

## **Safety/Energy Committee Minutes Held Virtually via Zoom; October 19, 2021**

Present: Susan Griffin, Allen Risen, Kevin Thibeault, Mark Lilley, Jessica Olson, Nora Solvedt, Adria Henrickson, Mike McGlade, Kristin Mauro, and Kristen Larson.

Absent: Michelle Sides, Mike Hanson, Beeb Singson, Rebecca Chiles, Lindsey Lavender, Julie Grammer, Jennifer Willard, and Chelsea Blatner

Meeting was called to order at 1402 hrs.

### **Review of Minutes:**

- Kevin Thibeault made the motion to approve, Nora Solvedt seconded.
- September 21st minutes approved.

### **Building Fire life Safety Inspections:** Allen Risen.

#### **Extinguisher Issues;**

- Many extinguishers not receiving their monthly checks by assigned person for building due to COVID 19 campus closed. I completed all August's checks, initialed tags during inspection where needed.
- HSS extinguisher cabinet handle broken, hard to open. Reported 6 times to repair. Rice costume storage 1 extinguisher gauge out of green zone. I replaced.

#### **Fire Alarm Issues;**

- Rice Auditorium 3 alarm bell not working.
- Todd Hall 1 Horn / Strobe by 005 very quiet.

#### **Trip / Fall Hazards;**

- Maple Hall north sidewalk by ADA door. 9 notices. Extension ladder on north sidewalk laying on its side leaning against building posing a potential trip hazard. I moved in to plant bed and advised Facilities to pickup.
- Sidewalk between Rice Auditorium and the Mods has 2 seams needing ground down. Work request submitted to Facilities April 16<sup>th</sup>. Still needs corrected.
- Natural Science basement center exit hallway partly blocked by unwanted items. Also 15 spent 4-foot light tubes laying on floor behind boxes in same hallway. Need secured in box and recycled. Several noticed to clean up / remove.
- Rice Costume storage isle way partly blocked. Need housekeeping.
- WUC 202 power cord laying across isle way.

#### **Electrical Issues;**

- Football office found a foot / calf massager with a bad power cord. 3rd notice.

#### **Emergency Lights not working;**

- Old PE x2
- Rice Auditorium x1
- Todd Hall x5
- WUC x1

#### **Holes in walls / ceilings;**

- WUC 5- holes in wall where old fire panel was once located.
- Old PE 1<sup>st</sup> floor several holes walls / ceilings.
- Rice Auditorium ceiling tiles missing above paint booth.
- Natural Science ceiling tiles missing in 3 locations.

- DeVolder several ceiling tiles missing.

**Other;**

- Health & Wellness elevator #1 emergency phone not working. Tele Com advised and repaired.
- Covid-19 precautions covering drinking fountains.

**Injury Review: Allen Risen.**

Three accident investigations to review this month.

Description	Findings	Recommendations
<p>The employee was delivering three boxes of paper reams at the Physical Plant. As the employee lowered a box of paper, weighing approximately 50 pounds, on the hand truck, they set it down quickly and smashed their left index finger between the hand truck and the box. The employee sought medical attention. No x-rays were taken, but their doctor advised the finger was likely broken and placed their finger in a splint.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Placing the box down on the hand truck too quickly.</li> <li>• Full box 18" long x 12" wide x 10.5" deep of paper reams, weight approximately 50 pounds.</li> <li>• Finger smashed between box bottom and and truck rail.</li> <li>• Not wearing gloves.</li> <li>• Medical attention sought.</li> <li>• No x-ray taken.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower heavy items/boxes slower to insure fingers are clear from hand truck railing.</li> <li>• Place heavy boxes on one rail first and then lower the box to the second rail. Enter box between rails.</li> </ul>
<p>The employee was removing debris from the roof drains on top of Landers Hall. The employee was walking on the roof from pod #6 and lowered themselves approximately 4 feet to the lower roof of the walkway, heading to the center lounge roof. They advised their right foot came to rest on the lower roof and as they lowered their left foot down contacting the roof, their foot turned outwards twisting their left knee, causing pain.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student employee clearing debris/leaves from roof drains.</li> <li>• Taking an unsafe position/posture when descending down a 4-foot-drop from Pod 6 roof to catwalk roof.</li> <li>• Catwalk roof width is approximately 11 feet wide.</li> <li>• Left foot slipped/turned outwards causing strain to left knee.</li> <li>• Rubber sole shoes.</li> <li>• Wet flat roofing.</li> <li>• No medical attention needed.</li> <li>• Employee said knee is fine after a little rest.</li> <li>• No fall protection was worn.</li> <li>• No fall protection anchors on Landers roof</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install anchors on roof to allow employees to wear fall protection and prevent from falling off two plus story roof.</li> </ul>
<p>The employee was descending a ladder in the plant bed near the north entrance of Lot J</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employee installing trail cam in yellow ash tree without assistance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refrain/train employees on</li> </ul>

<p>when they fell hitting the ground and breaking their right leg.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ladder was placed sideways against the tree making it top heavy due to the sloped ground.</li> <li>• Employee took it upon himself to install camera without being directed to do so.</li> <li>• Camera position in tree 10 feet above wet/damp sloped bark mulch plant bedding.</li> <li>• Weather conditions at time of fall; dry roadway, wet planter bed from morning rain.</li> <li>• Outside lighting low due to time of injury 8:43pm.</li> <li>• Using a 6-foot aluminum stepladder in good condition.</li> <li>• Unknown if ladder tipped or employee lost footing causing fall.</li> <li>• Employee stated he fell approximately 4 feet above the ground.</li> <li>• Ladder/Fire escape training ongoing.</li> <li>• No actual stepladder training provided prior to injury.</li> </ul>	<p>ladder/step ladder safety.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request assistance when installing cameras when climbing ladders.</li> </ul>
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**Energy Conservation Update:** None this month.

**Round Table:** None this month.

**Next Meeting:** December 21, 2021, 2pm, via Zoom.  
Meeting adjourned at 1434 hrs.