Occupational Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 16th, 2016
9:00 – 10:15 AM
Dimond Library, Room 352

Members Present
Brian Cournoyer   Office of Environmental Health and Safety
Nora Molloy   Memorial Union Building
Carolyn Kimball   Athletics
Gene Gargano   Housekeeping
Mariah Bellington   Human Resources
Eric Gibson   University Hospitality Services
Guy Eaton   UNH Facilities (Facility Operations)
Robert Constantine   Library Administration
David Leach   Campus Recreation

Members Absent
Steven Luber   Housing
Susanne Bennett   UNH Facilities (Contracts Management)
Colin Williams   Facilities Construction Team
Dennis Dupuis   Health Services
Alan Bryce   Library Administration
Brandon Colby   Energy and Campus Development (Utilities)
Dean Elder   Animal Resources Office
Dan Corbeil   Information Technologies

Guests
Coleen Flaherty – UNH Sustainability Institute

The meeting was brought to order at 9:05am. A quorum was present. Committee Member Eaton welcomed Colleen Flaherty, UNH Sustainability Institute and introductions were made. A request was made to review the March 17th, 2016 meeting minutes. A motion to adopt the minutes was made by committee member Molloy. The motion was seconded by committee member Gargano and adopted by unanimous vote.

Committee member Cournoyer updated the committee on the status of the Indoor Air Quality Management Plan. The comments provided by the committee during the March meeting were addressed and incorporated. The plan was implemented in May 2016. Committee member Cournoyer introduced Colleen Flaherty who updated the committee on the role the Sustainability Institute had in its development, implementation, and current and future communications. A request was made to have members communicate the new program to their respective groups and to forward any questions to OEHS.
Committee member Cournoyer informed the committee that OEHS had completed the re-assessment of campus confined spaces and that the next phase of the project was to post all the identified Permit Required Confined Spaces with the applicable signage. OEHS Occupational Health and Safety Specialist Matt Smith has initiated this effort and as necessary would request assistance from committee members.

Committee member Cournoyer informed the committee that OEHS would again be sponsoring Fire Extinguisher Training in the fall of 2016. More information would be provided as the training is coordinated and scheduled.

Committee member Cournoyer updated the committee on the status of the use of the CEMS training module in regards to the Facilities Division. Currently OEHS is conducting training for supervisors managers on the use of CEMS are assisting with updating their user profiles. Once completed employee training will be conducted and its use implemented.

A review of two new program initiatives were presented by Committee member Cournoyer. A draft UNH Crane/Hoist Safety Program is in the process of being developed. The program will formalize the required inspections mandated by the current OSHA standard and streamline the training required for those that operate UNH Cranes and Hoists. The recently updated OSHA Silica Standard which now has a lower exposure limit has prompted OEHS to review those locations where potential exposures could occur. OEHS will be coordinating exposure monitoring in those increased risk areas and expanding exposure monitoring into academic and non-academic settings where other hazardous materials are used.

New Business:

Committee member Constantine inquired about the shallow pools located under the grates at the entrance to Iddles. With recent concerns over Zika and other mosquito borne virus’ are any controls in place to address.

Committee member Molloy informed the committee that DFD has conducted inspections for the MUB and the new inspector is requiring the applicable Zone Manager participate. Current inspection at the MUB involved looking at wall penetrations.

Committee member Leach requested assistance from OEHS on inspections of lifts. OEHS to work with Dave. In addition a significant trip hazard was reported on Main Street. Following the meeting committee members Cournoyer and Eaton visited several reported areas to inspect.

Committee member Gibson requested information on the disposal of gloves and rags from a recent staining project. Eric was forwarded to Marty McCrone, the OEHS Hazardous Waste Manager.

The committee chose to meet again on September 15th, 2016 at 9 am in Dimond Library Room 537. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.