Montana Tech Safety Committee (SC) Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2009


Absent: Louie Blood, Tom Bowler, John Getty, Bill Gleason, Julie Hart, Roger Jensen, Mike Kukay, Steve McGrath, Paul Miranda, Maggie Peterson, Rich Pylypuw, Fred Sullivan, Jace Swandal

Call to order
1:35pm called to order by action

Secretary elected/volunteered: no one

Approval of Minutes from October 12, 2009

Review of accidents since 10/09
3 strains -- 2 backs, 1 finger
   Back – Recordable (R), no Lost Time (LT)
Chemical Burn – 2 students
   Not R because students, no medical
Finger brace – R
   Stiff brace (other than ace bandage) is R
Slip on ice, fracture, surgery
   expensive WC claim

Unfinished business:
  o Lab inspections & follow-up
    o Only one set of Lab Inspections has been submitted
    o Issue re outsider (guest lecturer) who thought we had no lab safety protocols
      ▪ No ppe, unlabeled, uncovered chemicals
      ▪ Peanuts in lab seen by others!
    o Doug A: related issue re benefactor who had the impression that Tech had no safety protocols
    o Important that inspections are done every semester!
  o Lighting update
    o Lights are up in the tiers
    o Still $25K left in budget
      ▪ Dennis Lowney said we could get 6 more solar lights
        • Do we want solar or more illuminating lights?
        • Must plan, get lights purchased
        • Campus light schematic?
        • Doug A: has anyone approached BSB?
          o They are responsible for Park St. to library parking lot
      ▪ Near misses at all crosswalks
        • Fence routing people toward crosswalk suggested
      ▪ Are aesthetics an issue re design?
        • Doug: Park St. is a first impression, so anything we do will cause comment
          o Should be decided by a group
          o M: could take it to the cabinet
          o M thinks solar should be considered
      ▪ Major areas safety committee identified a couple years ago
        • Crosswalk between SUB and MG
• Crosswalk between parking lot and HPER
  ▪ Add'l parking by dorm
  • Need lighting, M thinks we should have one at each end

  o Drill review – M thinks they get better each year
    o Still issues re faculty telling students what to do
    o Centennial Hall had 2 evacuations last week
    o Campus Safety Act mandates one drill per year

New business:
  o One time money requests – SC needs to get ideas/proposal together; can submit as many as we want. Doug A will check w/ Maggie re the one time money.
    o Any safety issue, large or small – ideas:
      a. Indoor PA system (reader boards)
         i. Frank likes this idea
         ii. M is getting a quote on cost
         iii. One more level of our emergency response system
      b. Retrofit fire doors S&E bldg
         i. Current doors aren’t magnetic and are often propped open
         ii. Need to be retrofitted so they will close if alarm rings.
      c. Pedestrian access to tier parking
         ▪ Providing sidewalk to/from tier parking
    o Committee ranked pedestrian access to tiers as #1 priority, followed by retrofit of fire doors in S&E, and then Indoor PA system. Any other ideas should be sent to Marilyn.
  o Risk Management and Tort Defense grants
    o Offer grants for building-related issues
      ▪ Fire doors may be a good idea here
      ▪ Must get a cost estimate
      ▪ This would free up campus money to be used for other things
      ▪ Ongoing, no deadlines
  o Work comp grants
    o WC committee has a surplus, will have a program for campuses to apply for grant money on the “people side”
      ▪ What can we do to reduce WC claims?
      ▪ Examples: the shoe grippers to prevent falls; shoes for crews
      ▪ Lab, office area, anywhere
      ▪ Send ideas to Marilyn
  o Survey campus for safety concerns
    o Campus survey on safety concerns – would it be valuable?
    o Great idea—students, faculty, staff
    o Out in February
    o Angie, Mary N-A, Sally, Steve
    o What do we want to know?
    o Rating system – lighting, crosswalks, slips, trips, falls, personal safety (i.e. attacks), safety personnel available.
  o Doug A: Student satisfaction survey
    o Tech students take this survey – in Pub. Folders under announcements & Paul Beatty’s name
      ▪ 5-7 questions re safety
    o Gap of 1 or more between importance and actuality
      ▪ Tech had 15 gaps at one time
        ▪ Parking – space and safety
        ▪ One new gap = safe, secure parking lots
  o Consider south campus for all of the above

Respectfully submitted,
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