EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

University Safety Committee Minutes

Date: November 6, 2019

Time: 08:30-9:30

Chair:

Chad Johnson

Members:

Dave Meany; Drew Ayers; Dave Sundstrom; ASEWU

Guest:

Gerry Page, EH&S Industrial Hygienist

Annika Scharochs: Assoc. Vice President for Civil Rights, Compliance &

Enterprise Risk Management

The USC met July 25, 2019 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/EHS)
- b. Evaluation of Accident Investigation Reports (Chad Johnson/EHS)
- c. Evaluation of Workplace Accident & Illness Prevention Program (Chad Johnson/EHS)

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 0950

Incident Type	Employee Injury / Illness description of Incidents: January to June 2019
Abrasion / Scratch	A few weeks ago Employee had placed a metal sign on top of a few boxes that she knew she would not need to access for a while. Today when she was trying to access the boxes. She pulled them down and fogot that the sign was on top (not paying attention) and the metal sign fell on her head. This caused a bit of swelling & a slight headache. No treatment necessary/treatment refused.
Repeated Motion	This is an ongoing issue, numbness of hand reported and L&I claim opened approximately 4 years ago. Did physical therapy back then and it got a bit better, however over the last year it is progressively getting worse with the continual reptition due to the work she does on a daily basis. It is now progressed into medium carpal tunnel and will need to be escalated.
Burn	Employee was reaching for magnnetic strip inside the customer sneeze guard and burned middle and ring fingers of right hand by inadvertently conting the heating element underneath
Eye Injury	Employee was on a machine sewing a collar on one of the costume pieces. The thread on the machine snapped and hit her in the inner corner of her right eye. It watered and stung for a few minutes. The employee went to the bathroom to wash out
	her eye. She washed it out with tap water and then her supervisor gave her a bottle of sterile saline eye wash to rinse with.
Electric Shock	Faulty Pluged in her breast pump into the wall outlet in the room and received an electric shock through her arm. She went to the Rockwood clinic. Her Department notified maintenace for the bldg. Who evaluated the electrical outlet in the room after the incident.
Dermatitis	In training we were required to wear a communal protective mask and afterwards he received a rash to his face.
Concussion	
	Employee finished last student evaluation meeting of the day in the Monroe DCYF office and was heading home on State Route 522. While waiting for a traffic light to change, the employee was whiplashed forward and the chairback hit the back of her head on the headrest. A man driving a Ford Focus hit into the back left corner of the employee vehicle car at over 50 mph. Offending motorist hit employee SUV so hard that the driver door hit the Ford Mustang that was stopped at the light in front of her. THe employee car was totaled, but driveable to the side of the road. The State Trooper gave the man who hit employee, a sobriety test and the man was arrested. The state trooper reported that Focus driver's Blood Alcohol Level was .327, which is 4xs the legal limit. The back of her head hurts, shaking intensely with adrenaline. Afterwards, the employee immediately went to Urgent Care to be assessed and then have had two more appointments with her primary care provider.
Sprain / Strain	Employee ruptured Achilles tendon during Basketball drill/workout
Cut / Laceration	Employee was carrying window screens, during which he picked up a razor scraper to work with. Upon walking, the scraper popped open and sliced his right finger.
Hazardous Contact / Release	There was an accidental release of pepper spray/mace into the air near our information desk on the second floor. Within minutes, several people in the office began experiencing symptoms of an airborn contagion, such as coughing and sore throats. One of our student employees put water on the area that was sprayed (and I think on the mace dispenser as well, but I'm not sure). We opened the windows to help air out the floor.

















