

University Safety Committee Minutes

Meeting Minutes Date:

9/08/22

Time: 09:04 to 09:25 Zoom

Chair:

Chad Johnson

Members Present:

Dave Meany

Members Absent:

Remington Steelman; Jossie Brown; Drew Ayers; Dave Sundstrom

Guest:

The USC Met on May 26, 2022 at 15:00-15:30

- I. Call to Order:
- a. Introductions
- II. Mandatory Agenda Items: (WAC 296-800-13020) 30 Minutes
- a. Review Safety and Health Inspection Reports (Chad Johnson/EHS)
 - Consideration of Safety Hazard Trends and Corrections
- b. Evaluation of Accident Investigation Reports (Chad Johnson/EHS)
 - Determine if Cause(s) of Unsafe Conditions were Identified and Corrected
- c. Evaluation of Workplace Accident & Illness Prevention Program (Chad Johnson/EHS)
 - Discussion of Recommendations for Improvement, as needed
- III. New Business; COVID 19 update. Reportable by campus no longer based on building.
- IV. Members comments: Report on safety issues in 24/7 (DM)
- V Adjourn

Employee Incidents May 26, 2022 to September 6, 2022

Currently attending a work conference in Helena Montana with other employees of the Eastern Office of Admissions 5/245/27. On 5/26 at approximately 2:30 pm myself and a few coworkers took a break from the conference we were attending and went to the park to play basketball. While playing I heard a "pop" and felt immediate pain to my calf muscle area and was not able to walk normally and my leg was stiff and in pain especially when putting my weight on it. I immediately stopped playing and rested on the ground off the court. My coworkers had to assist me to get to the car as I was unable to walk on my own. I intend to see my medical doctor when I return to Seattle to get a medical diagnosis. I currently work remotely from my home so My intent is to adjust my office space to continue to work from home pending doctors medical advice.
I rode the 6 am bus with
current L&I injury. I'm having a flare up with my right shoulder into neck area. My muscle are feeling really tight, sore causing me tension headache and discomfort., intending to seek medical care. regular basic work duties such as vacuuming, cleaning bathroom, wiping tables
Was walking up the incline floor of the Tawanka Freezer, caught my foot on the corner of the floor and ended up falling onto one of the Pallets in the Freezer. Heavy bruising on my right forearm, and strained my right shoulder
Was Scrubbing the shower when csl splashed in her eye. She said that she rinsed it with water. I encouraged her to go the doctor if she had any lingering symptoms as bottle said to do in case of eye contact. I brought her safety glasses and there were two unopened pairs in the building at the time. She told me this afternoon that there is no lingering symptoms. I still told her to get checked out if anything came up.
I was sitting at my desk for a prolonged period completing office tasks and when I stood up to retrieve a document I injured my back. Other iNfo: I will review the ergonomics tools, contact Environmental Health and Safety to schedule an ergonomic assessment, and/or explore workstation desk options.
I was walking down the side steps holding on to rail to turn on the lights. While walking the steps from 2nd floor landing to 1st floor landing when I thought was stepping on the floor I was still on the steps then my momentum pulled me forward to skip over three steps and when I landed my foot/ankle turned over and my body tumbled forward. Now my ankle/foot is very swollen and I cannot put weight on it to walk. Dept helped me when I called out for help and he supported me to walk to KGS 117 lounge to lay on couch and elevate my foot with an ice pack on it. I did feel nauseous and broke into a cold sweat.
Was slicing tomatoes on tomato slicer and cut index finger on blade.
I was meeting with from Building Maintenance to look at a drainage problem we were having on the hillside, when I slipped and fell twisting my back. Started to get sharp pains just above my left hip, lower back. Told my Director what I did and said I needed to get looked at. Went to Rockwood Clinic in Cheney.
Pain in the bottom of my left foot as I step right behind the big toe. Foot just started hurting behind my big toe on the bottom of my left foot with each step I take or when I put pressure on it.
Tripped over folded door mat. No signage date 06/08/22. Arm, Face, Hand injuries as well.
A was working to switch out a full waste drum of cadaver fluid that had a metal funnel attached. The funnel was fused to the drum and required a ton of effort to remove it. After completing my work, I realized that I had strained my lower back.

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Operating the Jetter and camera to clear roots in sewer serving Martin Hall. Pushing 138' camera cable inspecting the condition of sewer main line serving Martin, Tawanka, Williamson, and One room School house. Joints in the sewer had curtains of roots which took several passes with the jetter to clear which involves moving the camera back and forth inspecting each joint. The repetitive motion of manually feeding the camera cable and pulling on the jetter line caused swelling in the middle knuckles of my right hand since spending two days operating the equipment. Both hands have difficulty hanging on to anything for prolonged periods, I.E steering wheel while driving, pipe wrenches. The swelling in my right hand has not gone away since so had it looked at by my physician while doing a follow up visit for blood work.

Repeated climbs in pedestrian survey caused a hip flexor tear.

Was scrubbing down the toilet with a pumice stone and a bit of water splashed on my face, immediately started scrubbing my face with warm water and soap to clean it off.

I was cleaning bathrooms/kitchens on the 2nd, 4th and lobby floors in Dressler. I was in the building for about an hour and a half and was experiencing a reaction to mold. My throat was sore, nose running, eyes watering and a headache. I am sensitive to mold, and am certain that is what was causing the reaction. After leaving the building my nose stopped running, eyes stopped watering. Sore throat and headache are still there, but not as severe.

Opened door to lower mechanical room outside and found Yellow Jackets in door, tried to exit mechanical room and Yellow jackets were active and Tom was stung in hand.

Cutting hose to fit for exhaust on new oxygen system hanging it I cut though the hose and got my finger

While doing a set up for New student orientation i was moving tables and chairs from inside Showalter hall to the walkway in front. I misjudged the 1st single step and twisted my ankle and knee. my ankle seems fine but my right knee has some swelling and is not bending.

I was lifting a step ladder, it was folded shut, I felt a pain in my fore arm. At the time I didn't think much of it but as I continued to work through the day I felt the pain again and again whenever I lifted anything or applied pressure with my hand (scrubbing while cleaning)

As I was getting off of the vehicle to start the trash compactor, I did not see the glass bottle that had rolled by the truck. I twisted my ankle and it began to swollen later that day.

As I was going to spot mop around some of the lifting equipment, the front of my head was slammed into the 45lb bar. I immediately felt pain and went to get an icepack downstairs. I got light-headed, and a little dizzy after the impact and a small headache after as well. immediately iced head and told Kinsey and John

My coworker, and I were moving a heavy folding table to the side of the classroom when he dropped his end while I was still holding onto my end. The sudden jolt hurt my right shoulder and right side of my neck initially. But later the pain spread from my shoulder to my shoulder blade, collarbone area and right side of my neck.

cooking chicken on flat top grill, turned body and right arm touched side of flat top grill

placed a work order to move his desk/office over to the PUB and asked that the stored desk that belonged to purchasing be replaced into the office he was vacating. Trucking moved the desk to the office but didn't completely set it up as they were not sure how wanted it. When we left Friday night, the front reception area desk, old desk, was intact. Monday morning when I came in, the desk portion had been separated and was in the middle of the room against the wall. Riki, the new employee, and I grabbed the desk to push it back into place. my side had been completely unscrewed and was not connected and being heavy, when I pushed hard forward, it fell apart and landed on the floor with me landing over the top of the desk and I tuck and rolled to miss hitting the desk. I thought I was ok until I got up and I couldn't feel my right foot. My neck/back are very sore and I am going to have to get this checked out. I wanted to report this as this is not a good way to leave a desk. There was no reason to touch this unit and no one seems to know why it was taken apart let alone left without any screws.

Was pulling garbage as was normal for my routine and ended up pulling a trash bag that was overfilled which strained my wrist. It feels tight and my wrist twinges a bit when making a fist.

Taking Hot Food from Union Kitchen up to Football Concessions Stand in a portable Hot Box, tried lifting the bottom of the Hot Box to get it up over the curb on the Lower Stand

Student Incidents May through September 2022

Student was running to first base, jump/extended his stride and landed on his foot wrong. Student said that he
landed on it too flat and his ankle went in. The first aid attendant was notified and provided ice for the student. I
contacted the student to see how he was doing this morning and heard from him. He informed me what happened.
He also stated that he had a friend drive him to Urgent Care later that evening and he has a hairline fracture.
Roommate (did not get name, but a regular customer) of another student (did not get name) approached Pam
Burress at the Freshens stand in the Union Market around 4pm to state that his roommate had what sounds like
symptoms of an anaphylactic reaction to something he ate, which included a Maui Mango smoothie from Freshens.
He asked for and we gave him the ingredient information for that drink to take to his roommate who was at the
Cheney Rockwood clinic.
At about 7:05 pm, Wednesday, May 11, passed passed while she was mopping the hallway
floors. stated that she had placed "Wet Floor" signs at either end of the space where she was working. She
said "Hello." as was walking down the 3RD floor hallway of Sutton Hall. When walked around the
corner she slipped on the wet floor and fell. did not see the fall but heard the sound of the fall and went to
see what happened. She found getting up from the floor. got up and left the building.
Student was playing basketball in the Fitness Center gym area. While playing basketball he landed on his foot wrong
and rolled his ankle.
This student was playing in a flag football game. He was in a full sprint went up to jump for the ball and then landed
wrong on the way down. He felt his hamstring pop.
A Chemistry 162 lab student was washing a glass beaker. It slipped out of his hands and shattered. A small shard
punctured his right thumb near the base and drew blood. He held the cut under running water and then applied
pressure until the bleeding stopped. He then covered the cut with a bandaid.
A student (Hailey Askew) was working in CHEM 373 lab purifying a reaction. I was upstairs running the NMR, but my
TA was in the lab. The student spilled a small quantity of hexane on her jeans. She immediately
removed the contaminated clothing, washed with soap and water and changed into a lab coat in the stock room.
My TA texted me and I came down immediately and talked to who told me what happened. There were no
symptoms. The student was using hexanes in a fume hood and was wearing proper PPE.
On 06/22/2022 at 1800 hours a high school football player, Jesse S Lewis, DOB 05/13/2006 dislocated his elbow.
AMR 117 transported Lewis from Tailgate Lane to Sacred Heart Pediatrics with and myself
(being present. No report as of yet
I had to jump in and rescue a young man this morning. Here's the incident report. He was able to keep his head
above water until I got to him a few seconds later. I was looking right at him when he jumped into deep water and
immediately began to drown. Person was a non swimmer.
Participant reported feeling dizzy/lightheaded following cardio circuit. She reports suffering from anemia and having
not eaten today. She reported completing several exercises and feeling faint and dizzy after exiting the stationary
bike and decided to sit to rest. Desk staff checked in with participant and she denied medical assistance. She
requested ice and sat with ice on her neck for approximately 10 minutes before leaving the facility independently
Rolled his ankle while playing basketball.
Last night and this morning, I started feeling slightly sick, but I thought that it was just because I recently got my flu
shot a week ago. However, during lab today, my head was pounding and I was getting the chills, so I went and took
my temperature and I had a slight fever (99.4). I told my professor and they told me to go home.
Player was skating in hockey game; took a hit into the boards. Felt shoulder discomfort when coming off the ice.
Checked out on-site that showcased a potential dislocation.