

Montana Tech Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2016 9:00 am – 10:10

Present (17): George Williams, Marilyn Cameron, Staci Werner, Dan Payne, Bill Gleason, Rob Smith, Darlene Voss (substitute for Matt Egloff), Alan Christensen, Angela Johnston, Tom Barsanti, Jeanne Larson, Brian Vieke, Karen Wesenberg-Ward, Monty Dolson, Scott Rosenthal, Amanda Badovinac, Larry Surrisi

Absent: Doug Abbott, Michael Allen, Paul Beatty, John Garic, John Getty, Jim Girard, Beverly Hartline, Roger Jensen, Mike Kukay, Todd Myse, Dennis Noel, Dan Owens, Tammy Todd, Matt Egloff, Maggie Peterson, Rich Schrader, Jackie Timmer

Call to Order: Chair, George Williams, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am on 9/15/2016, in the Kelly-Steward Room.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Bill Gleason and seconded by Jeanne Larson to approve the minutes from April 27, 2016. The motion was approved.

Review of accidents since the April 27, 2016 meeting:

There have been twelve employee incidents since the last meeting: 5 strain/sprains, 2 struck-by's, 2 falls, 1 strain/hernia, 1 bruise, and 1 inflammation. Five of these incidents required medical attention, four of them were lost time incidents, and five were OSHA recordables.

Old Business

Outdoor lighting: Dan Payne addressed this issue. Currently, all bulbs that burn out on campus are being replaced with LED bulbs, which give off more light. There is also a project to have wrought iron light poles installed by the HPER. The light pole between CBB and Mill is the model that will be used if approved. We are waiting for R&R Electric to replace the globe on this pole so that the Chancellor can give the okay to proceed with the project. Dan said he would contact R&R to see if we can get this done soon.

Two other lighting issues were mentioned: a burnt out bulb on the east entrance to the SUB and lights out by the library. Work orders have been put in for both of these issues. It is expected that they will be resolved soon as Tech has just hired a journeyman electrician.

Panic Button App: Marilyn will set up a demonstration of the Rave Guardian App at the next safety meeting; if there isn't time, we will add it to the agenda for the next meeting. Darlene Voss spoke about safety issues that occurred over the summer semester and how such an app would have been beneficial.

Training System Update: A new training system was discussed, Safety Skills. This training system would cost about \$2500 a year, much more affordable than previous systems reviewed. Marilyn is heavily considering this and it may be available next semester. It will be used for faculty and staff and perhaps graduate students.

One Time Money: Safety goggles, first aid kits, and first aid supplies were bought with one time money. These have been distributed to departments that have requested them. There are still supplies left. If anyone has any need, they can let Marilyn know.

Yield Signs: The wrong yield signs were ordered for use in the tiers. Signs received are too small. New signs may have to be purchased.

Crosswalk Signs: Lighted crosswalk signs that were purchased with one-time money have not yet been installed except by the HPER. Concern about the crosswalk on the east side of the statue was brought up again as a concern. As Dan had already left the meeting, Marilyn stated that she would follow up with him to see where we are with installation.

Inspections: Not all lab inspections were completed in the spring. Previously, Tech has required lab inspections to take place twice a year. We are now considering switching this to once a year, with monthly inspections being completed by TAs and PIs. Lab directors in attendance of the meeting all agreed that this seemed like a better idea. Marilyn will get a form to the committee for monthly inspections to review. If we switch to once a year, the annual inspections should be completed in the fall, by the end of October.

New Business

Lab Safety: Marilyn expressed concern with the lack of consistency for lab safety. Some professors will remove students from class when they do not complete lab safety by the due date; others will allow the student to make it up with a ten-page paper. If professors state in their syllabus that any student not completing lab safety would be removed from the class and follow-up with an announcement in class, they are within their rights to unenroll students. It was mentioned that Doug Abbott could include this in his annual syllabus training. Not all lab directors in attendance were in agreement with this. No consensus was reached.

Other Business

Next Meeting: Today's meeting went over time, and not all agenda items were addressed. Instead of waiting another month to meet, another meeting will be scheduled in the next couple weeks using Doodle Poll.

Submitted by Staci Werner, EHS Intern