a student in an Art class got a laceration from an x-acto blade. The SHC is going from paper to computer as far as medical records. An old paper logbook was kept for all the incidents on campus and she wanted to know if they can get rid of the logbook and record it online. Mike said to contact Larry in Risk Management regarding students but a paper logbook is no longer needed.