



Campus Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Members

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

Employee Represented:

- Paul Boevers (PB), Transportation & Parking Services
- Deanna Britton (DB), College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- Joshewa Fulton (JF), Global Diversity & Inclusion
- Lorenzo Guzman (LG), Office of the Registrar, Chair
- Erica Hunsberger (EH), Environmental Health & Safety
- Aaron Landreth (AL), Office of Information Technology
- Nate Parsons (NP), Graduate Employee Union
- Joe Potter (JP), Facilities & Property Management
- Clare Quinn (CQ), College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Vice Chair
- Jeffrey Smith (JS), Diversity & Multicultural Student Services
- Elena Sokol (ES), College of Urban & Public Affairs
- Karin Waller (KW), Global Engagement & Innovation

Employer Represented:

- Chris Augeri (CA), Campus Events & Student Union
- Todd Bauch (TBa), Campus Recreation

- Erin Burns (EB), Helen Gordon Child Development Center
- Abby Chroman (AC), School of Business
- Tyler Hartman (TH), Human Resources
- Mike McNerney (MM), Campus Public Safety Office
- Jeffrey Rook (JR), Environmental Health & Safety
- Gaby Sysyn (GS), Center for Student Health & Counseling
- Leslie Walters (LW), Facilities & Property Management

Alternate:

Ad Hoc:

- Alyssa Thompson (AT), Environmental Health & Safety

Meeting Call to Order

Date: 04/13/2022

Time: 1:00 pm

Quorum Met: Yes

Approval of Meeting Minutes from Previous Meeting (Vote)

([x] indicates members vote)



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| Minutes approved as is | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Minutes approved with minor corrections | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Minutes not approved – corrections required | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Minutes not approved – quorum not met | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Announcements

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

- No announcements made at this time.

Presentations / Discussions

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

- No presentations made at this time.

Accident / Injury Report (provided by Human Resources)

Reportable Incidents

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

- 3/22/2022 HG CDC Courtyard, student employee was poked in the eye by a tree branch. The eye immediately felt painful and was flushed for 10 minutes. Medical care beyond first aid was sought out by employees.
- 3/15/2022, Vanport, employee was moving a piece of steel track from the ceiling and a section fell. The employee was cut on the index finger. Medical care beyond first aid was sought out by employees.

Non-Reportable Incidents

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

- 3/22/2022, ASRC stairs, employee was walking down stairs and twisted left ankle causing them to fall. No time loss was documented.
- 4/6/2022, UCB East Stairwell, employee was exposed to chemical fumes. Employee felt dizzy and felt difficulty and pain on inhalation.
 - EH- The situation is Zone maintenance employees used 6 oz of bleach in the morning that was properly diluted. A contractor cleaning crew came in and used a different cleaning product.
 - An employee used the stairwell and reported the incident to EHS. EHS initially thought it was a chemical reaction between the two chemicals, but it is suspected that the secondary chemical was not diluted correctly. There is also a possibility if anyone else went into the stairwell and used a third chemical.

- UCB stairwell does not have great ventilation and the chemicals used if not diluted well could have caused symptoms experienced.
- Moving forward consideration to making sure proper chemicals and ventilation is used when cleaning the stairwell. In response to the incident the stairwell was ventilated and an impact notice went out. There was also a power wash of the stairwell.
- This is still an ongoing incident review with EHS.
- LG- Was the impact notice sent to staff before or after the incident?
- EH- An impact notice was after the incident and EHS was called to inspect the chemical smell. A second impact notice was sent out when power washing took place in the UCB stairwell.

Quarterly Inspection Update (provided by EHS staff)

Next building to be inspected: TBD

Quarter of inspection: TBD

- Due to the recent increase in COVID cases on campus, inspections are on hold
- Oregon OSHA still has an allowance in place for safety committee inspections, as long as the employer has systems in place for employees to report hazards and a mechanism to evaluate and follow-up on those reports. Please continue to reach out to EHS-group@pdx.edu or your supervisor if you have any safety concerns.

Completed Inspection Review

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

- [Inspection Sheet \(blank\)](#)

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)

- 03/09/2022 JR- IMT guidance to DB about mask signage to building containing Speech and Hearing Clinic that has continuous clinic space
 - DB- Department has defined which portions are clinical space and which are academic/ research space and have placed signage reflecting the places where masks are required.
- 03/09/2022 TH- HR report for reportable incident review of the employee that was assaulted in February
 - TH- No further information at this time

Rounds / New Safety Concerns

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

- TBa- There have been conversations happening formally and informally amongst staff about feeling safe on campus around the incident believed to have happened in February. The department management is working on this topic with staff.
- CA- Does IMT have any updates on vaccine requirements for events?
 - JR- The IMT meeting is tomorrow (4/14) where that information is going to be discussed. Recently an email should be coming out about employees pertaining to attestation of fully vaccinated. Until further notice keep doing requirements of proof of vaccination or a negative test.
- ES- No safety concerns but recently faculty complaints of trash and biohazard concerns by entrances.
 - EH- A way to address this would be to put in work request of exact location and specify issues so the appropriate people can come clean.
 - ES- A concern is since the department is located in a public plaza, what area is PSU responsibility and what is not.
 - LG- Can you explain the area that you have been seeing issues?
 - ES- One area there has been needles around max stop. The building itself has multiple entrances facing the plaza where the street car goes through and also faces Mill street.
 - LG- One way to have open communication is educating that anyone can make a work request and letting the department know if one was made.
 - LG- Can a student make a work request?
 - JR- Yes they can place a work request.
 - JP- Just reiterate anyone can put in a work request and if the status of the issues FPM works closely with the work control center. FPM normally receives the call to inspect the request. FPM also works closely with central city concern to do trash cleanup around public bus stations.
 - Do not hesitate to put in a work order, it is easier to see duplicates than to not know of an issue.
 - ES- Personally have noticed that there has been a CPSO car and a paneled truck at Urban Plaza.
 - MM- CPSO is trying to proactively address issues in the area of distributive and accosting individuals. CPSO has been parking a vehicle there for a deterrent effect that officers may be nearby. The device seen is a remote camera trailer to provide surveillance of the area after the incident of interpersonal violence that took place recently.
- DB- There has been some staff mentioning safety concerns around campus. The safety concerns have been heightened after the recent homicide that has occurred. There is also concern relating to the crime rate that has spiked to the point that Portland is more than double than Seattle resulting in a general concern of coming downtown and riding public transit. This could be impacting the return to work after COVID because of the general feeling of not feeling safety while downtown.
 - Additionally the department has also had issues mentioned by ES about trash, biohazard waste, and stairwells and routinely call for support and considers this to be an ongoing issue.
 - LG- The best advice is to be proactive and the tool that we have is making work order requests.

- DB- I have also filed with the city and currently have not had much of a response with the concerns about accessibility issues to buildings around the city and light rail stops.
- DB- I have called CPSO for access issues on campus that were addressed quickly.
- JF- NASCC event based which is open to student groups and external groups. There is a vaccination verification requirement on our website. How does NASCC facilitate this? Do we physically check at the door, or is there an online system?
 - CA- The department has used a company called [Coast to Coast](#) that provided security for major university events including athletic events. They are well trained and versed on checking vaccination requirements/verification. The company can be contracted at hourly rates.
 - JF- How do you address funding when contracting outside a company?
 - CA- This is usually included in the invoice as an added component to security. The organizers have been okay with the cost to have the added professional resource to handle the verification. There have also been student groups electing to do this as well for their events.
 - LG- Can PSU student groups hold events and is there a charge for reserving the space?
 - CA- Students can hold events and have used this option even though this step is not required by student attended events, they pay the fees of having the company.
- JR- EHS has a number of construction projects which include: SB1, VSC, and SRTC. VSC is in the pre-planning meetings currently and SRTC is having substantial remodeling of internal lab spaces. The lab spaces will allow the move from SB1 to SRTC while SB1 is under remodel. Everything involving construction and the different groups on campus have been going extremely well and on schedule.
 - EHS is also working with departments on air quality concerns. EHS can do air quality monitoring if there are concerns by faculty. EHS has also been partnering with FPM systems crews to ensure following standards around air quality.
- MM- Final thought to the topic of safety and the crime rate statistic mentioned that Seattle has 2 times less the crime rate compared to Portland.
 - There are several indicators that are higher like homicide, but in totality we are not 2 times more than Seattle. Seattle and Portland are on par with around 6,400 offenses per month. One difference in reporting is that Seattle only reports aggravated assaults, whereas Portland reports all assaults.
 - Interesting point about the reported data is that property crimes dropped dramatically but interpersonal violence, assaults, and homicide, and other acts of violence have gone up since COVID. This is creating a new challenge for police work and other work to address the shift that has happened.
- JF- Some concern about messaging/alert after the recent shooting. Perceived that the alert said near PSU campus and not on campus. How the information came out seems like information was being withheld.
 - MM- CPSO reporting falls under a legal stipulation called the [Clery Act](#).
 - In the [Clery Act](#) refer to page 62755 the defines geography terms used around campus reporting.



- DB- Another idea, I like to think proactively on what we can do on campus to minimize assaults and crime, and find that cameras on campus are awesome and if we could add extra lighting.
 - MM- CPSO is hopeful that negative activities on campus continue to decrease as more people return, causing a more natural surveillance. CPSO is with Global Diversity and Inclusion to discuss a more systematic approach to address security and safety issues to include the campus community in what they feel would be a broader approach to safety and what they would like to see so CPSO can better align with expectations of the community.
- JF- CPSO officers availability of sworn officers M-F. Has the recent event impacted the staffing needs on nights and weekends
 - MM- Staffing levels and the announcement of unarmed patrol caused a loss in some staff. The change caused that as a department, we are not able to have officers working without a supervisor on duty. Currently the vacant supervisor position has been a challenge to staffing and once a position is filled, have more of a round the clock presence.

New Actions Items and Safety Concerns

(Date reported, description of action item/safety concern, whom it was assigned to)

- No new action items presented in this meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

Time: 1:50 pm

Next Meeting

Date: May 11, 2022

Location: Zoom