

Health Sciences Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2007

Present:

Kim Bryner
Andy Cockburn
Nina Clovis
Cindy Dalton
Stephanie Graham-Sims

LT. Allen Hill
Kevin Simpkins
Tom Hussion
Nasser Razmianfar
Bob Smith

Absent:

Ben Cantoni
Brad Fansler
Ben Johnson
Bob Lemley
Trudy Werry

Mike Cain
Dianne DeAngelis
Jeff Kerns
Buck Pennington
Debbie Piktel

Agenda:

1. Safety Concern e-mail Lack of lighting on Steps from PRT to Lot 81 and on Walkway from Learning Center to PRT Station.
2. Safety Issues of Pedestrian and Vehicle Traffic because of the construction in front of HSC.
3. HSC Safety Committee Annual Report.
4. Safety Issue Wooden Steps.
5. Lab Audit Update
6. Delineators Post for Parking Lots.
7. Training for Orthopedic Personnel.
8. WVU Central Receiving... Shorthanded of Personnel.
9. WVU Parking Committee Information.
10. Suggestion Addition of Steps from Physical Plant Parking Lot up to Lot 84.'

The meeting opened at 1 PM.

Mr. Smith: Indicated he had gotten an e-mail of a safety concern. He read the e-mail, it stated there was a lack of lighting for the steps below the PRT Station and it is very difficult to see the edging on the steps after dark. This person uses the steps when working late to go to their car in parking lot 81. Another issue of concern was the lack of lighting from the front of the Learning Center down to the PRT Station... (Smith read the e-mail)

I am going to forward the e-mail on to facilities to see if we can get some lights in those areas. Because of the construction out in front of the HSC there seems to be a lot of walkers going down to the PRT and lot 81. It was my understanding that permanent lights would not get put in out front until the construction was finished.

Mr. Hussion: Maybe they could put some of the temporary lights down there like the ones they had for the parking lots when they had the night football games this past year. It's just a suggestion.

Lt. Hill: I think those lights were rental units, they are mobile and could be placed anywhere.

Mr. Smith: I have also an e-mail that Carlotta concerning shutting down the sidewalk on the West side between Ruby and the Health Sciences because of the construction out front. I didn't know if everyone had gotten the e-mail. She suggest when walking between the HSC to the Emergency Department, the P.O.C., Eye Institute, or the parking garage to find an alternate route around the Cancer Center construction or through the Hospital. (Smith read the e-mail).

Lt. Hill: Our guys have been busy out front with the traffic and parking. At times there are some problems;

Mr. Smith: when I have been out front I have noticed there seems to be quite a line of cars waiting on the valet parking. It would seem that more pedestrian moving around the construction

because of the Cancer Center construction, they would have to walk in the roadway and that might pose a safety problem.

Mr. Hussion: I think most people realize, there are construction going on and will be careful.

Mr. Smith: Do any of you have any safety concerns? If not this may be a short meeting! I have a copy of the Committee's Annual Safety Report. (Report was passed around.)

Ms. Graham-Sims: I just want to comment, I think Bob done a wonderful job on the report! Mr. Smith: Are you sure you want this in the minutes?

Ms. Graham-Sims: Yes!

Ms. Bryner: The Lab audits are going well. I just got good feedback from Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology Department from the report we sent to them. I'm getting ready to move over to the Cancer Center and do the Lab audits there.

Mr. Hussion: Have you had any problems with people, when you go do the audits? Ms. Bryner: No! We work through the CHO's and we schedule the visits.

Ms. Graham-Sims: (Question to Lt. Hill) Have you gotten the delineators (Post) for the parking lots yet? Lt. Hill: No I haven't gotten them yet!

Ms. Graham-Sims: I talked to Paul Walden in Maintenance Engineering, and he told me he had them. You may want to check with him. Lt. Hill: OK!

Ms. Dalton: I just want to make a comment concerning my address and phone number the report has them listed wrong. My P.O. Box is 9600 and the telephone number is 293-4831.

Ms. Bryner: My phone number is also listed wrong in the report. Since Marilyn retired, I have her old number. It is 293-3968.

Mr. Smith: I will change them!

Ms. Graham-Sims: Kim Bryner, Lisa Hatfield and I gave some laboratory training in the Department of Orthopedics. Nina had requested the training because laboratory personnel were not performing to lab standards. I'm hoping this cleared up the problems you were having Nina?

Ms. Clovis: It did on some things, but the problem lies with the lab workers can't understand English. The PI for the one lab can understand English but it seems he doesn't want to relay the lab standards to his workers so they can practice safety in the lab. He doesn't feel it is his duty to inform them and he speaks their language. There should be some requirement for students and technicians to be able to understand English before they could work in labs. I know the University requires foreign students to take English as part of their curricular program. But I have been told it isn't a requirement for professional people.

Dr. Cockburn: Are these students? Have you expressed this to the PI that he is responsible for his personnel and that safety issues should be his concern? Have you talked to the Chair concerning this issue? The Chair's responsibility is to see that PI's understand these issues.

Ms. Clovis: Yes to all your questions! I have been and will document the issues. I have mentioned it to the Chair, he is aware of what is going on. The problems are still there. We work with unfixed tissue in our department and these people our doing ops, wearing their PPE, such as gown and gloves after they finish they do not take them off when they leave the lab, there is the possibility of contaminating everything they touch with their PPE's.

Mr. Smith: It would be best if you put all of these issues in writing to your Chair he is the one that must control the department. He and the PI must realize the consequences of not following safe practices.

Ms. Graham-Sims: I just wanted to let everyone know that with Rick's retirement down in Central Receiving, Kim and I have been asked to help Bob Wade out on shipping out hazardous things. We both are certified, and in checking with Rick before he left, he indicated there had not been many hazardous things being shipped lately.

Dr. Cockburn: Is there a plan to replace Rick? We probably need someone full time there, Does anyone know if Ben is coming back?

Mr. Hussion: He hopes too! He indicated that he wanted too as soon as he is able.

Ms. Graham-Sims: I don't think there will be a move to replace Rick until Ben comes back. I am on the University Parking Committee. We are working with the city and others in coordinating traffic in and around the campus and the city. If you have any suggestions the web-site is: planpark@mail.wvu.edu

Mr. Smith: Andy (Cockburn) has made a suggestion of putting steps from the Physical Plant Parking Lot up over the hill to parking lot 84. This would help those that go back and forth from the Chestnut Ridge Research Building to the HSC. Walking up the roadway is dangerous.

Dr. Cockburn: Walking up the hill is a lot easier than driving up and trying to find a parking space. There is a lot of people traffic between buildings. It would only take a short section of steps because there is a set of steps up to the Physical Plant Parking Lot from the Chestnut Ridge Research Building.

Meeting Adjourned 2 PM