

## **EH&S Committee 6 Meeting**

**CMU 065**

**March 18, 2010 3:08p.m.**

Minutes by Sherri Huber

Present: Tracy Harvey (Chair) - Chemistry, Brenda Banks - Music, Robert Blum – Dean’s Office, Sherri Huber - LLC, Bernice Jennings – Dean’s Office, John Martin - Art, Gabriela Pirralho – Spanish & Portuguese, Beverly Wessel – Philosophy, Susan Williams – English. Stuart Cordts – EH&S representative

- I. Called to order by Tracy Harvey at 3:08 p.m.  
Minutes from February 18, 2010 meeting were approved via email.
- II. Review template for safety coordinators by department. Robert Blum presented an updated list. A short discussion followed. Committee members will contact departments to confirm that the safety coordinator contact info is correct. Members will also request a copy of the Department Health and Safety plan, as this committee is tasked with reviewing the plans. Robert Blum will maintain a database of plans received. He will also forward plans to Michael Merrill at blalock@u.washington.edu.
- III. Topics for next meeting and clarification on required employee training. Gabriela Pirralho asked for clarification on required trainings. She expressed difficulty in finding information that pertains to a particular department at EH&S website, and other members agreed that it can be overwhelming. Tracy Harvey suggested reviewing template for Health and Safety Plan at next meeting. Sherri Huber suggested reviewing at least the basic training requirements as well. Susan Williams asked for an explanation of why asbestos training is necessary. Stuart Cordts reported past incidents on campus where asbestos had been disturbed and precautions were not taken to both contain the asbestos as well as notify people in area where they could have been exposed. Asbestos is present in many of buildings on campus. If it is left intact and material it is contained in is in good condition, that is it is not loosened, it will not be released in the air where it could be inhaled. People should refrain from ripping items off walls, pulling up old carpets etc.
- IV. Reviewed Accident/Incident Reports  
2010-02-092 > reviewed, no further action necessary  
2010-02-123 > reviewed, no further action necessary  
2010-02-159 > reviewed, returned to department for corrective action  
2010-02-160 > reviewed, returned to department for corrective action  
2010-02-182 > reviewed, returned to department for corrective action
- V. University-Wide H&S Committee meeting March 10, 2010  
Denis Sapiro gave update on pending L & I University actions.  
The first action involves employee who fell from golf cart and broke her hip. The accident occurred 11/11 but was not reported until 11/30. It is important that hospitalizations of employees be reported immediately to EH&S, 206 543-7262. Closing was held 2/25. Two citations are proposed. 1. A General Citation for failure to report an employee hospitalization within 8 hours of the employer knowing. Next department that fails to report hospitalization within time frames will receive fine. 2. A repeat violation for not covering a hazard in the “Accident Prevention Plan” which UW refers to as the Health and Safety Plan. The hazard not covered was driving a golf cart.  
The second action involves a review of glove use by Custodians in Facilities Services. EH&S has found for most custodians the gloves provided were very protective and in adequate supply. For those mixing concentrated solution with water, EH&S has recommended a stronger glove more chemical resistant. Facilities Services Custodial Services is in the process of modifying the type of gloves available for this task.

Denis Sapiro would like recommendations from Campus wide committee members for topics to be covered in future meetings as well as topics to be covered in the next Supervisor Safety Training.

VI. Next Meeting April 15, 2010 3:00 CMU 06  
Meeting adjourned 3:55 pm