The meeting was brought to order at 9:05 am. A quorum was present. Committee Member Eaton welcomed the committee and introduced Karrie Myer. Karrie is the new OEHS CEMS/Environmental Coordinator and brief introductions were made. Committee Member Eaton requested a review the March 26th, 2015 meeting minutes. A motion to adopt the minutes was made by committee member Kimball. The motion was seconded by committee member Bryce and adopted by unanimous vote.

Committee member Bellington provided a review of losses to date for the 2015 calendar year. When compared to the same time in 2014 both costs and the number of incidents rose. 2015 yielded 189 incidents, up 2 from 2014. In addition, the cost associated with the 2015 losses were at approximately $240,000, up approximately $113,000 when compared to 2014. Falls continue to be the greatest frequency and yield the highest costs to date. Committee member Bellington also reviewed 2015 significant losses. Five losses have contributed a total of approximately $165,000, of which two are the result of falls on campus.
Committee member Cournoyer updated the committee on the recently established Facilities Safety Committee. The committee was developed in an effort to further promote safety and establish routine inspections of Facilities Operations tasks. In addition the OEHS Occupational Health and Safety Specialist has been appointed to the committee as the OEHS representative.

Committee member Cournoyer reviewed the recent revisions to the Respiratory Protection Program, more specifically the medical surveillance requirements. Employees in the UNH Respiratory Protection Program are required to participate in the medical surveillance program. This includes completing an initial medical questionnaire and any follow up medical evaluations as requested by Health Services. In addition a subsequent medical evaluation is required. The program specified the re-evaluation frequency based on the employees age. Those in the program that were under the age of 40 would be required to be re-evaluated every five years with those 40 years of age and older to be re-evaluated every three years. After discussions with Health Services the re-evaluation frequency has been changed to every three years regardless of age.

Committee member Cournoyer updated the committee on the CEMS Training Management System. CEMS had recently been implemented by Campus Recreation and OEHS has been in discussions with Facilities Services. Kerri Myer is the new OEHS representative responsible for the management of the CEMS system.

Committee member Cournoyer updated the committee on the recent fall protection training and program. Training has been completed and OEHS will be setting up training for CY2016 for those new employees that would be required to utilize fall protection. In addition the program has now been expanded to all operating groups that would be required to utilize fall protection during work involving various campus lifts and scaffolding.

Committee member Cournoyer reviewed with the committee the fall semester ergonomics course as part of the Occupational Therapy graduate program. The course involves each student conducting an ergonomic assessment and presenting to the class. The committee was requested to see if anyone in their respective areas were interested in participating in a student assessment.

New Business:

Committee member Luber mentioned a recent article involving a contaminated well at the Pease Trade port and that is was contaminate with a fire retardant that has been the research interest of Dr. Gale Carey. The previous meeting, Committee member Luber presented an article highlighting the research that has been conducted by Dr. Carey.

Committee member Cournoyer provided a summary of a recent meeting held with the Sustainability Institute and Facilities Services representatives regarding the development of an IAQ Management Plan. It was decided that a formal IAQ plan would be developed and submitted to the working group for review. A brief summary of the plan concepts was discussed. Once the review by the working group is complete the plan would be circulated through the Occupational Safety Committee prior to implementation.

The committee chose to meet again on December 17th, 2015 at 9 am in Dimond Library Room 537. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM.