

Willamette University Occupational Safety and Health Committee January 20, 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
Linda Lombard, Financial Affairs: ext. 6728
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:

Ramona Murtha, International Education: ext. 5493
Adrienne McCarthy (student): amccarth@willamette.edu

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

The issue of “Mill Streaming” (throwing people in the Mill Race on their 21st birthday, etc.) by students was discussed. Ross Stout reported that he has heard of very few injuries during his 21 years at the University. The Committee chose to take no action on this topic at this time.

The crosswalks across Mill Street were discussed as a potential safety issue, with the north ends of the crosswalks lining up with the driveways on each side of the UC. There is a particular concern on the west end because of the number of delivery trucks that come in and out of the Mail Services area. Jim Ames agreed to talk to Jim Andersen from Grounds to determine the feasibility and cost of repositioning the crosswalks to the center sidewalk of the University Center. Jim will report back at the next meeting.

Lighting issues in the front of the Sparks Center were discussed. Several months ago, a vehicle ran into a light post in front of Sparks and broke the fixture. The fixture was not replaced and the lighting now seems to be inadequate. Jim Ames agreed to find out how the decision was made to not replace the light post and will also check to see what other options are available for adding lighting fixtures.

The poor lighting on the stairs at Montag was also mentioned. Jim Ames agreed to look into this, as well, and report back at the February meeting.

Suzie Torre-Cross discussed the injury log for the month of December. Three injuries were reported. They were:

- 1) An RA fell and rolled her ankle while participating in an activity at a retreat.
- 2) A Facility Services worker injured his back while picking up trash.
- 3) An office employee injured her back while picking up and moving boxes.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.