Southern Oregon University

Occupational Safety Advisory Committee (OSAC)

Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: 7/2/19 11:00am – 12:00pm Chaired by: Michele Barlow

Members in Attendance:

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| Russell Deen | Thomas Knapp | Keith Beed |
| Sue Phillips | Ryan Schnobrich |  |
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Old Business: (Last meeting 4/17/19)

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| * Student proposed art project and the use of menstrual blood as a medium. Potential risks? Was displayed in a glass case.
* March 21 visit to tour campus by Andy Rohner with SAIF.
* April 15th fire drill in the residence halls and Student Health and Wellness. No issues noted
* Warmer weather concerns,,,, Insects- Bees/wasps, spiders. Potential increase in claims reported on Mondays following weekends (people are more active –hiking, biking etc)
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New Business:

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| * Asbestos Removal – SHWC, Taylor Hall. Policy/Procedures, concerns, safeguards. Following appropriate safety protocols, SHWC should be on today (7/2) and Taylor by the end of the week.
* EHS working on 4 new policies – Wildfire Smoke, Indoor Air Quality Hazards, Biohazardous Material Incident Management, Science Building Pregnancy Safety
* Warmer weather – Important for those working outdoors to remain hydrated, wear sunblock and protective clothing. Know the signs of heat stroke – High body temperature, absence of sweating, with hot red or flushed dry skin, rapid pulse, difficulty breathing, confusion/agitation/disorientation. Signs of heat exhaustion – Pale, cool, clammy skin, profuse sweating, dizziness/lightheadedness.
* Various construction projects going on. Keep an eye out for any hazards (Stair replacement near Churchill (in the round about, SHWC renovation, Taylor Hall renovation etc)
* Concerns in Ed/Psyche about smell. Snake behavioral experiment, storage of feeder/breeder mice/snakes in area and surrounding classrooms. Safety committee toured area and found concerns to be valid. EHS will address with person overseeing project and recommend removal or relocation of snakes/mice to a controlled lab environment.
* Commencement – 1st aid station was staffed this year by Ashland Cert team instead of SHWC. There were some issues about aspirin being given out, and location of 1st aid station, and ambulance. Next year OSAC committee will be involved in this process and will make recommendations for improvement of this. Recommendation by Ryan Schnobrich to reach out to Mercy Flight explorer post / Ed Sutton for this function as they provide this free in our region.
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Incident Reports: Employees

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| * 5/7/19 – Student employee cut left thumb while picking up glass. No treatment sought
* 5/22/19 – Student employee felt ill after working in the chemical storeroom. Treatment was sought, claim opened
* 5/30/19 – Employee felt pain in back after carrying trash/throwing bags into dumpster. Treamtent sought, claim opened.
* 6/4/19 – Employee sustained injury to lip and mouth when a cast iron pipe broke during repair and hit him in the mouth. Treatment sought, claim opened.
* 6/11/19 – Employee carrying trash bag cut lower left leg (something sharp in the bag). No treatment sought.
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Incident Reports: Students

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