

University Safety Committee Minutes

Date: May 26, 2020

Time: 09:00-10:00

Chair:

Chad Johnson

Members Present:

Kennedy Lentini ASEWU, Dave Sundstrom; Dave Meany, Drew Ayers;

Members Absent:

Natalie Cifuents ASEWU

Guest:

Gerry Page, EH&S Industrial Hygienist

The USC met February 10, 2020 at 0900

- I. Call to Order:
- a. Introductions
- b. Review of University Safety Committee Charter
- c. Selection of Committee Chair: Chad Johnson was selected
- II. Mandatory Agenda Items: (WAC 296-800-13020) 30 Minutes
- a. Review Safety and Health Inspection Reports (Chad Johnson/Gerry Page)
- b. Evaluation of Accident Investigation Reports (Chad Johnson/Gerry Page)
- c. Evaluation of Workplace Accident & Illness Prevention Program (**Chad Johnson/Gerry Page**)

Items A, B and C Combined.

A significant employee incidents, from 2019 were provided by Jerry Page. L&I data for that period was also discussed.

- III. New Business; None
- IV. Members comments: None
- V Adjourn 09:20

Incident Type	Employee Injury / Illness description of Incidents: October to December 2019
Cut / Laceration	Employee was turning on lights in PBS, we he received a text message from an another employee. As he was responding, he turned to walk towards the elevator and caught an edge of a nearby table and sliced his leg open about tw inched upon the shin.
Crush / Pinch	Employee was presenting lecturer to his class, when the document camera fell upon his right thumb.
Hazardous Contact / Re	e Graduate student (GSA) spilled 10-20mL RPE Buffer (Qiagen) on lab/legs. She accidentally bumped the bottle with her gloved hand. The buffer is classified as a skin irritant. The student immediately took a shower and washed the area with soap and water, she then changed her pants.
Concussion	Employee was hosing down the women's pool locker and slipped on the wet floor and fell backwards to the floor. She struck her left hip on the floor, her left hand was down to catch her fall and she hit her head on the floor machine that when behind her. Her neck is sore along with the left hip and left hand. No treatment necessary/treatment refused, employee later found to have a concussion.
Burn	Employee was removing a plug from a condensate tank that she thought was empty. She pulled the plug and the hot condensate was pressurized to it being over gull it splashed off the wall and onto her leg. Burning her leg. Went to Cheney Medical Clinic.
Dental Injury	Employee was taking light bulbs out of rear hatch of her work van. The light bulbs started to slip out of cardboard carton, tried to save the light bulbs as they were falling and hit her mouth on rear hatch of work van ended chipping her 2 front upper teeth.
Hearing Impairment	Campus Police Officer responed to an Incident at the Pub mall area. A crowd of people were protesting and load music was playing. During that time frame, my hearing began going in and out on both ears during the incident. Employee's ears began to ring on a continuous, then intermittent basis and continue to do so. This was due to a direct cause of the noise being emitted by people yelling/screaming at the top of their lungs, music and extremely loud musical instruments. The noise level and ringing became so bad that it felt as their vision was distorted (depth perception), hearing, focus and caused a headache.
Hazardous Contact / Release	Employee received a work order to snake a drain. When she got to room 024 the sink was not backed up but dirty and oily. She ran water and notice that the sink was still plugged so she plunged the sink with zero hand protection and afterward noticed her left index finger had a burning sensation in it. When she rubbed her finger where it was burning the top layer of skin peeled off. She washed her hands and put bandaids on them. First aid only.
Hazardous Contact / Release	A hazard assessment was conducted on the sorting of dental amalgam capsules which resulted in occupational exposure to Silver and Mercury. Air Samples and wipe samples were conducted and the results indicate extremely high exposures to Silver and Mercury. Nitrile gloves were worn while sorting the capsules, and the sorting was conducted outside. Employee was wearing 2 air sampling devices, and 2 air sampling devices were located downwind approximately 3 feet away.
Sprain / Strain	Employee was lifting a motor from a rolling cart to place on the floor. He over estimated the weight of the motor when picking it up and pulled something in his back, then fell backwards on his rear end.

















