



## Campus Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

### Members

([P] indicates member present at today’s meeting)

#### Employee Represented:

- [P] Tom Bennett (TBe), Civil & Environmental Engineering
- [ ] Peter Dusicka (PD), Civil & Environmental Engineering
- [P] Lorenzo Guzman (LG), Office of the Registrar
- [P] Erica Hunsberger (EH), Environmental Health & Safety
- [ ] Martha Ketchum (MK), Student Activities and Leadership
- [P] Aaron Landreth (AL), Office of Information Technology
- [ ] Phillip Lafrenz (PL), Transportation & Parking Services
- [ ] Jeffrey Smith (JS), Diversity & Multicultural Student Services
- [ ] Karin Waller (KW), International Affairs
- [P] Carith Wiseman (CWi), College of Education

#### Employer Represented:

- [P] Todd Bauch (TBa), Campus Recreation
- [P] Jack Dorkey (JD), Human Resources
- [ ] Sarah Kenney (SKe), Construction & Real Estate
- [P] Shaun Kohn (SKo), Smith Memorial Student Union
- [P] Jeffrey Rook (JR), Environmental Health & Safety
- [P] Leslie Walters (LW), Facilities & Property Management, Chair
- [ ] Craig Whitten (CWh), Campus Public Safety Office
- [ ] Jenna Wilson (JW), Viking Pavillion

#### Alternate:

- [P] Paul Boevers (PB), Transportation & Parking Services
- [P] Zsanrei Konohia (ZK), International Affairs

#### Ad Hoc:

- [P] Nate Parsons (NP), Graduate Employee Union
- [P] Annika Byrd (AB), Environmental Health & Safety

### Meeting Call to Order

Date: 8/12/2020

Time: 1:00 pm

Quorum Met: Yes

### Approval of Meeting Minutes from Previous Meeting (Vote)

([x] indicates members vote)

- Minutes approved as is [x] - July
- Minutes approved with minor corrections [x] - June
- Minutes not approved – corrections required [ ]
- Minutes not approved – quorum not met [ ]

## Announcements

(Whom provided by, description of announcement, date of event or impact, if applicable)

- EH - New EHS Student Employee to capture meeting minutes
- EH - Ad hoc attendee to become new member and representative of GEU (Graduate Employee Union) - Nate Parsons.
  - Introductions from the group.
- EH - Moved all items from Campus Safety Committee Google Group Folder to Shared drive. May be accessed by going to Shared drives > Campus Safety Committee. Drive allows for better organization of documents and tracking and will be easier for members to find. At the end of the year old, unnecessary items will be removed and added to the EHS i-drive for long term storage. Previous group folder will be removed.

## Presentations / Discussions

(Whom provided by, description of presentation or discussion, date of event or impact, if applicable)

- All Members –
  - Chairperson vote for FY 20-21 / Nominated: Leslie Walters
    - JR - Any objections to Leslie continuing to be the Chairperson for the next term?
      - No objections - Leslie Walters has been named Chairperson for FY 20-21
  - Vice Chairperson vote for FY 20-21 / Nominated: Sarah Kenney
    - JR - Any objections to Sarah continuing to be the Vice Chairperson for FY 20-21?
      - No objections - Sarah Kenney has been named Vice Chairperson for FY 20-21
- JR - Updates from IMT
  - President Percy sent out an email last week redefining fall flex and what it will look like as we are watching some elements or areas of the United States reopening for educational purposes. At last count we are at 5-10% of classes being held on campus. Fall sports will be delayed as well. We are seeing more and more of those being shifted away. College athletic football specifically, we are seeing challenges. Most colleges are calling it for the season.
    - LG: Is that the exact final number of classes?
      - JR: May see a reduction with Art/Music classes
  - IMT is finalizing the HECC (Higher Education Coordinating Committee) of Oregon Universities document that needs to be completed for OHA as to what our plans are for reopening in the fall, and what Emma spoke about in the last meeting. That document is close to being done and going out for board vote, the board of trustees are required to vote on it on August 20th.



Please email Emma directly if there are any concerns. That will be our guidance for how campus will reopen, what things will look like in the fall and what precautions will be taken.

- Working on reviewing reopening plans for Campus Rec, which will open mid-September (TB: yes, the 23rd), and what it will take to reopen a large building such as ASRC and how that building will be able open and provide an extra level of security for the spaces in the building that are not accessible. One of the underlying principles of the OHA as well as the HECC are that the campus is not open to the public.
- There are areas on campus that are occupied by people that are not members of PSU. A big push for the HECC is to close campus to the public and not allow people who are not members of the university on campus. FMH is our biggest challenge because it is the one building that has open hours and does not have card access. We want to make sure people can get cards and have access if they need it. Working with CPSO to add card access to the inside spaces of FMH to isolate the first floor, so people can do their business on campus.
- IMT is still held twice a week. Any questions or concerns that can be taken to the next IMT meeting?
  - SKo: Just wanted to make sure that socially distanced social areas are taken into consideration? We have two set up now, we are working on a third. 238 and the second floor lounge are set up for this. We removed 80% of the chairs and tables - Just so IMT is aware of that and will not cause any issues.
    - JR: There is an IMT sub- group, Physical Environment Work group, that is looking at a lot of those pieces as well including the use of study rooms, break rooms and other areas on campus. I will take those comments forward to that group.
  - NP: With regard to FMH, what is happening in regard to tenant spaces?
    - JR: We are looking at the Broadway side, which includes Case Study Coffee and the museum. The museum is going to operate around the campus's open hours. There is still some discussion as to how that is going to look. Those are the only tenant spaces in that building and the rest are considered university employed spaces. We are adding access control on the north stairwell and adding card access to the elevator.
      - NP: There are tenant spaces in the basement, which are the union offices; I'm wondering about the isolation there.
      - JR: Anyone with card access will have card access to the building. If you see people in the building who do not have card access, email me separately and we will see about resolving that.
      - SKo: We have been informed over email that the Smith card access project will be complete prior to September 27, including replacement of the five park block doors.
- JR –
  - A concern that was brought up about having buildings unoccupied and unused to long periods of time was the potential for Legionella bacterial growth in the water systems.



- Based on the recommendations from the city of Portland, PSU facilities department proceeded with all the necessary steps of flushing unoccupied buildings. Starting in June, Legionella was found in Cramer on the fourth floor hot water line, specifically in a kitchenette, and in a shower located in the basement. Once positive results were returned it was flushed again. Locations were tested again after flushing, in addition to locations in Lincoln Hall as the hot water lines are linked for those two buildings.
- The second test they found just above trace amounts of Legionella in the hot water line of Cramer and Lincoln. An outside company, Nalco, which does treatment and water testing, came out and did hyperchlorination of that line. They drained all the water out, treated it with chlorine, circulated the treated water in, and performed another flush. This was done on all outlets with aerators. We do not have test results back yet, but the levels of chlorine tested at each of the locations was at or above the acceptable level to kill the bacteria.
- All buildings on campus are being flushed and tested. Nalco will continue to conduct the testing and treatment, if required on campus.
  - AL: You mentioned that Legionella was detected in Cramer Hall. That system is tied into the server room which is constantly pumping air off of that heat of the pump and into the room. Is Legionella a risk only in water or is it airborne?
    - EH: The way that you would be exposed to the bacteria is by breathing in water that has become aerosolized by spraying and breathing it in. It is usually only found in hot water lines, so if it is not linked to hot water specifically, that is not generally a concern. The other way you would be exposed to the bacteria is through choking on the water. The amount of Legionella found was extremely low and if you are a healthy person, or even not reasonably healthy, immunocompromised in some way, or over 65, you aren't likely to contract Legionnaires' Disease. For known exposures in immuno-compromised individuals, there is less than 5% chance of becoming infected. We are taking precautions to be at zero contamination and we realize that people are concerned about using the water, but we want people to be aware that it is very low risk.
  - AL: I understand the risk is low, I was just curious if it is even possible for the bacteria to make it way from the water line to the server room.
    - JR: They utilize a term called the Colony Forming Units or CFUs to determine how much bacteria is there, what is considered an outbreak or high probability for an outbreak would be 160 CFU of bacteria. The highest amount was in the basement shower, which was at 30 CFU and the second time it was tested it was at 3 CFU. The other locations on campus were around 1 CFU, so it was just above the detectable levels. But again, there was still a presence of it, that is why they did hyperchlorination; to ensure that the entire system was purified and clean.
  - AL: So there is no risk if it is just on the cold water lines?
    - EH: No, Legionella loves temperatures between 90 and 105 degrees fahrenheit, and that is when it will amplify. We are also making sure our water lines are being kept at the appropriate temperatures throughout the entire

system. We are working on ways to increase temperature where that is an issue. Growth can occur at lower temperatures, but that is usually not the case.

- AL: I have heard this topic come up before as a rare issue in certain data centers and their water is looped up at certain temperatures. Somehow it can infect their system, so I was curious what the risks were there. We do have stagnant water from the system, is there a need for testing in some of our stagnant water.
  - EH: Where is the stagnant water that you are referring to?
    - AL: The system produces condensation at the end on the line.
      - EH: There is no need to conduct testing at specific locations since all water lines in all buildings will be tested, including both cold and hot water lines. The system you are using also has been running constantly so it is not likely it would have grown Legionella.

### Accident / Injury Report (provided by Human Resources)

#### Reportable Incidents

(Date of incident, description of incident, location, committee recommendations)

#### Non-Reportable Incidents

(Date of incident, description of incident, location, committee recommendations)

### Quarterly Inspection Update (provided by EHS staff)

Next building to be inspected: UCB

Quarter of inspection: TBD

#### Completed Inspection Review

(Date of inspection, locations inspected, description of inspection findings, description of follow-up or resolutions, if applicable)

### Old Action Items and Safety Concerns

(Date reported, description of action item/safety concern, whom it was assigned to, description of follow up, date investigated/resolved)

- 7/8/2020 – EH create Google Drive for CSC and move documents from current folder
  - Resolved - 8/12/2020
- 7/8/2020 – All members review guidance and information from Emma (re: Return to Campus Plan) and reach out with any questions, comments, concerns
  - Resolved - 8/12/2020

## Rounds / New Safety Concerns

(Reported by, description of safety concern, description of committee recommendations, whether follow up is required as an action item)

- LW –
  - I hope to have annual report ready by next meeting for everyone to look at and comment on
  - As far as landscaping related rounds, campus is quite, folks are doing a good job about masks and social distancing
  - We are seeing and uptick in transient issues around campus but nothing major to report
- JR - Fire marshal's office has made PSU a priority campus for building inspections. They will be proceeding with a lot of building inspections over the next few months. I was on campus today assisting with the inspection of SRTC.
- TBa - We are working on reopening for the 23rd of September. We have submitted a 70 page reopening plan. On Monday a small team of us are going to start moving equipment to create physical distancing. We are pouring through information on how far apart people need to be while exercising with at least 6 ft - especially in cardio. Working directly with SHAC and the director of the medical center to get to the root of this issue.
- PB - TAPS has been open for reduced hours for about a month now. We are open four days a week from 10-3 and have minimized the amount of people allowed in at a time while enforcing social distancing. It has not been an issue so far. Everyone seems to have their own masks but we do have masks for those who do not. Not very many people are coming in at this time.
  - LG: Are you seeing more people coming in that are public or is it people from campus?
    - PB: That is most of the people coming in right now; people coming in to have their income verified mostly. 5 people yesterday, 4 were trimet people getting verified and one was staff.
  - LG: Were they PSU members or public?
    - PB: Public

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## Meeting Adjourned

Time: 2:00 pm

## Next Meeting

Date: September 9, 2020

Location: Zoom