

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY HEALTH AND SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 20, 2020

Attendees:

Susan Campbell - GSR/UAW-1976
Chris Grant – Physical Plant
Audrey Farrugia – AAUP
Becky Janes – Residence Life
Tanya Johnson – Science Complex
Kristen Klochko – Engage EMU
Judith Kullberg - AAUP
Kevin Lawson – Student Center

James McEvers – EHS
Stacie McMullen – Athletics
Auggie Mickevicius- EHS
Lisa Mitchell – FT Lecturers
Brian Pappas – Academic HR
Dan Salk – Risk Management
Beth Stoner - PPAT
Kathryn Wilhoff - EHS

Absent:

Jennifer Jones Barnes, Mia Bass, Julie Berger, Don Gregory, Bob Heighes, Pat McGill, Jeffrey Norris, Tracey Piercecchi, John Sidelinker, Shana Thompson, Joseph Torres and Jeanette Zalba

1. This meeting was conducted via Zoom.
2. The activity report for October/November was sent to the committee members prior to the meeting. The following discussion occurred:
 - a. Kathryn Wilhoff noted in item 1 that the CPR, AED and First Aid training via Zoom went well and the hands on portion will be conducted in January if state mandates allow. Monthly CPR, AED and First Aid trainings will resume in January, by Zoom until further notice. EMU has lost a number of our CPR trained employees so we need to recruit more faculty and staff to be trained.
 - b. Susan Campbell asked if all the equipment listed in item 4 passed. Jim McEvers reported all were NRTL listed and passed.
 - c. Susan Campbell asked about proper battery disposal procedures for residents. Jim noted that while at home you can dispose of batteries in the normal trash, the best practice is to recycle them at municipal drop offs. For EMU employees, batteries can be placed in the white battery recycling containers on campus.
3. Jim reported due to the latest COVID restrictions, he has had to cancel several appointments scheduled with researchers wanting to return to campus. Research is back to Phase 1.

4. Chris Grant reported the following:
 - a. Grounds has been trimming trees along the main mall, Normal Street Lot and Pease.
 - b. Grounds has also been removing dead trees and doing storm clean-up.
 - c. The concrete contractor has repaired outdoor stairwells by the Lake House and Roosevelt and repaired the Public Safety Building (DCIII) loading dock. Sidewalk repairs and catch basins in various locations have also been repaired.
 - d. One Grounds person was fit tested for a respirator.
 - e. The RFP for snow removal at the apartments has been sent out and a contractor should be selected shortly.
 - f. This year several lots will be closed and not plowed. The smaller Oakwood lots will be closed; other larger lots will have sections barricaded.
5. Auggie Mickevicius reported he has created on-line training in Bridge for Asbestos Awareness and Lead Awareness. Committee members were encouraged to take these trainings. The trainings will be assigned to those required to take the training.
6. Dan Salk had nothing to report.
7. Kevin Lawson asked for a list of open buildings in order for the vending contractor to stock the ones needed. Kathryn noted the Residence Halls, Halle, McKenny, Mark Jefferson and Strong should be considered.
8. Lisa Mitchell had nothing to report but did note with her students she is noticing more no-shows to on-line classes and some stress issues that have been referred to CAPS.
9. Stacie McMullen had nothing to report but addressed Kathryn's question regarding Athletics and compliance with recent state requirements. Stacie reported most office staff are working from home again and teams are being tested six days a week (except the swim and dive teams whose season ends now). The number of positives has been low.
10. Brian Pappas had nothing to report.
11. Becky Janes reported the residence halls do not close for Thanksgiving but the numbers of residents is lower, approximately 600 have signed up to stay. The Housing & Residence Life (HRL) staff will be doing building checks for open windows on Sunday and Monday. The HRL office will be closed the week of Thanksgiving.
12. Tanya Johnson had nothing to report.
13. Audrey Farrugia had nothing to report.

14. Judith Kullberg asked about item 12 dd, asbestos abatement in Hill Hall x 2. Kathryn noted that an initial visit is needed to understand the scope of the abatement work in order to have the abatement contractor come prepared for the needed work. A second site visit is needed for the actual abatement work. The abatement work in Hill was several pipe fittings and the associated fiberglass pipe insulation. The work was completed that day.
15. Judith also asked about the COVID testing of employees. Brian reported the tests have been offered to instructional staff but no tests have been conducted yet. The process is still being worked on and the notification has not been sent out.

Kathryn noted that some employee groups have been tested, for example, Physical Plant, DPS and Residence Life.
16. Kristen Klochko noted that screening stations are still active in 7 buildings for next week including Alexander, Crossroads, Eateries, Halle, McKenny, Rec/IM and Student Center.
17. Beth Stoner noted some of the PPAT courses are being held in Boone but very few. Beth also noted they will be doing a CPR and first aid training for COE graduates who need the training for their licensure. She noted they are checking with the Red Cross and will talk with Kathryn about the contractor she uses.
18. Thank you to today's note taker Susan Campbell. Also Happy Birthday Susan!!!

**The next Health and Safety Committee Meeting is Friday
December 18 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.**