

Safety/Energy Committee Minutes Held In-Person; September 19, 2023

Present: Rebecca Chiles, Zachary Hammerle, Jessica Olson, Mike Komes, Mike Hanson, Kristen Stevens, and Brittany Smith.

Absent: Michelle Sides, Mark Lilley, Adria Henrickson, Julie Grammer, Janelle Hampton, Beeb Singson, Jacqlyn Vasquez, Nora Solvedt, Mike McGlade, and Chelsea Blatner.

Meeting was called to order at 1405 hrs.

Review of Minutes:

- Kristen Stevens made the motion to approve, Mike Komes seconded.
- August 15 minutes approved.

Building Fire life Safety Inspections: Jessica Olson.

Trip/Slip Hazards:

- Valsetz outside elevator recessed sidewalk lights have their lenses broken or missing causing a hole/trip hazard. Needs replaced.
- Water fountain in RSC is shooting water several feet when activated.

Tip Hazards:

- Vick 111 has bookshelf that needs secured to wall.
- Stitch Closet/Food Pantry has shelving that needs secured to wall.

Extinguisher Issues:

- Several buildings not receiving their monthly checks.
- Ackerman 135 (elevator control room) extinguisher arrow out of green and needs replaced. Bad seals.
- Ackerman, outside E elevator on 4th floor, extinguisher needs pulled for six year servicing and replaced. Last serviced 2015.
- Barnum 1st floor, pod C right on line of needing recharged. Will keep an eye on, but likely has bad seal and needs replaced.
- Gentle House vacuum left blocking conference extinguisher. Pulled upstairs extinguisher for servicing.
- Landers Hall Pod 4, 3rd floor extinguisher cabinet damaged from impact (dent in metal, shattered plexiglass). Found concealed/covered with sheet of paper. Is now a cut hazard.
- Welcome Center second floor extinguisher pulled for six year servicing.

Fire Sprinkler Issues:

- Alder View 690 has a birds nest on top of exterior sprinkler.
- Cedar and Heritage Halls have escutcheons that need pushed flush with ceiling.
- Welcome Center has an escutcheon outside 219 that needs to be flush. Several barracks/rooms missing smoke detectors.

Fire Alarm Issues:

- Alder View 730 and Butler did not report trouble signal to dispatch. Has been fixed.

- Valsetz trouble signal received by dispatch as a fire alarm. Needs to be corrected and programmed correctly.

Fire Door Issues:

- Landers Hall found several doors propped, but found paper stuffed in the strike plate hole. Door was unable to secure (Pod 2, second floor). I cleared it out. Building security issue.

Lighting Issues:

- Heritage Hall bulb in stairwell between first and second floor (outside laundry room) dim and needing replaced.
- Landers Pod 2, second floor exit sign battery needs replaced. Exit sign outside 119 dim when tested.
- Valsetz 203 north wall emergency light replaced, but installed upside down. Cannot be reached to test.
- Valsetz light on west side of elevator is out.
- Welcome Center mid-east barracks have about a dozen light tubes propped in corner that need secured and stored correctly.

Electrical Issues:

- Light fixtures outside Barnum 221, 238, and 240 missing covers.
- Butler Pod B, 2nd and 3rd level light fixture on north wall of stairs down to upper lounge landing is missing its cover.
- Valsetz light at top of ramp near elevator missing cover with exposed bulbs.
- An office in WC using an orange extension cord for computer. Needs replaced with a power strip.

Ceiling tile missing / holes needing closed:

- Ackerman hallway ceiling tile outside 142 elevator control room has 12"x14" hole.
- Heritage Hall basement mechanical room east wall has two large holes cut out that need closed.
- Spruce Hall, ceiling cracking/bubbling in 3rd floor hall.
- Valsetz has large hole in ceiling of first floor men's restroom.
- Vick first floor middle restroom, on north side, has ceiling tile out of place. Room 215 is missing several ceiling tiles.
- Welcome Center SE Barracks have a large hole in ceiling from water damage.

Exit Routes:

- Gentle House south hallway exit next to kitchen blocked by stairs.

Other:

- Alder View 680 sprinkler riser room smells like something died.
- Hornet nest in light fixture outside Gentle Hall 139 (several missing covers).
- Multiple stress cracks on underside of concrete walkways and concrete beams at Gentle Hall.
- Eyewash in 4th Gunn sprinkler mechanical room is expired (April 2022) and needs replaced.
- Sequioa Commons outside west emergency phone tower not working, no out of order sign.
- WC East Elevator callbox not working.

Injury Review: Three this month.

Description	Findings	Recommendations
<p>The employee was in foot pursuit of a burglary suspect towards the north lawn of Heritage Hall. The grass was wet, possibly due to sprinklers or weather, and when the employee stepped from concrete sidewalk to wet grass, they slipped and fell into their right side, impacting their right shoulder. The employee did not immediately feel pain and advised they had no bruising or swelling. However, later that night, the employee advised his pain level reached nine on a scale of one to ten with restricted movement. They treated it with Advil and rest, advising they wanted to wait a few days to see if their pain improved and it did. The employee advised they currently experience no pain at rest, however, feels sharp pain in certain positions. They advised the pain catches them by surprise and they are unable to recreate the pain.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursued burglary suspect on foot. • Wore patrol style Danner boots in good condition. • Transition from concrete sidewalk to wet grass. 	<p><i>Recommendations to Prevent Similar Accidents</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware of surroundings. • Report injuries to supervisor when they occur.
<p>The employee was securing drywall to metal studs, holding a screw in place with their left hand and operating a drill with their right hand. While screwing the drywall into place, the screw broke causing the drill to veer to the left. The philips bit struck and punctured the employee's left thumb nail. The employee did not require medical treatment and did not miss work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screwing drywall into metal studs. • Screw broke, sending the drill to the left. • Philips bit punctured left thumb nail. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No recommendations at this time.
<p>The employee was welding and grinding over a period of about four days repairing a turf vac. They received minor burns to the inside of their arms which they treated with burn gel. No medical attention was sought, and no work was missed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welding over multiple days. • Wearing short sleeved shirt. • Minor, sunburn type burn to inside of arms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear sleeves and appropriate PPE for welding.

Energy Conservation Update:

- Group from NW Natural has reached out about the possible installation of carbon traps on campus boilers. It would be a pilot project at no cost to the university and assist with carbon emissions from natural gas use.
- Lighting upgrades are occurring on campus (such as new lighting on Monmouth Ave) along with utility meter upgrades.
- The next segment of the steamline project will help immensely with resource and cost savings.

Round Table:

- The Great Shake Out is coming next month on October 19th. Get ready to drop, cover, and hold on!
- For those interested in joining the WOU CERT Team, or those interested in learning new skills, CERT training will begin in October. Email cert@wou.edu for more details.

Next Meeting: October 17, 2023, 2pm, in Hamersly Library 205.
Meeting adjourned at 1440 hrs.