

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY HEALTH AND SAFETY  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
May 17, 2024**

**Attendees:**

Michelle Cesen – PPAT  
Cathy Gable – UAW 1976  
Tracey Grant – UAW 1976  
Kevin Lawson – Student Center

Tiffany Smith – UAW 1975  
Crystal Walrath - UACDC  
Kathryn Wilhoff – EHS

**Absent:**

Timothy Allen, Audrey Farrugia, Chris Grant, Laura Drabczyk, Don Gregory, Candace Hunter, Tanya Johnson, Kristen Klochko, Charles Krey, Matt Lige, James McEvers, Pat McGill, Emily McKinnie, Auggie Mickevicius, Lisa Mitchell, Mary-Elizabeth Murphy, Jeffrey Norris, John Sidelinker, Clifford Sims, LaMar Stewart, Shana Thompson, Joseph Torres and Mia VanSlyke

1. This meeting was conducted via Zoom.
2. The Committee welcomed Tracey Grant as the new representative for UAW 1976!!
3. The activity report for April/May was sent to the committee members prior to the meeting. The following item was discussed:
  - a. Crystal Walrath inquired if the leak in McKenny was related to the turning off of the heat, item 8ff. Kathryn Wilhoff noted there was an issue with the conversion of the HVAC systems from heating to cooling and a plugged floor drain. EMU Custodial staff responded initially and Belfor was called in for the remainder of the remediation and reconstruction.
4. Kathryn Wilhoff reported the following:
  - a. Jim is busy training students who are working in or volunteering to work in the research laboratories this summer.
  - b. Auggie is following up with the insurance audits and addressing training documentation with the change in the HR Learning Management System.
  - c. EHS is working with Tanya Johnson in the Science Complex on the industrial alcohol permit. Jim will be the point of contact for the permit.

5. Crystal Walrath inquired if EHS can look into a way to get student employees safety training now that the Bridge training system is gone. Kathryn indicated EHS will investigate if PPAT might be an option.
6. Cathy Gable is looking forward to retirement. We thank Cathy for her commitment to the University Health and Safety Committee and wish her all the best in retirement and her future endeavors!!
7. Michelle Cesen reported PPAT classes are going well. Kathryn noted Nursing is partnering with PPAT to offer BLS CPR certification for incoming nursing students. This was so successful last year, they've decided to make it part of the annual nursing orientation.
8. Kevin Lawson reported the following:
  - a. Monitors will be added to the Student Center and McKenny by the end of June.
  - b. IT has a campus-wide license for safety purposes to be able to broadcast emergency notifications on the monitors.
9. Kathryn ended the meeting with the following safety tip:

This summer is predicted to be another hot one. Please remember to:

- a. Stay hydrated
- b. Wear sunglasses
- c. Use sunscreen

**The next Health and Safety Committee Meeting is Friday  
June 21, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.**