



Campus-Wide Health and Safety Committee
March 24, 2022 - 10:00 am
Minutes

Welcome and Introductions

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

Minutes Review – Mike

- Gilbert is the new Unit 9 Rep. Payman had wanted to know what to do if a student test positive. Under the Reporting Page there are documents for student cases, employee cases and a quick reference guide that can answer any questions. Sarah has already forwarded all the information to Payman and he forwarded it to the faculty representative.

Air Quality Index (AQI) Meters On Campus – Mike

- We collaborated with the Environmental Science Program to upload some air quality index meters on the EHS website that are on campus. The meters are located at 3 locations on campus. We want to see our air quality below 100 and at 150 it can be unhealthy conditions. The N-95 respirators will be issued for people working outside if at 150 for bad air quality. Gilbert asked if the campus would be notified to not come to campus. Mike said most of the numbers are 0 to 100 and usually any message would be to stay indoors. Campuses in Northern California that get wildfires would get the bad air quality. If the air is bad outside then we would stop pumping outdoor air into the buildings but because of COVID we have been bringing a lot of fresh air into the buildings.

Safety Fact Sheets – Mike

- Located on the EHS website under resources are safety fact sheets.

Lockout/Tagout – Mike

- Lockout/Tagout is used to safely shut down equipment on campus so the employee doesn't get injured because these injuries can be severe. We have a vendor on site looking at our larger equipment for lockout/tagout. There will be labels placed right on the equipment to show how to safely lockout the device and shut down the equipment. Dan asked if steel blinds or blanks on fluid flow and vapor lines would be covered also and Mike said it would. Mike said this is a big project.



Covid – 19 - Mike

- Khiem had mentioned about the new variant and we will wait and see after spring break.

W/C Claims – Shaun

- Shaun said there were 2 incidents reported in February. A custodian in Unit 5 was cleaning a rest room and the door from a stall came off the hinge and landed on his foot causing bruising and swelling.
- An Info Technology employee from Unit 9 fractured his right ribs, elbow and wrist when walking from the parking lot to the office from tripping down some stairs and landing on his right side. Don't carry anything that blocks your view when walking.

Monthly Metrics – Mike

- Overall the injury rate is slightly higher than last year from 1.08 to 1.25. For trips and falls we see more severe injuries from people falling from different levels than from the same level. If not using a handrail and falling downstairs we see more severe injuries. Over 50 % of our injuries are trips and falls and struck by. Watch where you are going and if you see wet or uneven surfaces let EHS know and a work order can be written to take care of it. For injury by job class grounds and custodial account for higher injuries.

Open Forum - All

- Lee asked if there will be a floor warden safety meeting for the new I & I Building. She said the SBS Building will need new floor wardens now because she and Malaika Horne moved to the I & I Building. Mike said Nora Garcia the new Emergency Manager sets up the floor warden program and he will follow up with her.
- Khiem said he saw cracks on the stairs and floors of the new I & I Building. Jon said it was noted and pointed out to the contractor and the engineers looked at it and said they are only settling cracks and there is no danger. Mike said there is rebar in the concrete for binding and it will not fall apart. Khiem wanted to know is the same issue is in the new Science and Housing Buildings also and Jon said he has not heard of any problems there.
- Gilbert said his department was going to use the multi-purpose room at the new residence hall and he was provided with a release of liability form regarding COVID by Susana Montano. The form was not required by LSU and the I & I Buildings and wanted to know if it should be required by all of the buildings. They were going to have off campus guests come and alumni are typically invited and were asked to fill out the form before coming to campus. Mike will follow up with Susana Montano regarding this form. Mike said



procurement requires vendors to comply with our Covid protocols before they come to campus.

- Gilbert said they receive external customers a lot in his office and don't know their vaccination status and test results because nobody is checking them. They are the 1st reception desk coming off the elevator on the 4th floor so people stop in there to ask questions and he doesn't know if they can be allowed in the office. Mike says he doesn't know how to control the outside world but masks can be offered to them if they aren't wearing one. It is a challenge to control anti maskers and vaxxers.