



University Safety Committee Minutes

Meeting Minutes Date: 08/09/23

Time: 1330-14:00 Zoom

Chair: Chad Johnson
Members Present: Drew Ayers, Sandra Murray, Dave Meany
Members Absent: Dave Sundstrom, Paige Hughes,

Guest:

The USC Met on June 8, 2023 from 0900-0930

I. Call to Order:

a. Introductions

II. Mandatory Agenda Items: (WAC 296-800-13020) - 30 Minutes

- a. Review Safety and Health Inspection Reports (**Chad Johnson/EHS**)
 - Consideration of Safety Hazard Trends and Corrections
- b. Evaluation of Accident Investigation Reports (**Chad Johnson/EHS**)
 - Determine if Cause(s) of Unsafe Conditions were Identified and Corrected
- c. Evaluation of Workplace Accident & Illness Prevention Program (**Chad Johnson/EHS**)
 - Discussion of Recommendations for Improvement, as needed

III. New Business; Employee State Premiums 2015 to 2022, Welcome letter/quarterly letter

IV. Members comments:

V Adjourn

Employee Incidents June 7 through August 7, 2023

<p>Turning off water at outside water source, crushed my thumb on my right hand using the vice grips as the water key was not working. We are working on getting the right tool to do the job and don't need to use vice grips to turn the water on and off.</p>
<p>Pouring wings into the fryer, wing got stuck and flopped harder than anticipated, hit the oil and splashed. A drop of the hot oil hit [REDACTED] on the left eyelid. He closed his eye, went and washed his face in the bathroom. Seemed alright, but then the burning starting affecting him more. He gently applied a small amount of burn spray on his finger and dabbed onto affected area.</p>
<p>It happened at the end of the day as I was walking to my car after saying bye to my co-workers. I attempt to go under the tree but did not realize the parking sign for visitors was right there. I hit my head at the end of the metal that's holding the visitor sign.</p>
<p>I was cleaning out one of my custodial closets and was attempting to remove a rusty razor blade from a razor holder, I was pushing the blade down on a surface when it broke and cut my right thumb by the nail,</p>
<p>Pulling morning trash, heavier than normal because of move out. Felt my lower right back muscle strain. Continued pulling excessively heavy trash throughout the day. Took Aleve got relief. Back felt alright the rest of the evening. June 15th continued pulling trash and pulled back again. Has been hurting all day. Excessive repeated lifting of dumpsters that are taller than me.</p>
<p>Was removing a machine called a de-hue from Streeter kitchen main floor. Wheeled to van. Tilted back and tipped over machine then grabbed the bottom to lift and slide into van. When I lifted and pushed in, felt strain in lower back, like a pulled muscle. Took some Motrin and now is a lot better. Time will tell.</p>
<p>I was investigating a note that said the batteries on the surge protectors were dead. I knelt down next to the desk that had things plugged into a surge protector and flipped the surge protector over to figure out how to access the batteries. An electronic pencil sharpener was still plugged into the surge protector and fell off the nearby tall filing cabinet onto the back left side of my head. Getting the Kingston lab ready for summer. Trying to figure out if I needed to add batteries (and what type) to the supplies list. Being unobservant about the length of the cords of things plugged into the surge protector.</p>
<p>We were told that our clinic would be moved to LA-Hall and we must pack up the clinic. We started months ago but once we ended clinic on June 19th we started to pack up everything. Over the past 2 weeks I have noticed a pain in the lower back more on the left its not going away so I wanted to fill this out.</p>
<p>I was pretty distraught when I got the news of an old friend passing away. I went to fill my coffee cup but in a moment of not thinking I put the cup in the microwave rather than filling it up. The cup is a smart cup with electronics and when I took the cup out it exploded and burned my hand. Note: Fire Department arrived to render assistance.</p>
<p>[REDACTED] was lifting items in our storage unit to prepare for surplus and strained his back.</p>
<p>I went to lift up the back gate of one of the trucks to close it, but it hit my shin and peeled a little bit of skin</p>
<p>Employees were taking a shelf back into the walk-in cooler. The shelving is taller than the door, so they needed to tilt it. The shelf caught the light fixture and in righting the shelf, the light cover popped off. It fell and struck Julie on the bridge of her nose, cutting her. They immediately stopped what they were doing and provided first aid.</p>
<p>[REDACTED] (student worker) had loaded our box truck with custodial supplies and was driving around campus delivering these supplies. During transport one of the boxes that contained a custodial cleaner chemical tipped over and spilled inside the truck. When [REDACTED] saw the tipped over box, he tried to handle it with his bare hands. Some of that chemical got on his fingers and Lucas reported a tingling sensation. He immediately washed his hands upon returning to the warehouse. I inspected his fingers and there appears to be minor chemical burns in his finger tips, it looked like white spots. They have now gone away and his hands/fingers appear to be completely normal.</p>

Student Incidents June 7 through August 7, 2023

Custodian Mary Hurd reported to me that a member of a camp visiting EWU had a bloody nose in the shower of the women's bathroom on the 3rd floor of Snyamncut hall. Mary had cleaned up the blood and disinfected the area using department protocol and I collected the materials and deposited them in the hazardous materials container at the EHS shed next to CES.

The kid was participating in EWU football camp. He was tackled and fell the back of his head bounced off the ground. I personally did not see it but was called over by coaches and football camp staff. EMS responded to the incident. They checked vitals and cleared him for any spinal/cervical injuries.

Covering athletic trainers were called to the gym due to athlete going down with a deformed ankle after falling and being stepped on when going up for a rebound. Upon arrival athlete was face down and in noticeable pain with a dislocated left ankle. [REDACTED] began talking to the athlete about what was going on. I removed the athletes' shoe/sock and held it to stabilize the joint while waiting for EMS. During the time [REDACTED] and I were working with the athlete we had another athletic trainer call 911. Once fire arrived they started an IV for medications and pushed meds. Once the athlete had some pain killers in his system, [REDACTED] and I splinted the ankle in a vacuum splint, assisted EMS with transportation to the gurney and then handed off the athlete to EMS staff.

During a scrimmage, the patient was falling backwards and fell on his right outstretched hand.