

Montana Tech Safety Committee Minutes

January 29, 2009

Attending

Marilyn Cameron, Doug Abbott, Roger Jensen, Celeste Callaghan, John Getty, Brett Gremaux (ASMT), John Henson (ASMT), Angela Johnston, Kaionie Herron, Jeanne Larson, Steve McGrath

Call to Order

Roger Jensen called the meeting to order at 10:00 am in the Kelley Steward room of the Montana Tech SUB. The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Review of Accidents since last meeting

Marilyn Cameron presented a summary of accidents on campus since the last meeting. Some of the accidents fall into more than one of the categories below.

The campus had 24 accidents since September 2008. Seven of those have been in January 2009. Nine out of 24 were slips/trips; 6 out of those 9 were slips on ice, one was a slip on sand, and the other 2 were trips over objects.

3 were cuts, one of which required stitches.

2 were repetitive motion injuries

3 were sprain/strains involving backs & necks

4 were from lifting and moving objects

3 ended in fractures

3 were caused by collisions with other people

1 was an allergic reaction

1 case of frostbite (denied)

The OSHA 300A had to be posted by February 1 and remain posted for 3 months. In 2008, Montana Tech had 13 recordable incidents, 34 lost work days, and 110 days of restricted work duty.

The incident rate for 2008 was 3.1 per 100 workers were recordable.

The nation-wide incident rate for all occupations was 4.2 per 100 workers.

The overall Montana incident rate was 6.3 per 100 workers.

Montana Tech was randomly selected by OSHA to submit all of our recordable incidents for 2008 and for 2009.

Unfinished Business

Lab inspections are being scheduled and the updated forms are easily accessible on the website.

Emergency Notification System

Marilyn reported on the various text messaging systems available, most of which are expensive. She found a system for a reasonable price (\$299/year), and Doug Abbott agreed to pay the fee. Marilyn will subscribe and get the information to the campus. The first step will be to send an email to the campus, followed by an article in the Technocrat. Doug Abbott also agreed to buy an ipod to give away in a drawing as an incentive for people to subscribe to the system.

One-time monies

The proposal for the one-time monies had to be submitted prior to this meeting. Marilyn and Roger, on behalf of the Safety Committee, submitted two items for consideration for one-time money.

The topic of speeding on campus was addressed again. The Safety Committee had submitted a proposal for a radar sign in previous years, but it had not been funded. The radar sign was the first priority for this year's money. (\$5000)

The second item was for money for new locks on the South Campus. On the North Campus, the locks on the classroom doors that could be changed were changed to locks that can be locked from the inside to allow for a lockdown. The locks for the South Campus will run about \$280 per lock. (\$5600)

The siren/PA system has been installed on Prospector Hall and the second unit is in the process of being installed on another building to cover the remainder of the campus.

Next Meeting TBA

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am

Submitted by Kaionie Herron
Acting Secretary