

Safety Committee Meeting

September 25, 2008

Present:

Stephanie Graham-Sims
Tom Hussion
Andy Cockburn
Bob Lemley

Mike Cain
Kim Bryner
Frank Ali
Nasser Razmianfar

Graham-Sims: There was an introduction of the newest HSC Safety Committee member, Assistant Director, HSC Animal Lab Resources Frank Ali.

Updates:

1. New Intermodal Parking Facility will be located below the HSC PRT station.
 - a. Groundbreaking Ceremony on October 2nd.
 - b. March Westin has been awarded the contract.
 - c. The parking garage will be completed by next fall.
 - d. Construction to begin late October/early November 2008.
 - e. *The transportation hub will feature a 500-space parking garage, a covered Mountain Line bus terminal and ticket sale station, elevators and a covered bridge to WVU's nearby Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) station, a covered walkway to the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center and office space for the WVU Transportation and Parking unit. There will also be a central lobby area.*

The 7,000-square-foot facility will also provide bicycle racks, shower facilities for cyclists and shell space for future retail storefronts. It is expected to be completed by fall 2009.

Down the hill from the WVU Health Sciences Campus, near the site of the existing PRT station, the project will cost an estimated \$16 million, with \$5.1 million coming from a U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration grant.

2. An employee was injured while carrying materials down the stairs of the Learning Center. The employee was working here on Saturday for a Secondary School Schools Conference. The injury is being investigated.
3. The Area 84 Walkway (formally known as the Goat Path) has been paved and handrail have been installed. A large number of faculty, staff and students are utilizing the new walkway. Paving has improved the safety of the path and will improve maintenance of the path during inclement weather.
4. The Fall edition of the Safety Newsletter will be coming out soon. It is published quarterly and is posted on the Safety Website. Please forward the link and print out copies for employees in your department.

5. The back hallway on the ground floor HSC North is CLOSED as of Friday, September 19, 2008 for Animal Quarter construction.
6. Michael Schaller is the new Department Chair for Biochemistry. He is in the process of obtaining safety related training and certifications, as necessary.
7. September Safety Related Training
 - a. Basic Health and Safety training
 - b. Monthly Maintenance In-service
8. Robert Lemley noted that the 55 gallon drums of used cooking oil on the back loading dock have been effectively organized and stored. They cooking oil is being recycled.
9. Frank Ali noted that the wood bumpers on the loading dock need replaced.
10. Stephanie Graham-Sims informs committee that the stairwell leading from the Administration area to the outside area of the main cafeteria has rusted and the bottom step has become damaged. The stairway is closed until it can be replaced.
11. OLAR Issues:
 - a. Personal Protective Equipment issues were discussed. Policies regarding safety glasses, hearing protection, and safety shoes were reviewed.
 - b. Specific OLAR policies were discussed.
 - c. Accreditation looks at the Occupational Safety and Health issues- OLAR will be working closely with the HSC Safety Office before the next audit.
 - d. Issues relating to N-95s respirators were discussed.
12. Radiation Safety
 - a. Training for Maintenance Engineering for all of WVU (all shifts) will take place in October. However, training for Ruby is separate.
 - b. Discussed security issues relating to secure rooms.

Next meeting is Thursday, October 30th at 1:30 in the War Room.