

# HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 14, 2012

## Attendees:

Elizabeth Bucciarelli – Library/AAUP  
Akosua Dow – Academic Affairs  
Joanne Hansen – Women’s Commission  
Thomas Kovacs – AAUP  
Mark Monarch – Physical Plant  
Kathryn Wilhoff – EHS

Susan Campbell – UAW 1976 & ORD  
Chris Grant – Grounds  
Robert Heighes – DPS  
Auggie Mickevicius – EHS  
Mark Wesley – Emergency Mgmt  
Gregg Wilmes – Chemistry

## Absent:

Kevin Abbassee, Sonya Alvarado, Diana Good, Nick Graham, Norman Harrington, Erica Healander, Chad Humble , Steve Moore, Kevin Lawson, Toni Taylor & Eric Ward

1. Kathryn Wilhoff distributed the activity summary for November/December. Discussion was held.
2. Mark Monarch inquired about the Art department’s newly acquired laser. Kathryn stated EHS has contacted Michigan State University to discuss their laser safety program and next steps for EMU. The laser cannot be used until the SOP’s, including safety procedures, are in place.
3. Susan Campbell inquired about the 55 gallon drum that was in the Hoyt stairwell. Kathryn reported it was leftover from the renovation project. Chris Grant reported it has been taken off campus for disposal.
4. Susan also inquired about the King Hall tunnel abatement. Mark Monarch stated there was a ½” steam line that needed to be fixed under the west stairwell and 150 feet of piping that needs repair. The additional repairs are scheduled for 12/19 – 12/21.
5. Kathryn Wilhoff stated the Lab Compliance Safety Manager accepted EMU’s offer and will start in January.
6. Kathryn Wilhoff reported there is now a sharps disposal container in the Market Place (DC3) due to the discovery of a used needle in the trash. She reiterated that if sharps are found on campus, contact EHS and/or custodial services and they’ll get the appropriate disposal containers for the building.
7. Chris Grant reported street and way finding signage is being installed by DPS and on West Circle Drive. McKenny Drive will receive pedestrian crossing signage and a 10mph speed limit sign. The signs are schedule to be installed before classes resume in January.

8. Joanne Hansen inquired about the cut-outs for handicapped parking in the McKenny & Oakwood Lots. Chris Grant stated that the Physical Plant is looking into installing an additional wheelchair ramp by McKenny that would lead up to the crosswalk by Cross. A plan to resolve the Oakwood Lot issue is in the works.
9. Joanne also stated that the large aesthetic stones located by the Oakwood Lot keep getting moved around, and there is concern they'll become snow-covered and cause injuries. Chris Grant reported there is a campus map close to those stones and that Physical Plant is going to resolve the problem by clearing out some of the rocks and building a pathway to the map.
10. Mark Wesley reported that changes to the Student Center head panel programming were made and it along with the outdoor speaker system will be tested on December 21.
11. Mark also believes EMU will need to become more proactive in outdoor weather monitoring in the future due to the number of outdoor events being held.
12. Akosua Dow reported the flooring project in Starkweather Hall should be completed soon. The furniture will be moved out of the hall on Thursday (12/20), work begins Friday, and the project should be completed by December 31.
13. Mark Monarch reported the Mark Jefferson project was on schedule to be completed by the end of January.
14. Tom Kovacs inquired if signage was ever installed on the doors connecting Mark Jefferson and Strong because there was no window on the doors and they were a safety concern. Kathryn stated she would follow up with the project manager.
15. Bob Heighes reported on the recent off-campus death, stating that there was no new information and that DPS was working together with the Ypsilanti Police Department to make any new information available to the campus as soon as possible.
16. Tom Kovacs inquired about the middle stairwell in Mark Jefferson. Kathryn reported that it wasn't an official exit route and explained why. She also reiterated that this would be relayed to staff and faculty in training.
17. Tom also asked if the door to the patio on the third floor of Mark Jefferson would ever be unlocked for emergency use. Kathryn reported it doesn't meet ADA compliance, wasn't designed for active use, and doesn't lead to an exit. Tom stated he thought it would be an asset if there was an active shooter on campus as it was his quickest way out of the building aside from traveling further into it. Kathryn, Bob and Mark reported they would follow-up.

18. Kathryn reported there was still progress being made on the EMU Stormwater website and that the site would launch soon.
19. Chris Grant reported he needs clarification on smoking signage for several areas, including Alexander, COB, Fletcher and Pierce. He is awaiting decisions from Plant Administration.
20. Various committee members reported that ash urns were being moved all over campus, that they were too close to doors and that smoke was getting into buildings. Chris Grant stated the urns are not all anchored down and to let him know of relocated urns and he would follow up.
21. Susan Campbell noted that she understands quitting is not a quick and easy thing to do, and that Eastern should consider addressing the smoking issues by the doors by being more accommodating to smokers by designating smoking areas.

**The next meeting is Friday, January 18, 2013 at 9 a.m.  
in room 204 Student Center.**