MEMORANDUM

Date: September 9, 2015

To: CAMPUS HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Anita Barker, Intercollegiate Athletics & Recreational Sports
Jamie Clyde, Associated Students
Stanely Crane, SETC
Kevin Doyle, Facilities Management and Services
Lauri Evans, Disability Support Services
John Feeney, University Public Safety Committee
Cindy Leonard, Agricultural Teaching & Research Center
Vincent Ornales, California Faculty Association
Phillip Sacksteder, CSUEU
Yvette Streeter, Environmental Health and Safety
Michael Swithenbank, University Police Department
Gloria Torbeck, University Housing and Food Services
Charles Turner, California Faculty Association
Linda Vidovich, Manager, Benefits, and Worker’s Compensation Unit

From: J. Marvin Pratt, Director of Environmental Health and Safety

Subject: Campus Health and Safety Committee Meeting of September 8, 2015


Absent: Stanely Crane, Cindy Leonard, Michael Swithenbank, and Gloria Torbeck.

The Campus Health and Safety Committee meeting commenced at 2:00 p.m. in the EOC/Training Room located in Park II, Room 119.

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting was opened by welcoming and introducing new Member Jamie Clyde, Associate Director of Associated Students.

Approval of Minutes – May 7, 2015

The minutes of May 7, 2015, were approved as submitted.
Review of Accidents (April - June 2015)

Mr. Pratt presented to the Committee members a summary of reported accident/injuries from April - June 2015. The summary represented injuries by department; type of accident; and first aide, medical, or informational only. The type of injuries reported were foreign object in eyes; fractured elbow; swollen hand; strained legs and back; anxiety issues; sprained back; lacerations to head and foot; chest pains; and bug bite. Injuries are caused by slip, trips, and fall; heavy objects falling on foot; pulling heavy objects; hitting head on door; and long period of repetitive motion.

Mr. Pratt advised Back Safety Training was presented by Dustin Krampitz, Outpatient Therapy Supervisor with Enloe Medical Center on September 11th, September 15th, and September 23rd to University Housing and Facilities Management and Services; and on September 25th at the University Farm.

The September 23rd session was an evening session for the night Custodians.

Mr. Pratt also advised that Richard Perrelli is working with Curtis Pahlka, Civilian Manager with University Police to schedule a Back Safety Training for the Officers.

Review of Inspections

Ms. Streeter presented to the Committee members a report on building inspections and surveys from April - June 2015. The report covered Ayres Hall corridors; Warehouse; and the Radio Tower at Mount Hough. Findings were large amounts of paper formed into clouds on the corridor walls; electrical wiring issue; and inspection of Radio Tower for the Campus Hazardous Materials Business Plan.

Update on Electronic Displays in Lobbies

Mr. Pratt reported there are digital/electronic displays located in the lobbies of Student Services Center, Wildcat Recreation Center, Meriam Library, and Butte, Glenn, Yolo Halls, to provide college and department information.

It was discussed that the displays could be used to provide information on Emergency Operation information. Mr. Pratt advised the displays are not centralized and ownership/management are controlled by various staff and departments. The decentralized nature of these devices do not lend them to be used for emergency notification purposes.

Update on Power Strips on-Campus

Ms. Streeter reported BITS removed all daisy chaining in Kendall Hall and replaced older power strips with units that have circuit protection.

September is Campus Fire Safety Month

Ms. Streeter reported in a nationwide effort to raise fire and life safety awareness on Campuses, September was designated as “Campus Fire Safety Month.” August and September are typically the worst time of year for fatal campus-related housing fires. Unfortunately, some students do not realize how quickly a fire can occur, and most have not received fire safety education.
Campus Fire Safety Month was established to help students realize they are not invincible, that fires do happen in Campus-related settings and that students should take steps to protect themselves no matter where they live.

The National Fire Protection Association, The Center for Campus Fire Safety; the University of New Haven Fire Science Club, and Domino’s Pizza teamed up to host a national campaign that raises awareness of fire safety on Campuses.

Part of their campaign is a contest which encourages students to put fire safety first, and provides a host of student, parent and fire safety educator resources that focus on the dangers of candles and unattended cooking, in addition to highlighting the importance of having smoke alarms, evacuation plans and more. Resources have been designed for sharing via social media, websites, and for posting in dorms and on common area bulletin boards include:

- Fire safety questions to ask landlords and school officials
- Videos
- Checklists
- Tips Sheets
- Infographics and flyers

The Contest is held from September 1st to September 25th on the Campus Fire Safety for Students facebook and targets students currently enrolled. Students who complete the first tier will be entered into a sweepstakes where two winners will be randomly selected to win a Domino’s-sponsored pizza party for 50 of their friends. Students can also submit a 200-word paragraph about the steps they will take to help keep themselves and their peers safer from fire. One winner will be chosen from the second-tier of the Contest and is eligible to win an iPad Mini 3.

CPR Training – Staff Development

The University Staff Development Program (USDP) Committee sponsored a Heartsaver CPR AED training in August and September to the Campus community. The training was taught by First Responder EMS who are an approved American Heart Association Training Center.

Heartsaver CPR AED covers the American Heart Association (AHA) CPR for infant, child, and adult patients - with practice using a barrier device. Methods for clearing a foreign body airway obstruction in infants, children and adults are reviewed, as well as, training on how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED).

The cost of the three (3) training sessions was covered by USDP and was open on a first come first serve bases. The training was 3.5 hours and if participants passed the required assessment verifying they have acquired the necessary skills and knowledge to perform CPR and use an AED they will obtain CPR certification upon completion.

Other

Mr. Pratt reported in June 2015 a night custodian entered Room 365 in Tehama Hall to find that a lithium battery pack had exploded inside the office. The findings were reported to University Police and Chico Fire Department.
Chico Fire used thermal imagining and stated the battery and all components were “cold” indicating the incident had occurred in the past. The fire alarm did not activate as no smoke detector was in the room.

Chico Fire Inspectors conducted an investigation on June 8, 2015, finding the battery appears to have failed for an unknown cause resulting in thermal runaway. Multiple pieces of the battery pack were located throughout the office, carbon residue was visible on the items sitting on the desk. Damage was limited to the desk, mini blinds, and one chair.

Per the occupant the battery packs had been in the office since the week of May 18, 2015, and it is unknown if the battery pack had been dropped or was damaged.

The occupants of the room were advised of the incident. A professional cleaning company was hired to clean the entire office due to potential exposure to corrosive residue from the battery.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.