

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

March 19, 2021

Attendees:

Nina Contis – Commission on Women
Cathy Gable - GSR/UAW-1976
Chris Grant – Physical Plant
Becky Janes – Residence Life
Tanya Johnson – Science Complex
Kristen Klochko – Engage@EMU
Kevin Lawson – Student Center
James McEvers – EHS

Pat McGill – DPS Officers
Stacie McMullen – Athletics
Auggie Mickevicius - EHS
Jeffrey Norris – Rec/IM
Dan Salk – Risk Management
Beth Stoner - PPAT
Crystal Walrath - UACDC
Kathryn Wilhoff - EHS

Alternate: Candice Hunter – Academic AAUP

Absent:

Timothy Allen, Jennifer Jones Barnes, Mia Bass, Julie Berger, Audrey Farrugia, Don Gregory, Bob Heighes, Judith Kullberg, Lisa Mitchell, Brian Pappas, Tracey Piercecchi, John Sidelinker, Shana Thompson, Joseph Torres and Jeanette Zalba

1. This meeting was conducted via Zoom.
2. The activity report for February/March was sent to the committee members prior to the meeting. The following items were discussed:
 - a. Stacie McMullen asked about item 2i, Music's Softball Renovation. While the Music Department was making modifications to the lockers in the building, they found mold. The work was stopped and EHS and Facilities are working to understand the scope of the work and who is performing the work.
 - b. Stacie also asked about the status of the pool diving equipment safety, item 2e. Auggie Mickevicius and Dan Salk reported EMU is working with our insurance carrier on any requirements or regulations and what other schools are doing to determine best practices for maintaining the diving equipment.
 - c. Stacie inquired about the N95 vs KN95 research, item 7o. Kathryn indicated the Athletes would not be using the N95 masks for travel. She also noted the KN95 may affect the respiratory system more than the N95s. EHS is doing more research.
 - d. Pat McGill asked about item 7c, the electrical safety issue in Marshall. He inquired if it presented a fire hazard. Kathryn noted the outlets are in the floor and over the years have been damaged. This has created trip hazards. Auggie also noted the building is a green building so the cleaning products are different.

Custodial staff are trying to find an appropriate product to use for cleaning that does not damage the outlets. The Electrical Shop has looked at alternate methods of providing electrical outlets. Unfortunately, all the options are very expensive. Currently, the room should be arranged so the tables are over the outlets so they do not create a trip hazard.

3. Crystal Walrath had nothing to report.
4. Auggie Mickevicius had nothing to report.
5. James McEvers noted he is still doing many return to research walk-throughs. He expects EHS will be very busy if the COVID physical distancing measurement changes from 6 ft. to 3 ft.
6. Pat McGill reported approximately 80% of the officers are vaccinated. DPS will be starting active shooter training in the near future.
7. Cathy Gable had nothing to report.
8. Dan Salk reported he had met with Sunglo and the insurance adjuster at Westview I in response to the large flood. Kathryn noted abatement work was needed to remove the popcorn ceilings and walls for the flood repair work.
9. Nina Contis had nothing to report.
10. Jeff Norris reported a new camera was being installed over the pool. He also asked who checks the emergency phones on campus. Kathryn and Pat noted SEEUS checks them weekly.
11. Candice Hunter had nothing to report.
12. Kevin Lawson noted the Student Center elevators are being repaired. They are trying to book summer camps. There will be no sleepovers. Internally, the Student Center staff are also preparing for other events when the restrictions are lifted. Finals event being planned for the patio as a pass through, no lingering activities.
13. Stacie noted Athletic competitions are ongoing. The Swimming and Diving MAC Competition will be on EMU's campus this year.

Stacie also noted the COVID vaccination clinics are still ongoing at the Convocation Center. They will be increasing the number of days and hours for the clinics and adding a bus service for those without transportation.

14. Becky Janes noted things are quiet in Housing and only one person is in quarantine. The numbers are on par with previous years for returning students.

The residence halls will be closing on April 28 at noon. Summer housing will be in the Village and the apartments.

15. Tanya Johnson reported the raccoon is gone!!! If distancing changes in the summer, all the labs will need to be re-measured in a tight timeframe.
16. Chris Grant is creating a project list for this spring/summer. Grounds is working with the DRC to address any concerns they have.

Chris also reported additional “pick up your dog’s waste” signs are being installed. Grounds did some clean-up work on the 800 Lowell site, removing tires and debris and they are patching potholes. Grounds and LazParking plan to have bulk cold patch stored on campus for ready availability to patch roads and lots.

17. Kristen Klochko reported Engage@EMU is waiting to learn which buildings will need to be staffed with screeners in the summer.
18. Beth Stoner noted some of their safety training is scheduled to be on campus. She inquired if the Pease paid lot was available for use and Chris Grant reported it is available. Beth will be reaching out to Telehealth regarding any requirements for international arrivals taking courses on campus.

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