

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

January 15, 2021

Attendees:

Timothy Allen – FT Lecturers
Nina Contis – Commission on Women
Audrey Farrugia – AAUP
Cathy Gable - GSR/UAW-1976
Chris Grant – Physical Plant
Becky Janes – Residence Life
Tanya Johnson – Science Complex
James McEvers - EHS
Stacie McMullen – Athletics

Auggie Mickevicius - EHS
Lisa Mitchell – FT Lecturers
Jeffrey Norris – Rec/IM
Brian Pappas – Academic HR
Dan Salk – Risk Management
Beth Stoner - PPAT
Joseph Torres – DPS Sergeants
Crystal Walrath - UACDC
Kathryn Wilhoff - EHS

Alternate: Jake Altman - AAUP

Absent:

Jennifer Jones Barnes, Mia Bass, Julie Berger, Don Gregory, Bob Heighes, Kristen Klochko, Judith Kullberg, Kevin Lawson, Pat McGill, Tracey Piercecchi, John Sidelinker, Shana Thompson, and Jeanette Zalba

1. This meeting was conducted via Zoom.
2. The activity report for December/January was sent to the committee members prior to the meeting. There were no discussion items from the activity report.
3. Beth Stoner reminded the committee OSHA trainings are available at a discount for EMU employees. The trainings available are available at <https://ppat.emich.edu/is-a-safety-certificate-in-your-2021-professional-development-plan>.
4. Auggie Mickevicius inquired about working at home ergonomics for the committee. No one had any concerns. Auggie also encouraged everyone to get the COVID vaccine as it becomes available. Currently Washtenaw County is vaccinating medical personnel and first responders. Those 65 and older are receiving vaccinations from Michigan Medicine, St. Joseph Mercy Health System or IHA.
5. Jeff Norris reported the Rec/IM is installing a new alarm system for when the pool is closed. Pool staff are also taking the Bridge Pool Safety Training developed by Auggie.
6. Dan Salk reported he is working on the insurance renewals.

7. James McEvers reported he is scheduling return to work walk-throughs in preparation for in person classes resuming on January 25.
8. Cathy Gable introduced herself as the new representative for ORDA/GSR and the PT union, UAW 1976.
9. Stacie McMullen had nothing to report for Athletics.
10. Brian Pappas had nothing to report.
11. Becky Janes noted the Residence Halls are opening today for students to return and 70 new students are moving in.
12. Nina Contis had nothing to report.
13. Audrey Farrugia inquired about the vaccine priority for the University. Auggie noted the University is following the direction of the Washtenaw County Health Department. Currently those 65 and older are eligible for the vaccine as well as first responders.
14. Lisa Mitchell had nothing to report.
15. Crystal Walrath reported that student employment is still very busy with all the hires for winter semester.
16. Joe Torres reported DPS is assisting at the Convocation Center with the vaccination clinics.
17. Chris Grant reported several parking lot closures for winter – Pine Grove, Oakwood North, the north portion of the Ann Street lot and a portion of Green lot 1. There are also some outdoor stair closures to minimize winter maintenance.
18. Tim Allen had nothing to report.
19. Tanya Johnson reported some labs have opened with the start of classes on the 13th.
20. Jake Altman had nothing to report.
21. Kathryn reported for Kristen Klochko the building entry screeners will be back on the 19th.
22. Kathryn reminded the committee that when coming to campus be sure to review your work spaces for leaks, mice or other issues and submit work orders accordingly as there are fewer people on campus to notice maintenance issues.
23. Kathryn reminded everyone to STAY SAFE and to get your COVID vaccination.

**The next Health and Safety Committee Meeting is Friday
February 19 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.**