

**MODESTO JUNIOR COLLEGE
HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
MJC West Campus, SCC Conf. Room 138
Notes**

Date: October 3, 2014

Present:

Becky Crow, Chair	Adrian DeAngelis, Vocational Labs	Matt Page, Chemistry Lab
Cecelia Vera, Health Services	Brian Sanders, CHO	Marsha Calbreath, Recorder
Dave Keener, Facilities	John Basile, Faculty	Lloyd Jackson, Campus Safety
Cirilo Torres, Classified		

Absent: Joe Caddell, Science Labs; Jim Stevens, Faculty; Dorothy Pimentel, Risk Management; Nicholas Stuyt, Agriculture; Luis Rebolledo, ASMJC Student; John Macedo, Agriculture; Jill Ramsey, Faculty

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Introduction & Housekeeping

Matt Page from the chemistry stockroom and John Basile, Instructor with Respiratory Care Program and Director of Clinical Occupations, were introduced. They are both new committee members. The charge of the committee was reviewed. (Since the charge is no longer about voting members, we should update the document to reflect that all members can vote.)

2. Approval of Notes

The 10/11/13, 1/24/14, 3/20/14 and 4/11/2014 minutes were approved via email; the 7/11/2014 meeting was cancelled.

3. Reports:

- Student Representative

The student was not available. The student last year was working on the e-cigarette issue and smoking on campus. It is unknown whether the students still want to address that issue.

- Risk Management

Dorothy Pimentel was unable to attend. She forwarded a report with the following topics:

1. A SharePoint site for Safety is being developed.
2. ASCIP Safety Funds are available for safety needs for which funds are typically not available through other means. The committee discussed items like First Aid kits in the buildings and emergency call boxes.)
3. Review of Ergonomic Plan—Marsha will send an electronic copy to the committee for their review and input. Brian Sanders questioned about the purchase of new equipment for ergonomic accommodations.

- Facilities

Dave Keener provided an update on campus trees. Facilities commissioned a tree maintenance program on east and west campus over the summer using outside vendors. Many Modesto Ash trees that are at the end of their life-span (about 80 years), are diseased and many have been removed. They have salvaged those where it was safe to do so. West campus had the most trees that required removal.

On east campus, aggressive pruning was necessary for some of the Deodar Cedars; one in particular had unsafe limbs removed from over the music building. There will be more to come. The budget has now been exhausted for this type of work. When we have more funding, we will complete another survey for the most northern section of the west campus, and we will be addressing many of those trees. Until then, Facilities will handle tree maintenance in-house whenever possible, but there is an emergency fund if necessary.

This is an ongoing project with the trees until we get caught up with some of the older ones. Tim Nesmith is working with the president's office for replacement of the trees. We have a list of acceptable replacement trees that will complement the campuses. Landscaping with the Loop Road Project will cover many of the needs.

The Facilities is addressing trip hazards in our sidewalks by grinding them down. Grinding cement is a messy job and must be completed during the early hours. The Loop Road Project on West campus is pretty aggressive and will be addressing many of the trip hazards. We have aggressively attacked the areas that are not on the construction path. Removal is the next step, if necessary.

4. Discussion Items

- Influenza—Cecelia Vera
Cecelia gave a brief presentation regarding Influenza and the three actions to fight the flu.
 1. Get flu vaccine—college has free vaccines. Health Services is only providing vaccines for students at Health Fair on East and West campus. Allied Health will assist with the delivery.
 2. Stay home, wash hands or use alcohol-based hand-rub.
 3. Anti-viral drugs
- Enterovirus D-68—Alameda County and Solano County have reported incidents of Enterovirus D-68. This is a flu-like virus that attacks children with respiratory issues and can be deadly. Deaths have been reported in the mid-west, but no deaths have been reported here yet. The recommendation is to get the flu vaccine as it will make your immune system stronger.
- Ebola virus—Cecelia also provided a brief update regarding the Ebola virus.

5. SharePoint

- Sites for Risk Management and Safety
This topic was moved to the Risk Management Report above.

6. Future Safety-Related Topics—Becky Crow

Subject to the committee's interest, we can continue providing the type of a presentation and tour that is happening today in the Science classrooms/labs. This would help the committee be more familiar with the areas that are discussed in our meetings. The committee indicated that they were interested in doing so. Becky suggested that any area who would like to host the next "tour" should contact Marsha so it can be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

7. **Round Table** (Items too late for agenda or for the good of the campus)

Nothing.

8. **Waste Management and Safety Advances in Science with Tour of Chemical Stockroom and Classrooms**—Brian Sanders/Matt Page

Sanders reported that when Science moved into this Science Community Center, there were several significant improvements in safety. There is now a chemistry corridor that facilitates safe movement of chemicals from the stockroom to the classrooms. Disposal of old chemicals was a problem. When they left the old building, the department walked away from the chemistry stockroom and left behind nearly all of the old chemicals. It took the HAZMAT crew three weeks to haul off big truckloads of old chemicals. This included all of the mercury that they could find. 40 years ago mercury was a valid teaching tool but not today. Now, there is no mercury in the chemistry department at all.

Matt Page came to the department with good credentials and experience and has developed a good safety plan, including hazardous waste procedures and periodic testing of eye washes and showers. All of the MSDS sheets in Science are now accessible on-line in case of emergency.

Phase two of the MSDS management involves inventory controls with QR codes which will provide the quantities of the chemicals on hand. Then, when sitting in front of the building with a hazmat team, he can log-in and identify quantities, etc. The move to the new Science Community Center was an enormous journey.

Committee members then were treated to a tour of the new stockroom, the chemical vaults and examples of the small amounts of hazardous waste that is generated. Matt also explained about the move from their prior method of experimentation to new micro-experimentation processes that not only cut down on the hazardous waste, but also make the experiments much safer.

9. **Next meeting:** The 1/9/14 Safety committee meeting conflicts with Institute Day. The meeting will be rescheduled to 1/16/14, 11:00 AM to Noon, Location: TBA Send agenda items to Marsha for the next meeting. Send someone else if you cannot make the meeting.

Committee Adjourned: 12:20 PM

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