

Montana Tech Safety Committee (SC) Meeting Minutes
10 FEB 2010

Present: Doug Abbott, Sally Bardsley, Paul Beatty, Marilyn Cameron, Matt Egloff, John Getty, Roger Jensen, Angela Johnston, Jeanne Larson, Mary North-Abbott, Fred Sullivan, Karen Wesenberg-Ward

Absent: Amanda Badovinac (maternity leave), Louie Blood, Tom Bowler, Alan Couture, Bill Gleason, Julie Hart, Mike Kukay, Steve Luft, Steve McGrath, Maggie Peterson, Rich Pylypuw, Steve Salminen, Jace Swandal

Call to order

12:05pm called to order by action

Secretary elected/volunteered: no one volunteered; John Getty agreed to take notes at this meeting

Approval of Minutes from Dec 12, 2009

Review of accidents since 12/09

9 total accidents

6 slip and fall, none were wearing grippers

1 repetitive motion

Unfinished business:

- Funding
 - Sidewalk from tier parking has been approved
 - One quote so far, waiting for others
 - Chancellor will be asked if construction students can do the design
 - 2 AEDS for NRB were approved
 - One time only (OTO) money, \$20k was allocated this FY
 - Retrofit of fire doors in S&E estimated at \$17k
 - Committee felt this should be delayed
 - Classroom function locks for COT, total \$7.5k
 - Committee supported this expenditure
 - Other teaching labs on north campus without locks. Will also take care of those.
 - Entrance mats – Facilities reports a minimum of 20 mats are required
 - Committee supports this expenditure
 - Need firm number of mats to order
- Lighting update
 - M took issue to the cabinet
 - Lighting desired for Park St crosswalks and new parking lot for Prospector Hall
 - Needs to be aesthetically pleasing
 - Still \$25K left in budget, carry-over in OTO
 - Solar was considered, are the panels aesthetically pleasing?
 - Cost of design by architects is an obstacle
 - Matt Egloff will assign to student in his industrial lighting course
- Lab inspections & follow-up
 - New list of space needing inspection drops labs in Petroleum Building, adds NRB
 - Try to complete inspections by spring break
- Subcommittee to survey campus for safety concerns; Sally, Angie, Mary

New business:

- The RMTD (Risk Management & Tort Defense) grant program is up in the air for FY11. Won't know until after July 1 if funding will be available. S&E fire door retrofit could qualify.
- Workers' Comp grant program is on hold for another year. No funds available.
- Tech was requested the last two calendar years to report accident history from OSHA 300 to Dept. of Labor & Industry. Summary:
 - 18 recordable accidents, 6 involved 250 lost workdays
 - 1 incident required 75 restricted work days
 - Injury rate measured as rate per thousand
 - 4.29 Montana Tech
 - 3.8 MSU
 - 2.4 national university rate
- Locked electrical panels
 - John Getty noted that locked electrical panels prevent rapid access in case of emergency.
 - Facilities has legitimate interest in knowing when breakers are tripped
 - OSHA regulations require that panels be "readily accessible", but this does not preclude panels from being locked assuming "those for whom ready access may be necessary have a key (or lock combination) available."
 - Getty suggested providing a key to an individual in each department, with instructions from Facilities on reporting required if the panel is accessed
 - VCAAR Abbott noted that the proposed solution might not solve a need for rapid access since the person with the key may not always be available.
 - Jeannie indicated that panels in her area are locked and she has made calls to Facilities to reset breakers.
 - Committee agreed to revisit this topic at the next meeting at which the new director of Facilities is present.

Meeting concluded at 1:05PM

Respectfully submitted,
John Getty