

## **Willamette University Occupational Safety and Health Committee February 17, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

### Members Present:

Rich Dennis (Facilitator), Campus Safety: ext. 6907  
Suzie Torre-Cross (Facilitator-Elect), Human Resources: ext. 4043  
Jennifer Butler, Biology: ext. 6483  
Ramona Murtha, International Education: ext. 5493  
Jim Ames, Facilities-Building Maintenance: ext. 4287  
Margaret Schue, College of Law ext. 6140  
Mike Ryan, Facilities Services ext. 6802  
Mary Ann Zielinski ext. 4360  
Ross Stout, ex-officio, interim staff secretary

### Members Absent:

Linda Lombard, Financial Affairs: ext. 6728  
Adrienne McCarthy (student): [amccarth@willamette.edu](mailto:amccarth@willamette.edu)

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and approved.

Jim Ames reported back his findings regarding the feasibility and cost of moving the Mill Street crosswalks from the driveway area to the center sidewalk at the UC, thereby reducing the potential pedestrian-delivery truck congestion and safety issue. Jim Andersen from Grounds was consulted and the cost would be about \$1500 to cut the curbs and add extensions to the sidewalks on both sides to connect them. This information will be forwarded to Linda Lombard to pass along to the Facilities Committee.

Jim Ames also reported on the lighting issues in the front of the Sparks Center. The wiring for the light pole is still present, but the light pole has not been replaced. Apparently, the cost of those light poles has risen to \$5000. This information will be forwarded to Linda Lombard to pass along to the Facilities Committee.

The lighting on the stairs of the Montag Center was also discussed. Jim Ames will work on some cost effective options to add more lighting to these stairways and report back at the March meeting.

Walkways (sidewalks) on campus that are uneven and present a trip/fall hazard were discussed. There is an area on the west side of Waller with presents a concern. Jim Ames reported that this area will have some work done this summer. The sidewalk will be enlarged where a tree once stood and prevented a wider sidewalk.

The loose pavers above the Montag Den that lead to Baxter and the Bishop Wellness Center was discussed as a trip/fall hazard. Jim Ames will do some research and report back on possible fixes for this issue.

The metal strips that connect sections of the Skybridge were also mentioned as a potential trip/fall hazard. Jim Ames will follow up on this as well.

Rich reported that the sewage spill on the Quad has been cleaned up and a disinfectant poured over the area. It was suggested that Rich check with the Health Department to see if any additional treatment is recommended. Rich later contacted them and they suggested that lime be spread over the area. This was done with a day or two.

A concern was brought up about bikes traveling through campus too fast and creating a hazard. It was suggested that an e-mail be sent out to campus reminding people that pedestrians always have the right-of-way to see if this has an effect.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 17.