

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

**September 17, 2020**

**Attendees:**

Susan Campbell - GSR/UAW-1976  
Audrey Farrugia - AAUP  
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  
Lisa Mitchell – FT/PT Lecturers  
Brian Pappas – Academic HR  
John Sidelinker – FM  
Beth Stoner – PPAT - CORR  
Shana Thompson – DPS Sergeants  
Joseph Torres – DPS Sergeants  
Kathryn Wilhoff - EHS

**Guest:** Jake Altman – AAUP

**Absent:**

Jennifer Jones Barnes, Mia Bass, Julie Berger, Chris Grant, Don Gregory, Bob Heighes, Judith Kullberg, Jeffery Norris, Tracey Piercecchi, Dan Salk and Jeanette Zalba

1. This meeting was conducted via Zoom.
2. The activity report for August/September was sent to the committee members prior to the meeting. Since the focus of EHS activities was on COVID, Susan Campbell asked for a summary. The following discussion occurred:
  - a. Kathryn Wilhoff reported the bulk of her involvement has been with deans and departments preparing for the fall semester and COVID plan compliance.
  - b. James McEvers reported his focus has been on the labs and research in Chemistry, Biology and Arts for researchers and graduate students, recently 60+ undergraduates were added in Chemistry and Biology. Students have been following the rules in these areas.
  - c. Kathryn noted Plant has been busy with the directional signage, entry and exit signage, room capacity signage and classroom creation in non-classroom spaces.
  - d. Kathryn also noted student non-compliance with face covering requirements at the Student Center when three and four students were at tables, not eating but studying and none of them were wearing face coverings.
  - e. Stacie McMullen reported things are going well in Athletics regarding COVID testing. Athletics has tested over 550 people and had less than 1 % positive results. She also stated they are addressing issues on non-compliance. Pods of ten have been established for the athletes. The pods of students eat, workout out, etc., together all the time.

3. Kathryn reported for Jeanette Zalba who is busy with Move-In today. There will be a little over 1000 students moving in this weekend for a total of 2,030 students living on campus. This is down from 3,200 last year.
4. Pat McGill asked Stacie for assistance in addressing concerns from the Eateries staff who have to remind the athletes repeatedly to put on their face coverings. Stacie thanked Pat for the information and she will share that with the Administration. Stacie also noted that Athletics has established an anonymous reporting system to reduce compliance issues.
5. Pat also noted the campus organizations are being discouraged from having parties.
6. Susan Campbell questioned when and if they will be going back to Boone. Kathryn indicated this was unknown at this time.
7. Auggie Mickevicius reported he did a home ergonomic setup query review, which was very successful, and he is willing to assist others, just call (7-0794) or email him at [amickevi@emich.edu](mailto:amickevi@emich.edu).
8. Lisa Mitchell asked if it is possible to bring her office chair home while working at home. She is having ergonomic issues. Auggie will investigate. Lisa also asked what people should do regarding face covering non-compliance. Kathryn noted that in classrooms, the instructor has control regarding enforcement. Engage EMU will have ambassadors in the halls reminding people to wear their face coverings. Jim McEvers noted that many students do not read the emails regarding COVID or other issues. Jim and Kathryn both noted that if you are comfortable addressing someone not in compliance, politely tell them the policy and remind them that they must do it to keep everyone as safe as possible. The more time they hear it the better. Lisa requested the committee meeting be returned to Friday's.
9. John Sidelinker reported the fire techs are catching up on inspections.
10. Jake Altman noted things seem to be going pretty well.
11. Shana Thompson reported DPS is busy with Move-In today. Sgt. Thompson reminded everyone to LOCK YOUR CAR!!!!!!
12. Joe Torres noted there has been more activity on campus and expects even more with move-in. He noted most people have been compliant.
13. Kevin Lawson will instruct the Student Center/McKenny staff to continue to address compliance issues as they see them both inside and outside.
14. Beth Stoner noted the OSHA trainings are mostly all virtual but they are looking forward to bringing the training back to campus sometime later this fall or early next year.
15. Audrey Farrugia also requested the committee meetings be moved to Friday.

16. Kristen Klochko reported she and Julie Vogl are handling the campus COVID screening check in stations. Seven buildings have been in operation for two weeks. On Monday, 25 buildings will have operational screening stations. The stations will primarily be in operation from 8 – 5, please let Kristen or Julie know if a station does not have an attendant at [kklochko@emich.edu](mailto:kklochko@emich.edu) or [jvogl@emich.edu](mailto:jvogl@emich.edu).
17. Kevin asked who is responsible for the building signage. Kathryn indicated Bob Densic and Kay Sekerak.
18. Kevin also asked for a list of classes and times, as it would be helpful for Building Managers to know when rooms need to be unlocked. Kristen also noted she needs that list too. Brian Pappas said he would send these requests to Jim Carroll.
19. Lisa asked about keys for classrooms. Kathryn noted the key process remains the same for obtaining keys from the key office.
20. Tanya Johnson asked if the Urgent Care at IHA@EMU was open again. After the meeting, Kathryn learned that the Urgent Care is seeing patients again. The hours are currently limited but Ellen Gold is looking into having more hours of service with people returning to campus.
21. Kathryn thanked everyone for all their efforts regarding COVID compliance and the return to campus preparations.

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