

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY HEALTH AND SAFETY  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**April 16, 2021**

**Attendees:**

Audrey Farrugia - AAUP  
Becky Janes – Residence Life  
Tanya Johnson – Science Complex  
Kevin Lawson – Student Center  
James McEvers – EHS

Auggie Mickevicius - EHS  
Lisa Mitchell – FT Lecturer’s  
Dan Salk – Risk Management  
Crystal Walrath - UACDC  
Kathryn Wilhoff - EHS

**Alternate:** Jake Altman - AAUP

**Absent:**

Timothy Allen, Jennifer Jones Barnes, Mia Bass, Nina Contis, Cathy Gable, Chris Grant, Don Gregory, Bob Heighes, Kristen Klochko, Judith Kullberg, Pat McGill, Stacie McMullen, Jeffrey Norris, Brian Pappas, Tracey Piercecchi, John Sidelinker, Beth Stoner, Shana Thompson, Joseph Torres and Jeanette Zalba

1. This meeting was conducted via Zoom.
2. The activity report for March/April was sent to the committee members prior to the meeting. There were no items for discussion
3. Auggie Mickevicius reminded everyone to please wear a mask or double mask and get your vaccination when you are able. Regarding COVID, Michigan is not in a good place currently. Please encourage others to do their part to stop COVID.
4. Dan Salk asked when the insurance agent comes to campus for the loss control reviews, does he need to complete the daily health pass. Auggie responded “Yes.”
5. Crystal Walrath reported the freshman class for fall semester is looking strong. She also noted the Epafs are due for summer student rehires.
6. Lisa Mitchell asked if the distancing guideline was now 3 feet for physical distancing. Kathryn responded “No, not for adults.” Lisa also asked how often classrooms are cleaned between classes. Kathryn and Jim noted the Custodial staff cleans used classrooms once a day, common areas are cleaned more often. Classrooms have been scheduled with one hour between classes to limit exposures.
7. James McEvers reported EHS reviewed the solar assisted woodchip stove, which had some issues when operated and the Autonomous Golf Cart, which could not be

tested due to mechanical issues. Jim continues to be busy with graduate and undergraduate students wanting to work in the research laboratories.

8. Tanya Johnson noted the Mark Jefferson air-handling units have been having problems the last few days. Kathryn asked Tanya to remind the laboratory users to report when they are having problems and not to assume someone else has reported the problem.
9. Jake Altman reported the AAUP has been very satisfied with the safety protocols.
10. Becky Janes noted Housing is preparing for winter closing and summer housing. Wise will be going off line for repairs in May. The residence halls will be closing on April 28 at noon. Summer housing will be in the Village A & B and the apartments.
11. Kevin Lawson noted the Student Center is closing April 28 – May 4 for waterline work. The freight elevator will be repaired soon and the passenger elevators are being repaired now. They are hoping to have the center stairwell resurfaced. Kevin asked Kathryn and Becky to let him know what buildings and housing units will be on-line this summer so the vending machines can be stocked.
12. Audrey Farrugia asked where can students go on campus if they have some virtual classes and some in person classes? Kathryn recommended discussing this with department heads and deans. Kevin will discuss with Meg Castro regarding possible space in McKenny Hall. Tanya noted the Library was available and some smaller classrooms were open for use last summer and fall. Jim also mentioned the outdoor picnic tables. Kathryn also sent Academic Affairs a request for information on this concern.

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