

Safety/Energy Committee Minutes Held In-Person; June 18, 2024

Present: Michelle Sides, Jessica Olson, Mike Hanson, Mark Lilley, Brittany Smith and Crystal Contreras.

Absent: Rebecca Chiles, Mike McGlade, Adria Henrickson, Chelsee Blatner, Nora Solvedt, Mike Komes, Jacqlyn Vasquez, Janelle Hampton, Zachary Hammerle, Julie Grammer, and Beeb Singsin.

Meeting was called to order at 1406 hrs.

Review of Minutes:

- Mark Lilley made the motion to approve, Mike Hanson seconded.
- April 16 minutes approved.

Building Fire life Safety Inspections: Jessica Olson

May 2024

Extinguisher Issues:

- Many buildings are not receiving their monthly checks.
- DeVolder, HSS, Terry, Watson, NS, and Todd – Has extinguishers that need pulled for service.

Fire Panel/Alarm Issues:

- HSS, Terry, Watson, Rice, Todd, and Campbell – Fire panel batteries due for replacement.
- DeVolder – Horn/strobe not working outside room 123.
- Rice – Alarm bell not working outside room 110D.
- Todd – Fire panel not sending trouble signals. Salem Fire advised IP adaptor needs to be replaced and is waiting for the part.

Sprinkler Issues:

- WUC -- FDC has a broken cap/cover.
- Campbell – Sprinkler heads above kiln need replaced with 286-degree heads.
- Todd – Escutcheon in A201 (Area of Rescue Assistance) is missing.
- Todd – Decorations hanging near sprinkler. Needs 18 inches of clearance.

Electrical Issues:

- Watson – White mini-fridge plugged into a power strip.

Light Issues:

- Rice – Emergency light outside 105 needs batteries replaced.
- HWC – Several lights out on third floor landing area near staircase.

Ceiling Tile Missing/Holes Needing Closed:

- OPE – Large hole in wall outside 113.
- Todd – Small hole in wall in closet 026A.
- Campbell – Large hole missing vent cover in 302 mechanical room.
- Rice – 5” holes in catwalk area.

Tipping Hazards:

- OPE – Rooms 112 and 113 have shelving and cabinets need to be secured.
- Todd – Metal storage cabinet in 021 needs to be secured.
- Todd – Empty bookshelf being stored outside room 228 creating tipping hazard.

Other:

- Fume hoods in DeVolder and NS still require testing.
- HWC – Elevator mechanical room (111A) blocked by ladder. Needs moved to a different room.
- HWC – Unlabeled spray bottle in custodial room near pool.
- Cottage – Observed several first-floor windows open.

Injury Review: Two in May, and one in June.

Description	Findings	Recommendations
<p>The student mailroom employee began feeling pain in their lower back from time to time starting in the second or third week of April. The employee advised they didn't feel physically strong enough for the position, but that they would power through the discomfort. On 5/10/24 at approximately 1200 to 1300 hours, they began feeling back pain that made it hard to walk, bend down, or lift. They advised that they tried to make it through the day, and eventually would deliver thirteen packages to UCS. Ten of the packages weighed approximately twenty pounds, and they used a hand truck to move the packages. While delivering the packages to UCS, they felt a strong, stinging pain in their lower back. They advised the pain was an eight on a scale of one to ten and didn't</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lifting and moving packages• Pushing through pain• Loading hand truck more than can comfortably tolerate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carry close to the body, rather than away• Don't twist or wrench• Lift with legs and not back• Make multiple trips with smaller loads• Seek assistance when needed• Don't push through pain when lifting

<p>improve. After their shift, they went to the emergency room where they were diagnosed with a lumbar strain and advised to treat it with ice and rest. The employee will be on light duty until 5/18/24.</p>		
<p>The employee arrived to their workplace at about 0700 hours and found approximately five inches of standing water covering the ground due to a water main break by nearby construction. Their immediate concern was the risk of electrical fire due to partially submerged power strips and computer equipment, so they began unplugging power strips and retrieved the partially submerged computer. The employee advised they found a partially submerged power strip under their desk that was either smoking or smelled of smoke and when they attempted to switch the power strip off, it gave them an instantaneous shock to their right hand that left a tingling sensation. They advised there were no marks left by the shock, nor did they experience other symptoms due to the shock. The employee was unable to advise what kind of power strips were being used or if they had GFCI.</p> <p>The employee also advised that after the shock, they slipped walking up the stairs on the staircase near the VRC. They advised that water had been tracked onto the steps by Facilities employees and others who had walked through the flooding. The employee fell</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooding on the first floor of the Werner University Center • Employee moving partially submerged electrical hardware from water, causing shock. • Employee slipped on wet stairs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay attention to your surroundings. • Don't walk into water with electrical hazards. • Don't handle electrical equipment without de-energizing. • Reach out to Facilities and other trained employees rather than putting oneself at risk. • Don't complete work one isn't trained to do. • Use caution when walking on known wet surfaces. •

<p>forward onto their right forearm causing bruising. They advised the bruising was sensitive for a couple days but had healed by the time we spoke on the phone. The employee did not seek medical attention for either the electric shock or the fall.</p>		
<p>The employee advised that they were working with several others to build the stage for commencement. The employee warned their coworkers that the stairs for the stage are spring loaded and are a pinch hazard for fingers when they open. They advised that they were focusing on ensuring everyone's hand positions that they did not pay enough attention to their own and their left ring finger caught in the stairs as they opened. The metal sliced the top of their finger. The employee sought medical attention at the West Valley Hospital in Dallas, Oregon where they received four stitches. They returned to work after the visit.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finger caught in spring loaded metal stairs. • Cut required stitches. • No work missed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay attention to your surroundings. • Slow down while multitasking.

Energy Conservation Update:

- None this month

Round Table:

- Power shutoff is happening June 19th.
- Stay hydrated, heath wave coming.

Next Meeting: July 16th, 2024, 2pm, in Hamersly Library 205.
Meeting adjourned at 1417 hrs.