

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY HEALTH AND SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 2021

Attendees:

Jake Altman – AAUP
Tanya Johnson – Science Complex
Stacie McMullen – Athletics
Auggie Mickevicius – EHS
Lisa Mitchell – FT Lecturer's

Jeffrey Norris – Rec/IM
Beth Stoner – PPAT OSHA Training
Shana Thompson -DPS
Kathryn Wilhoff - EHS

Absent:

Timothy Allen, Jennifer Jones Barnes, Mia Bass, Nina Contis, Audrey Farrugia, Cathy Gable, Chris Grant, Jillian Graves, Don Gregory, Bob Heighes, Candice Hunter, Becky Janes, Kristen Klochko, Kevin Lawson, James McEvers, Pat McGill, Brian Pappas, Dan Salk, John Sidelinker, Joseph Torres, Crystal Walrath, and Jeanette Zalba

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 items were discussed:
 - a. Beth Stoner asked about item 3, The Science Behind Decluttering. Auggie briefly explained that decluttering one's work area has a very positive affect on a one's mental calmness as well as organizational readiness. This webinar was presented by Michigan Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The Human Resource department has arraigned for several wellness webinars over the next few weeks and encourages employees to participate.
3. Kathryn Wilhoff opened the round table discussion commenting on how activity is growing on campus in preparing for this semester's opening. She noted it seems hectic and knows we will get through it.
4. Auggie encouraged the committee to practice patience with others as we bring more people back onto campus. He noted that emotions and anxious actions are easily brought out of us during stressful times. He asked us to be conscientious as we all try to get back to normal.
5. Beth Stoner informed us the OSHA Training Institute is offering a Robotics Safety Course and anyone interested should contact her office. She reported seeing full black garbage bags being removed from the lower level of the building (Boone) and wondered if EHS knew what it was. Kathryn replied that it was damaged building material debris (mostly drywall) collected from the resulting flood water damage a few weeks ago.

6. Tanya Johnson asked why the flood damaged carpet in the basement of Mark Jeferson wasn't being replaced with tile? She thought the environment was better suited for tile if flooding should re-occur. Kathryn replied she would inquire about it at the Physical Plant. Tanya shared her observations that faculty members were getting back into their rooms and they were adjusting.
7. Lisa Mitchell asked how the contact tracing practice was going to be done for the semester? She wants to know what is the red line limit for COVID cases that will cause classes to go back online? Also will there be enough classroom spaces for in person classes based on distancing? Kathryn directed her to Ellen Gold and Wade Tornquist for answers.
8. Jeffrey Norris shared the Rec IM is busy evaluating their building and resources to determine how to reopen and what exactly will be reopened.
9. Jake Altman expressed concerns for the faculty regarding what policies and practices will be mandated for the return to classrooms and campus in general.
10. Shana Thompson reported the DPS Officers were completing an online CPR training module. She stated the newly selected Police Chief, Mathew Lige, is starting his employment with the University on Monday, August 23, 2021. Kathryn replied with a reminder that the hands-on skills section of CPR is extremely important for trainees to complete.
11. Stacie McMullen reported athletes are required to be vaccinated unless they have an approved exemption.
12. Jeffrey Norris shared a video clip of the Jones pool filter room flooding event. Discussion by multiple members took place during the playing of the video.
13. Kathryn closed the meeting announcing the next meeting date and time.

**The next Health and Safety Committee Meeting is Friday
September 17 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.**