UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS / AMHERST
UNIVERSITY HEALTH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
12:00PM, Thursday, March 27, 2008
Draper Hall 102

Present @ Meeting: Dalessandra Acosta, Tobias Baskin, Vince Chase, Carla Dominguez, Joe Kunkel, Ed Mientka, Colette Nadeau, Julie Nelson, Maureen O’Leary, Rick Pierre, Maxine Schmidt, Evan Turell, Deb Warner, Donna Williston

I. The minutes from 2/28/08 were approved

II. Environmental Health and Safety Operations Presentation Part III By:
   - Ed Mientka, Associate Director and Campus Safety and Fire Prevention Program Head
   - Vince Chase, Radiation Safety Services Program Head

   • Ed Mientka gave an overview of the Campus Safety and Fire Prevention Program at EH&S. The programs are responsible for the following areas on campus:

     ➢ Life safety and code compliance: This includes inspections, design plan reviews for new buildings, and construction monitoring. The staff works closely with the Amherst Fire Department, and the State Building Inspector.
     ➢ Emergency and service response: This includes immediately responding to and investigating fire alarms, injury investigations, public health issues, and fire/smoke conditions, by the EH&S First Responder Services, which is staffed 24/7 during the semester.
     ➢ Fire Protection Systems testing and inspections; this includes a fire extinguisher maintenance program, fire evacuation drills and fire safety education for students.
     ➢ Providing safety training for campus in many areas including back care and lifting, CPR, EMT training, first aid, on-line web based safety training program, etc.
     ➢ Construction safety: oversees site-specific safety plan review, contractor safety training, site visits inspections and investigations of incidents and injuries related to construction.

   • Vince Chase gave an overview of the Radiation Safety Program. The Radiation Safety program is responsible for oversight of:

     ➢ Inventory of radioactive materials, and calibrating instruments involved in radiation security.
     ➢ Performing leak tests of sealed sources and managing radioactive wastes
     ➢ Performing monthly contamination surveys in labs and monitoring potential user exposure by dosimeters.
     ➢ Providing advice on laser eye wear and safety training on the safe use of lasers
Performing services in non-academic areas such as conducting leakage surveys of radio towers, providing general information to the public about radon hazards in the home, and answering general radioactive materials questions.

The next Health Council Meeting is scheduled for April 24th from 12:00-1:00 in Draper Hall 102.

Respectfully submitted
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