

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY HEALTH AND SAFETY**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 18, 2023**

**Attendees:**

Chris Grant – Physical Plant  
Kevin Lawson – Student Center  
Matt Lige – DPS  
Auggie Mickevicius – EHS

Jeffrey Norris – Rec IM  
Tiffany Smith – UAW 1975  
Joseph Torres – DPS Sergeants  
Kathryn Wilhoff – EHS

**Absent:**

Timothy Allen, Laura Drabczyk, Audrey Farrugia, Cathy Gable, Don Gregory, Candace Hunter, Tanya Johnson, Kristen Klochko, Charles Krey, James McEvers, Pat McGill, Emily McKinnie, Lisa Mitchell, Mary-Elizabeth Murphy, John Sidelinker, Clifford Sims, LaMar Stewart, Beth Stoner, Shana Thompson, Mia VanSlyke and Crystal Walrath

1. This meeting was conducted via Zoom.
2. The activity report for July/August was sent to the committee members prior to the meeting. The following item was discussed:
  - a. Jeff Norris inquired about item 7o - swim meet safety check. Kathryn responded that her visit (during the meet) found no violations or concerns.
  - b. Joseph Torres asked if Jeff would share the pool event schedule with DPS so the department could have better insight to campus activities. Jeff replied he would share the schedule.
3. Auggie and Jim McEvers attended the Michigan Colleges and University Safety Meeting at Grand Valley State University. Auggie noted the following from the conference:
  - a. Many campuses are concerned with the use of AI and ChatGPT creating issues of plagiarism.
  - b. Drone policies and who polices drone usage are an issue. MSUs policy was challenged in court and they lost. They now only regulate drone usage indoors.
  - c. The inventor of MicrobeCare gave a presentation of the antimicrobial product that uses covalent bonding vs alcohol to clean items for longer periods of time.

4. Joseph Torres noted the following items:
  - a. The police department in conjunction with the Ypsilanti Fire Department completed their Housing and Residence Life training sessions.
  - b. The campus Police Department has offered ALICE training to all departments on campus. It now plans to offer the training to any campus community member on a twice a month schedule. Please contact DPS to secure a seat in the training.
  - c. DPS is ready to welcome the campus residence back for this new academic year.
  
5. Jeffery Norris reported the following items:
  - a. The Rec IM has prepared and is ready for the start of the new academic year.
  - b. An entry glass panel, broken by a thrown rock, was replaced.
  
6. Chris Grant reported the following:
  - a. The West Circle Dr. project was completed and the traffic pattern has returned to normal.
  - b. Grounds team members have focused on cleaning up the campus for the new school year.
  - c. Concrete work was completed around the Student Center.
  - d. Recycle pick-ups will increase for the next few weeks as students settle into their living quarters. The increase in recyclable packaging materials necessitates this.
  
7. Kevin Lawson noted the north side patio and ramp are ready for the semester start.
  
8. Kathryn reported:
  - a. Jim McEvers is working with the fume hood repair technicians today. The Mark Jefferson fume hoods are beginning to experience chain failures which is a serious safety concern.
  - b. Jim coordinated clean outs of the chemicals in the Roosevelt lab and several flammable liquid storage cabinets in Mark Jefferson.
  
9. Kathryn Wilhoff noted an increase in meetings with various departments discussing safety issues as they get ready for the fall semester.

**The next Health and Safety Committee Meeting is Friday  
September 15 via Zoom.**