



**Health Sciences Center  
Safety Committee  
Meeting Notes**

**Thursday, April 23, 2015**

**1:30-2:30PM**

**Attended:**

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| - Stephanie Graham-Sims | -Barbara Foster                      |
| - Mike Hughes           | -Nina Clovis                         |
| - Kim Bryner            | -Travis Knuckles                     |
| - Alexandra Elliott     | -Patrick Callery                     |
|                         | -Anna Crawford                       |
|                         | -Beth O'Neil                         |
|                         | -Kevin Engles                        |
|                         | -Angela Lemmon (Recording Secretary) |

**New Business:**

Stephanie Graham-Sims:

- Meeting called to order at 1:30PM
- Freight elevator progress –
- Asbestos concerns – There was a public forum held on Wednesday, April 15, 2015, to address any concerns or questions regarding the management of asbestos in place in the Health Sciences Center. Also, air monitoring results were shared with the group that confirmed that results were safe for building occupancy.
- Controlled substances issue – Currently working with the DEA. Researchers are reminded to complete all proper paperwork when transferring or disposing of controlled substances.
- DEP training inspection – EH&S will be receiving a report from the DEP related to training compliance at the University. All individuals working in laboratories with hazardous waste must have the training within six months of entering the laboratory.

- BRNI – fire alarm issues. There have been false alarms. Had to have a fire watch for a very short period of time while system was being corrected. It is now operating effectively. Building occupants are reminded to evacuate the building upon the sound of the alarm and not re-enter until an all clear is heard.

Kevin Engles:

- Reminding staff about training. Many took the training last year in May so they should be taking the training again this May.
- Many prefer the classroom training over online training.

Beth O'Neil:

- Staff in Pathology were concerned about the suspected asbestos issues. Appreciated the clarification on the matter.

Kim Bryner:

- Thanked the CHO's at the meeting regarding their assistance with the DEP training response.
- Chemical inventories are due June 1, 2015.
- Fume Hood inspections will be conducted in May.
- Annual safety shower inspections will be in May.

Mike Hughes:

- He will be inspection laboratory eye washes in the near future.

Nina Clovis:

- Construction is very noisy and disturbs work.
  - Stephanie stated that the dust issue should be better. If not contact the Safety Office.
  - Also, Stephanie will attempt to have the construction Project Manager attend next month's meeting to give an update on the construction.

Barbara Foster:

- DEP Training – There has to be a very organized system with oversight. Administration has to back up the CHO's and enforce the training. At Arts and Sciences she sends reminders out to anyone whose needs their yearly training.
- Prudent Practices in Laboratory is a great resource for all working in laboratories – information is available on line.
  - Pat Callery stated that compliance for training would likely increase if the training modules and test questions were applicable to the faculty/staff at the HSC.

The meeting was concluded at 2:20PM. The next meeting will be held on May 28, 2015. This meeting will take place on the second floor of the HS Biomedical Facility. The next meeting will be the last meeting until the fall semester begins.

## Old Business:

### Stephanie Graham-Sims:

- Called to order at 1:30PM
- DEA training went well. Seventy six people were in attendance. The plan is to eventually put the training on SOLE. We are currently waiting for the DEA to update and provide their PowerPoint.
- The main question at the DEA training was regarding buying controlled substances in bulk. The DEA does not recommend it. Doing so does not allow for adequate controls. The DEA requires accountability on those who hold licenses.
- Hazardous Waste Training – The DEP asked for documentation regarding training records on an inspection geared toward training compliance. We need 100% compliance. We will be sending reminders to those who did not take the training.
- The next in-person Hazardous Waste training session will be the end of May or beginning of June.
- The DEP was at HSC for the underground storage tank inspection.
- Laser Safety Training is now on SOLE.
- Lasers also need to be registered with the Safety Office.
- There were two ACUC related accidents. Please remind everyone that accident reports need to be completed for employees and students in 24 hours.
- High Hazardous Waste pick up went well.
- There have been some nuisance dust related issues some departments below the simulation center renovation project.
- There was a leak in the gross anatomy lab that was monitored and repaired.

### Pat Callery (Pharmacy)

- Wanted to thank Kim for getting hazardous waste material out of lab.
- Successful lab close outs
- Discussion regarding proper storage of chemicals.

### Kevin Engels (Physiology and Pharmacology)

- Chemical inventories. He sent disposal forms to everyone.
- Asked if there were any flammable cabinets available.

### Nina Clovis (Orthopedics)

- Inquired about the morgue. What will happen to the space once the morgue moves to the Preate Building? Stephanie stated that the gross anatomy lab preparation and storage area is supposed to move there.

### Dana Gray (Pathology)

- Dust issues in offices 2307 and 2306. There is a round vent that debris falls. Stephanie told her to call 3-4394. And ask them to seal the vent. A particle count had done in the area and levels were acceptable. However there were several new dust control measures that FM had put in place to alleviate the issue.

Adrienne MacLeod (Radiation Safety)

- It is regulatory compliance month. Nuclear Regulatory Committee has been inspecting. They completed their inspection. Everything is in compliance.
- The department has a new staff member and a new graduate assistant.

Anna Crawford (Library)

- The exit sign is still not posted where it should be posted.

Kim Bryner (Safety)

- Joyce from EH&S will be having a CHO training regarding how to fill out the new OSHA training lists. EH&S wants all training sheets to be filled out exactly the same by all department.
- Next week the list of high hazardous chemicals will be send out.
- In the next few weeks EH&S main campus will be looking at all labs to inventory high-hazard chemicals.
- Kim will be sending out an e mail regarding chemical inventories which will be due by June 1, 2015.

Lana Bunner (Ruby)

- Cytogenetic lab testing will be taking place.
- Ruby is waiting for Joint Commission.
- There is clutter in the hallways when no one is checking them.
- The DEP visited UHC. May be coming to Ruby soon.
- The DEP will be looking at the underground storage tanks at Ruby soon.

Meeting concluded at 2:20PM. The next meeting will be held on April 23, 2015, on the first floor of HS Biomedical Facility.