

Safety/Energy Committee Minutes
Held In-Person/Zoom Hybrid; May 17, 2022

Present: Allen Risen, Kevin Thibeault, Jessica Olson, Jacquyn Vasquez, Mike Hanson, Mike McGlade, Adria Henrickson, Nora Solvedt, Michelle Sides, Mark Lilley, and Kristen Larson.

Absent: Beeb Singson, Lindsey Lavender, Julie Grammer, Rebecca Chiles, and Chelsee Blatner.

Meeting was called to order at 1404 hrs.

Review of Minutes:

- Mike Hanson made the motion to approve, Michelle Sides seconded.
- April 19th minutes approved.

Building Fire life Safety Inspections: Allen Risen.

Extinguisher Issues;

- Many extinguishers not receiving their monthly checks by assigned person for their building. Allen completed all May's checks and initialed tags during inspection where needed.
- HSS extinguisher cabinet handle broken/missing, hard to open. First reported 2 years ago.
- Allen replaced several extinguishers where pressure gauge arrows were out of green section indicating low pressure. Campbell Hall and New PE.

Holes in Walls/Ceilings;

- WUC 5 holes in wall where old fire panel was once located.
- Rice Auditorium ceiling tiles missing above paint booth.
- Natural Science ceiling tiles missing in 3 locations.

Trip/Fall Hazards;

- Sidewalk between Rice Auditorium and the Mods has 2 seams needing ground down. Work request submitted to Facilities April 2021. Still needs corrected.
- Maple Hall north sidewalk needs patched. Old patch chipped out causing a potential trip hazard. 10th notice.

Emergency Light Issues;

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

Fire Alarm Issues;

- Rice Auditorium 3 alarm bells not working.

Injury Review: Allen Risen.

Description	Findings	Recommendations
<p>The employee was opening the steam kettle and lifted the designated handle in the wrong location. They advised they knew better and should have lifted the handle using the round black knob on the end of the handle but instead lifted the middle portion of the handle having their arm reaching across the lid. As they lifted the handle, opening the lid to the kettle, the steam escaped below their right forearm causing a second degree burn. The employee did not seek medical attention.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening the steam kettle lid containing boiling water. • Reaching over the lid grasping lid handle in the wrong location, i.e., center of lid, instead of the designed grasping knob on the outer edge. • Multi-tasking. • Not focusing on the task at hand. • Kettle opening width approximately 24 inches. • Employee advised he was trained on steam kettle. • No medical attention sought. 	<p>Recommendations to Prevent Similar Accidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retrain employee on proper steam kettle use. • Use correct holding/hand position on kettle lid handle, when opening lid. • Open lid slowly to release steam.
<p>The employee was walking east on the north sidewalk of Church Street near the Werner University Center when they tripped and fell on the concrete sidewalk due to a raised seam in the sidewalk. The employee hit their left cheek bone and left knee on concrete sidewalk causing skin abrasions and bruising to both impact areas. The impact also bent their prescription glasses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised section of concrete sidewalk and a stress joint causing employee to trip and fall. • Employee received skin abrasions to their left cheek and left knee when impacting sidewalk. • Employee was only carrying closed up umbrella at the time of the fall. • Employee went home for the day and applied ice to injuries. • No medical attention received. • Raised portion of sidewalk seam was ground down by Facilities after being reported. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware of surroundings and sidewalk surfaces for possible trip hazards.

Energy Conservation Update: None this month.

Round Table:

- Kevin Thibeault advised he is back at Facilities Services. He will see if he will be able to provide the conservation committee updates.
- Kevin advised that it would be beneficial to have a member representing Housing and Dining. He will reach out to the new Housing Maintenance supervisor and inquire about her joining the committee.
- The committee discussed the construction occurring in the area surrounding campus, affecting both Monmouth Ave and Jackson St.
- Allen advised that during the summer term, or perhaps the beginning of fall, there will be a meeting/training for building managers.

Next Meeting: June 21, 2022, 2pm, in Hamersly Library 205.
Meeting adjourned at 1427 hrs.