

EHS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 2021

Attendance:

Present: Lori Welch, Colin Long, Sara Steffes-Hansen, Kristina Mosley, Jason Griffith, Patrick Marcoe, Cpt. Chris Tarmann, Patrick Vander Zanden, Amy Ready, Greg Potratz, JoAnn Rife, Lt. Greg Weitz

Meeting called to order at 10:02 AM

Approve meeting minutes – C. Long

Minutes from the November meeting were approved by consensus. L. Welch announced that Anna Filapova has “retired” from the committee after many years of service. She works remotely and is no longer able to attend our meetings. Lori thanked Anna for her contributions to the EHS Committee.

Workers Comp Reports from UW System – L. Welch

There were no workers’ compensation claims reported in November!

Old Business

- a. Plans for **Working in Isolation** slowly continue to be submitted. Obtaining these from the rest of campus will be a long, slow process.
- b. Lori continues to work on the campus **Snow Removal policy** draft. As she’d noted at the November meeting, several stakeholders have provided input and the policy continues to be adjusted reflecting that input.

New Business

- a. L. Welch submitted an idea to promote safe behaviors on campus. The Engineering Dept at UW-Madison recently put winter **safety posters on the insides of restroom stall doors** in that building. Lori asked for discussion; questions and suggestions included: Will the posters be damaged by custodial cleaning or vandalism? If they are laminated, who will pay this cost? Could they be put in permanent plastic document holders that are screwed into the doors? How will they be cleaned? Who will periodically change the documents? Should these be in all buildings? Could we do a pilot project in one or two buildings? If so, how would we collect information on the effectiveness of the posters? Could we hang them by sinks or mirrors instead of stalls? UMC will have to be consulted about branding requirements. P. VanderZanden mentioned that Res Life Health Advocates have done this in residence halls. P. Marcoe said this is also done in restrooms at SRWC. Lori said she does not have the time to roll out and maintain this project. She will ask her peer at Madison for results of their campaign. We tabled this idea for now.
- b. J. Rife submitted a request from a marketing company, asking that **Res Hall elevators doors be used for advertising**. There was a lengthy discussion on pros and cons. In the end, it was determined there is no safety concern by allowing this project.

- c. L. Welch reported there have been four **slips and falls** reported on campus in the past 10 days. She explained how each season, the Risk & Safety Dept. and University Police work to improve data-gathering and communications to ensure more timely responses to hazardous conditions by working closely with Lisa Mick, supervisor of the Grounds and Auto Dept. All three departments strive to be proactive in managing these winter conditions.
- d. J. Rife updated the committee on the **construction occurring on Algoma Blvd.** next year. Construction is scheduled to run March through November, and the tear up will go straight through campus. It will affect steam pits, traffic lights, and IT infrastructure. Two-way traffic will remain on both Osceola and Woodland Aves. J. Rife has asked the city to hold a forum on our campus to discuss questions and concerns.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

UWOPD Ops & Intelligence Center Radford