

El Camino Community College

**Workplace Health & Safety Committee
Wednesday, May 22, 2019**

Present: Adrian Amjadi, Robert Brobst, Gary Robertson and Valerie Wagner (Recorder).

Absent: Michael Blada, Michael Clifford, Chris Egnozzi, Christie Killduff, Michael Pascual, Joseph Saldana, Antonio Saucier and Carl Turano.

- A. Call to Order:** Valerie Wagner called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
- 1. Minutes:** The April 24, 2019 committee minutes were approved.
 - 2. Workers' Compensation:** Valerie Wagner reported that there were three injuries for the month of April. There were two police officers that were in a foot pursuit of an arson suspect. The first police officer, sustained a strain to his right foot and was off from work for a total of 4 days. The second police officer, injured his left ankle during the same pursuit of the arson suspect and was off from work for a total of 3 days. The third injury involved a Grounds employee who injured his right hip after the employee was stepping down from a ladder, misplaced his footing, causing the employee to fall backwards and land on his right hip. The employee was off from work for a total of 1 day.
 - 3. Office of Safety and Health:** Valerie Wagner reported that during the committee meeting of April 24, Christie Killduff reported that the strobe light connected to the refrigeration units where the preserved specimens are kept was flashing. At which time, Robert Brobst contacted the HVAC crew to take a look at the unit in question. It was later found that the temperature of cooling system had gone up from its' set temperature of 56 degrees Fahrenheit to 60 degrees Fahrenheit for some unknown reason. Forensic Analytical was contacted by the Office of Safety and Health, and Lydia Feng an Industrial Hygienist with Forensic Analytical conducted air sample tests of the Specimen refrigeration unit on April 29th. From the air samples taken on April 29th, it was found that the unit contains a combination of Formalin which is a Formaldehyde-water mixture, along with both Phenol and Methanol. Although, at the time the air samples were taken, it was found the chemical levels did not exceed either the Cal/OSHA or NIOSH exposure limit levels, the District will need both the Formaldehyde Program and safety protocols in place in the event of a complete refrigeration breakdown or by loss of power to the system, in order to protect not only the Laboratory Technicians, but also our HVAC Technicians in order to conduct repairs to the system. On Thursday, May 16 a meeting was held to go over the findings from the air sampling done in April and what is our next step concerning the Program. The meeting was attended by Amy Grant from Natural Sciences, Robert Brobst from Facilities, along with Steven Duzich from HVAC, myself and Ben Kollmeyer, an Industrial Hygienist with Forensic Analytical. There will be further discussion and training dates are pending for both the Natural Sciences and HVAC staff. The Office of Safety and Health will be furnishing the necessary Proper Protective Equipment (PPE's) and requiring testing equipment once the new fiscal year's budget is in place.
 - 4. Safety-Related Work Order Report:** Robert Brobst noted that he was not able to receive the Safety-Related Work Order Report for today's committee due to Debbie Turano being away from work due to illness.

5. Old Business

Natural Sciences – Christie Killduff asked for an update on the installation of the sound barrier equipment in order to eliminate the noise problem coming from the Autoclave Room. According to Christie Killduff, the noise problem due to the Autoclave Equipment still has not been resolved.

Christie Killduff also reported that one of the doors to room, LS-108 is not locking properly. Dr. Palos did report this issue to the division office and have the office staff submit FPS work order. **According to Robert Brobst, this work order is still pending. Valerie Wagner reported that she would notified Roy Dietz, the locksmith to find out the status.**

Facilities Services – Steve Marselle commented the he had a question concerning the installation of protective covers for the FDC Connectors as noted on the SWACC Inspection Report. Are the covers to be designed to protect against both vehicles from crashing into the FDC Connectors and/or to also protect the connectors from individuals tampering with the equipment? **Valerie Wagner reported that even though, Keenan would like the District to install protectors for the FDC Connectors, it is just not feasible, money wise for the District to install such covers and will notify Iris Penales with Keenan. Robert Brobst commented that if for instance, someone would try and tamper with a connector, the valves themselves have a lock/chain system installed on them to lock the valves in place. Therefore, no one can turn the valves unless you have a key to unlock the valves on the connectors. If a vehicle were to crash into one of the connectors, water will shoot up in the air until someone from Facilities would be able to shut the water off.**

6. Division Reports:

Art Department – Adrian Amjadi reported that the final testing for the furnaces will take place soon. The Fine Arts Department recently consolidated Hazardous Waste to be picked up for disposal.

Facilities – Robert Brobst reported that Facilities recently sent out an email to Fine Arts, Industry & Technology, and Natural Sciences, informing them to begin the progress of packing their hazardous waste for the scheduled disposal picked - up. The packing will take place a week after graduation in order for the Hazardous Waste Contractor to conduct an inventory and complete the required Hazardous Waste Manifests for the Department of Transportation. The actual Disposal pick up is scheduled to take place sometime before June 30th.

Facilities is currently working with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works on obtaining Industrial Waste Water Permits. The District must maintain valid permits for all water clarifying unit locations, sanitary sewer lines, storm lines and drainage systems.

Robert Brobst also report that the Emergency Preparedness vehicle, stored in the Preparedness station needs to have the top light covers replaced. Valerie Wagner suggested to have the

invoice for light cover replacement in order to discuss with Michael Pascual whether this can be paid, using Safety Credit funds.

Campus Police – Gary Robertson reported that there needs to be a procedure in place on what to tell our police officers or who does the Police Department contact in the event that a suspect in custody were to either, urinate, defecate or vomit in the back of the patrol car during or before regular business hours. Whose responsibility is to properly clean the police vehicles? Valerie Wagner commented that we have Blood Borne Pathogen (BBP) Kits that are specifically designed for this problem. Valerie Wagner recommended for Campus Police to contact either Gardena, Hawthorne or Torrance Police Departments and find out what these police departments do. Do they clean up the biohazard products themselves or do they contact a company to come out and clean the biohazards?

7. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the 2nd Floor, Bookstore Conference Room, 253.