

**Montana Tech Safety Committee (SC) Meeting Minutes  
December 7, 2009**

**Present:** Doug Abbott, Amanda Badovinac, Sally Bardsley, Paul Beatty, Marilyn Cameron, Alan Couture, Matt Egloff, Angela Johnston, Jeanne Larson, Steve Luft, Mary North-Abbott, Steve Salminen, Karen Wesenberg-Ward

**Absent:** Louie Blood, Tom Bowler, John Getty, Bill Gleason, Julie Hart, Roger Jensen, Mike Kukay, Steve McGrath, Paul Miranda, Maggie Peterson, Rich Pylypuw, Fred Sullivan, Jace Swandal

**Call to order**

1:35pm called to order by action

Secretary elected/volunteered: no one

Approval of Minutes from October 12, 2009

Review of accidents since 10/09

3 strains--2 backs, 1 finger

Back – Recordable (R), no Lost Time (LT)

Chemical Burn – 2 students

Not R because students, no medical

Finger brace – R

Stiff brace (other than ace bandage) is R

Slip on ice, fracture, surgery  
expensive WC claim

**Unfinished business:**

- Lab inspections & follow-up
  - Only one set of Lab Inspections has been submitted
  - Issue re outsider (guest lecturer) who thought we had no lab safety protocols
    - No ppe, unlabeled, uncovered chemicals
    - Peanuts in lab seen by others!
  - Doug A: related issue re benefactor who had the impression that Tech had no safety protocols
  - Important that inspections are done every semester!
- Lighting update
  - Lights are up in the tiers
  - Still \$25K left in budget
    - Dennis Lowney said we could get 6 more solar lights
      - Do we want solar or more illuminating lights?
      - Must plan, get lights purchased
      - Campus light schematic?
      - Doug A: has anyone approached BSB?
        - They are responsible for Park St. to library parking lot
    - Near misses at all crosswalks
      - Fence routing people toward crosswalk suggested
    - Are aesthetics an issue re design?
      - Doug: Park St. is a first impression, so anything we do will cause comment
        - Should be decided by a group
        - M: could take it to the cabinet
        - M thinks solar should be considered
    - Major areas safety committee identified a couple years ago
      - Crosswalk between SUB and MG

- Crosswalk between parking lot and HPER
  - Add'l parking by dorm
    - Need lighting, M thinks we should have one at each end
- Drill review – M thinks they get better each year
  - Still issues re faculty telling students what to do
  - Centennial Hall had 2 evacuations last week
  - Campus Safety Act mandates one drill per year

**New business:**

- One time money requests – SC needs to get ideas/proposal together; can submit as many as we want. Doug A will check w/ Maggie re the one time money.
  - Any safety issue, large or small – ideas:
    - a. Indoor PA system (reader boards)
      - i. Frank likes this idea
      - ii. M is getting a quote on cost
      - iii. One more level of our emergency response system
    - b. Retrofit fire doors S&E bldg
      - i. Current doors aren't magnetic and are often propped open
      - ii. Need to be retrofitted so they will close if alarm rings.
    - c. Pedestrian access to tier parking
      - Providing sidewalk to/from tier parking
  - Committee ranked pedestrian access to tiers as #1 priority, followed by retrofit of fire doors in S&E, and then Indoor PA system. Any other ideas should be sent to Marilyn.
- Risk Management and Tort Defense grants
  - Offer grants for building-related issues
    - Fire doors may be a good idea here
    - Must get a cost estimate
    - This would free up campus money to be used for other things
    - Ongoing, no deadlines
- Work comp grants
  - WC committee has a surplus, will have a program for campuses to apply for grant money on the “people side”
    - What can we do to reduce WC claims?
    - Examples: the shoe grippers to prevent falls; shoes for crews
    - Lab, office area, anywhere
    - Send ideas to Marilyn
- Survey campus for safety concerns
  - Campus survey on safety concerns – would it be valuable?
  - Great idea—students, faculty, staff
  - Out in February
  - Angie, Mary N-A, Sally, Steve
  - What do we want to know?
  - Rating system – lighting, crosswalks, slips, trips, falls, personal safety (i.e. attacks), safety personnel available.
- Doug A: Student satisfaction survey
  - Tech students take this survey – in Pub. Folders under announcements & Paul Beatty's name
    - 5-7 questions re safety
  - Gap of 1 or more between importance and actuality
    - Tech had 15 gaps at one time
      - Parking – space and safety
      - One new gap = safe, secure parking lots
- Consider south campus for all of the above

Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Bardsley