

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY HEALTH AND SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2021

Attendees:

Chris Grant – Physical Plant
Judith Kullberg – AAUP
Kevin Lawson – Student Center
Stacie McMullen - Athletics
Auggie Mickevicius - EHS

Lisa Mitchell – FT Lecturer’s
Brian Pappas – Academic HR
Dan Salk – Risk Management
Kathryn Wilhoff - EHS

Absent:

Timothy Allen, Jennifer Jones Barnes, Mia Bass, Nina Contis, Audrey Farrugia, Cathy Gable, Don Gregory, Bob Heighes, Becky Janes, Tanya Johnson, Kristen Klochko, James McEvers, Pat McGill, Jeffrey Norris, John Sidelinker, Beth Stoner, Shana Thompson, Joseph Torres, Crystal Walrath and Jeanette Zalba

1. This meeting was conducted via Zoom.
2. The activity report for May/June was sent to the committee members prior to the meeting. The following items were discussed:
 - a. Addressing item 9w, Kathryn asked Kevin if anyone reported concerns regarding water condition in the Student Center. Kevin reported no then Kathryn explained the phenomenon occurring due to the lack of water moving through the water lines.
 - b. Kevin and Kathryn also discussed the recent announcement from the Governor regarding relaxing of more COVID 19 restrictions. Kathryn reminded the committee that MIOSHA and the University have not changed the COVID-19 safety requirements so we are to continue to follow the protocols in place.
 - c. Kevin announced the Student Center Ballroom is going to be transformed back into a ballroom. There are concerns with the training needs for the employees while transitioning from restrictions through reduced restrictions to eventual “normal”.
 - d. Chris Grant reported a safety concern regarding a tent being raised near the Lake House in a location with underground utilities which was not his directed location. Kevin was concerned as well and was going to look into ways to keep this from recurring. Kathryn encourage everyone to be more aware of issues like this since there are many new staff members in many areas.
 - e. Kathryn noted item 6 on the activity report listing many new pieces of equipment for safety review was a sign of preparations for the start of the fall term. She mentioned that the department personnel were following safety guidelines by requesting equipment having the NRTL certification. She also noted, the CO₂ tanks were removed from the Starbucks storage room.

3. Chris Grant updated the committee on the many projects occurring through the Physical Plant. They ranged from concrete repair/replacement/ADA matting, arbor work to building demolition and bollard replacements. Kathryn informed Chris of a catch basin near the REC/IM dock door in need of repair. Chris also shared a report of vehicular traffic on the Student Center bridge. The bridge is not designed for vehicular loads. Signage indicating no vehicles needs to be reinstalled.
4. Dan Salk announced his retirement being effective June 30, 2021. His position will be merged with the Emergency Managers position.
5. Stacey McMullen reported planning for athletic activities (competition as well as camps for the various sports) is on-going.
6. Brian Pappas had nothing to report
7. Lisa Mitchell had nothing to report.
8. Kevin Lawson told us interested parties are eager to use the facilities for events as they are planning for activities after the pandemic. He also is getting the building physically ready by contracting window cleaning and coordinating other preparations. Auggie requested to be kept in the loop to review any new window washing companies to ensure safety policies are followed.
9. Judith Kullberg had no issues to report. She told the committee she was very impressed with the work that was done as demonstrated by the long list of activities and actions taken. She asked when access to office for all employees was going to take place. Kathryn responded she didn't know but would expect directions coming from the Provost's Office and the President thru their weekly updates.
10. Kathryn Wilhoff reported for James McEvers, he has been very busy training researchers on protocols for returning to laboratories and some class rooms. He is also reviewing equipment almost weekly for NRTL certifications. Kathryn went on to say that the campus is moving forward with many efforts by the Custodians, Contractors, and Physical Plant employees to prepare the campus for the fall term.
11. Auggie Mickevicius mentioned activity in buildings is taking place randomly sometimes unscheduled. He asked if any of the committee members noticed activity of this nature happening don't hesitate to drop us a notice as we want to be sure safety protocols are followed for the safety of the campus community. Kathryn confirmed that there are many protocols that are in place to ensure safety during this pandemic and not everyone is aware of them.
12. Kathryn gave a closing comment and thanked everyone for their support.

**The next Health and Safety Committee Meeting is Friday
July 16 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.**