

Executive Safety Committee (ESC) | MINUTES

December 5, 2018 | 10:00 – 11:00 am | Sacramento Hall, Room 161

ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP LISTED AT END

CALL TO ORDER: 10:05 am by Gary Rosenblum, Chair

Review and Approval of October 17, 2018 ESC Minutes - Approved

It was suggested that the minutes contain the first name and last initial of the person referenced in the minutes.

INTRODUCTIONS OF COMMITTEE ATTENDEES

This is the third and final meeting for the semester. Our next meeting will be in February of 2019.

OPEN FORUM

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Jorge C. brought up a concern about pedestrians crossing the street near the corner of State University Drive and Arboretum Way by PS5 where there is not a cross walk. Tony L. said that that corner is a dangerous place to cross and pedestrians should be using the tunnel. He also mentioned that he would see some kind of fencing along Arboretum Way to stop pedestrians from walking in the street.

Tony L. mentioned that TAC is funding a study to review foot traffic from PS5 to Residence Hall Lot 2 crossing through the esplanade. He would like to see the university plant rose bushes along the edges of the esplanade to deter pedestrian crossing.

NEW BUSINESS

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particulates in the air. He took numerous air samples around campus and compared them to the reported state levels. He found that inside most buildings during the full closure, air quality was in the “unhealthy” zone according to the Air Quality regulatory information. He worked with Facilities to turn on the ventilation system in critical use buildings to clear the air and tested the quality daily to ensure a healthy level was present. Gary R. reported that essential employees who were working on campus during this time were able to be in their buildings/offices safely. EHS is now planning to purchase “real-time” air monitoring devices to install around the campus.

Artificial Turf

Tyler Harris, EH&S Industrial Hygienist and Chemical Safety Officer, at the request of Gary R., performed a literature review on artificial turf, especially the artificial turf which is made using ground-up rubber tires. The ground rubber may be inhaled, ingested or transferred to clothing during sports activity. There was a report from Washington showing that there were players who played on artificial turf with ground rubber who have been diagnosed with some form of cancer. However, there are no complete studies showing a link to cancer from this kind of artificial turf. The concern is that the rubber crumbs are composed of ground up tires, and there are heavy metals and other chemicals in the product, which may be harmful. There are non-toxic alternatives such as Nikegrind that is made of shoe soles. Organic fills using coconut and walnut shells are also used. (Tyler’s report is posted on the ESC website.) The question was asked if there were any studies regarding exposure to vaporized chemicals released into the air after being heated in the sun on hot days. Tyler responded by stating that the inhalation levels of chemicals are probably lower but that has not been studied. Gary R. stated that as we move forward, RMS and EHS will be more involved in the artificial turf decisions. Daryn O. mentioned that the maintenance costs can be high to ensure the safety and cleanliness of the artificial turf playing fields.

NSM Safety Program

Brittany Anderson, NSM Safety Manager, reported that NSM is making a lot of progress on their safety programs. All NSM chemical inventory has been moved to the computerized system, Risk & Safety Solutions (RSS). EHS and Brittany have inspected 100% of the labs. Brittany and Tyler Harris will be doing a second round of inspections with key professors responsible for the labs. Brittany did a surprise audit on classes to ensure that proper training and documentation of lab procedures and PPE were completed and she was happy to report that the majority of them were completed. Posting of new replacement lab safety signage is about 50% complete. She also reported that the NSM and Chemistry safety committees has been meeting on a monthly basis for the entire semester. The NSM safety progress report is posted on the ESC website.

Traffic Safety – PS 1

Gary R. stated that he has received reports about students driving too fast and faculty do not feel safe driving or walking to or from their cars in PS 1. Tony L. added that prior to PS 5 being built, PS 1 used to have a gate arm on the west entrance of the structure strictly for staff and faculty and students entered the north entrance on Sinclair Rd. Staff and faculty had the first 3 floors designated for them and the students had the north floors 1-3 and all of the 4th and 5th floors for their parking. While the construction of PS 5 was taking place, the arms were removed. Now UTAPS is checking to see if the structure is safe to reinstall the arms. Currently there are empty water barriers in place to block access areas to students but students find ways to move them and parking enforcement has to reposition them daily. Tony L. has also received complaints that people are driving around the speed bumps in PS 5 rather than over them.

OLD BUSINESS

Safety Committees

Steve Leland, EHS Director, reported that The Art Department, Engineering Department and Dance and Theater have formed safety committees and will start to meet in January. This is significant progress on the campus-wide Safety Committee initiative being led by EHS.

Motorized Wheeled Devices on Campus

Gary R. reported that he has been working on rewriting the policy for motorized wheeled devices on campus and should be completed soon. He also mentioned that the city is moving forward to allow motorized scooters on the streets. Tony L. stated that in the city motorized scooters will be welcomed as a first mile last mile solution. Motorized scooters may become popular to travel from the light rail station at 65th St to campus. The university will need to develop strong controls with contracts with scooter companies. The motorized scooters can go up to 20 mph and the city is not requiring drivers to wear helmets within the city limits. The scooters are dockless and can be parked/left anywhere. The campus is considering working with the scooter rental companies to create a GEO fence around the outer area of the campus so that they can be used to get to campus, while they still will be prohibited from being used on campus. UTAPs will work to educate students on the rules and guidelines for the use of these and other scooters. Chief Iwasa is looking into prohibiting motorized devices on campus. The faculty are complaining about wheeled devices being a trip hazard in the classrooms and outside walk areas. Gary R. added that with approval by the city it is likely that motorized scooters are coming to campus and we need to work with the rental companies and owners to ensure a safe environment for all. Lisa H. stated that there was a concern when JUMP bikes first came to town and campus but so far she sees users being courteous when parking them as not to block walkways. Tony L. cautioned that we should be careful as to where we allow these motorized devices to operate on campus for the safety of vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

Lighting on Campus

The report on Lighting Survey has been moved to the next meeting.

Daryn O. asked if we can list action items in bold or in its own section.

ADJOURNED: 11:05 am

IN ATTENDANCE

Brittany Anderson-Steele, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Martinique Baker, Peer and Academic Resource Center, CSUEU*

Barbara Coulombe, Chemistry, CSUEU*

Todd Dangott, Director, Risk Management

William DeGraffenreid, Office of the President

Lisa Hammersley, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Mark Iwasa, Sacramento State Police Department

Lisa Johnson, Clinic Operations

Steve Leland, Environmental Health and Safety

Tony Lucas, University Transportation and Parking

Chris Miller, Interim Vice Provost

Daryn Ockey, Facilities Management

Gary Rosenblum, Risk Management Services

Adell Seibles, Workers' Compensation

Not in Attendance

Karyl Burwell, Student Affairs Administration
Lisa Cardoza, President's Office
Tom Carroll, Student Organizations & Leadership
Chela Cholula, Human Resources
Susan Colley-Monk, Risk Management
Jet Corpus, Associated Students, Inc. Board of Directors
Chris Fowler, CSU Legal Counsel
Mark Hendricks, IRT Security Officer
Matthew Kay, Academic Affairs IT, CSUEU*
Matt Kroner, Sacramento State Police Department, SUPA*
Damian Lee, Sacramento State Police Department
Beth Lesen, Student Engage and Success
Anne Luna, Sociology Department
Nancy Luong, ASI Representative
Matthew Mason, Transportation Maintenance, Teamsters*
Christine Miller, Information Resources and Technology
Ed Mills, VP, Student Affairs
Carlotta Moore, Office of Graduate Studies, APC*
Noel Mora, ASI President
Brian Oppy, Faculty Advancement
Steve Perez, Vice Provost, Academic Affairs
Angela Pullano, UEI Property Services
Justin Reginato, Facilities Management
Bridgett Reilly, University Enterprises
Pamela Robertson, Student Health & Counseling Services, Clinic, CSUEU*
Jennie Singer, Criminal Justice Department
Cely Smart, Office of the President
Michael Speros, Housing Coordinator
Joy Stewart-James, Student Health & Counseling Services
Angel Thayer, Academic Affairs
Kevin Wehr, Sociology Department, CFA*
** Labor Representative*

Guests

Jorge Chavez, Facilities
Tyler Harris, Environmental Health & Safety

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