

Health and Safety Committee Meeting

January 21, 2020

Facilities Report (Shaun Curry)

- There has been a “flurry of roof activity” to handle the leaks reported by Modern Languages and others. The flurry includes actions taken by contractors to temporarily shore up the roof until it can be redone.
- Bidding is being started to have the roofs of McCormack and Quinn redone this summer as a single package
- There has been a delay in beginning the temporary walkway that will replace the catwalk. A new time sequence is being finalized and it will be announced to the university community shortly.
- Structural repairs to shore up the substructure under Wheatley and McCormack will be started soon. Much of that work will be done at night. The substructure needs to be reinforced before any demolition of the Science Building can occur.
- The Science Building is nearly completely vacated, but the Data center, the greenhouse, and the machine shop (as well as a few labs which will be moved soon) remain for the moment. They should be moved sometime this spring.
- Internal demolition work on a small scale will begin shortly in the Science Building and access to the building will be severely limited.
- The HP door on the UL of the Campus Center garage was discussed again. Shaun reported that they are in process of putting in a door and are currently working on how the wiring for the door will be arranged (a wireless door is not recommended). Once that is decided, the door will be installed.
- The Campus Center garage floor will most likely be redone this summer and non-slip textured flooring will be installed outside the door entrances.

Environmental Health and Services Report (John Dombrowski)

- Kolby Reggione has been hired as the new Fire and Life Safety Technician.
- Unannounced fire drills will occur during the first week of the new semester.

Parking and Transportation Report (Kevin Livingston)

- Kevin Livingston, the new Director of PT and S attended and reported.
- Members of the H & S Committee apprised Kevin of the issues we have been discussing. These include moving the bus stop from the rotary near the ISC to on the street across from West Garage. Kevin will check this out and get back to us.
- Improved floor marking (arrows, speed limit signs) in West Garage was discussed, and Kevin again will look into it. We also mentioned the problem of speeding in the garage, and if speed bumps could be an answer to it.
- Trucks parking at the end of ramps impedes view as cars turn. Could something be done. Probably not but Kevin will look into that too.

- Lights in some sections of the 2nd floor of the West Garage are out. Kevin is aware of this and they have already contacted the electrical contractor who did the work on the garage to have that taken care of.

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December 17, 2019

1. Men's Room off Catwalk by Science Building
 - The filters have been removed from the faucets. Shaun reports that they were snapped off by someone. Plumbing is looking into this as we are meeting.
2. McCormack Roof
 - A bid has been received to address the roof problems on 3 and 4.
 - There will also be general repairs to the roof.
 - Facilities is securing bids to batten down the existing roof in January.
 - Full replacement of the roof will be entered as an item in the next capital budget cycle.
 - The carpet in areas that are regularly being flooded will be replaced by tiles. This work has been bid, approved, and is being scheduled.
3. Bus Stop
 - There is a new director of Transportation and Parking, Kevin Livingston. John H. will contact him about this issue and about attending our January 2020 meeting.
 - Shaun reported that a traffic engineer will be coming soon to do a complete assessment of safety and so on now that the garage has been operating for a year. A raised speed bump will be one item considered.
 - Leaking of pipes in the garage during last week's monsoon rains has been reported. Shaun will check this.
 - Visibility on the ramps is often obstructed by large trucks parking at the end of the ramps.
4. Temporary Walkway to replace catwalk
 - Facilities is still reviewing the walkway with the contractor. Currently they are discussing the flooring material and the exact placement of the walkway.
 - All this is being done in close coordination with the construction schedule. It now has been decided that demolition of the pool and the area around Clark will be the first steps in the demolition project.
 - The temporary walkway should be in place by the start of the Spring semester.
 - The new catwalk should be open by the start of the Fall 2020 semester.
5. Greenhouse
 - Bids are now being received for the relocation of the Greenhouse from the Science Building to the water side of the library. Hopefully the move can be completed in January.
6. Door on LL of Campus Center Garage
 - Facilities is collecting bids to install a handicapped accessible door on the Lower Level of the Camus Center garage. Hopefully this will be completed over the winter break.

- No-skid flooring will be incorporated as part of the new garage floor that will be installed over the summer.

7. Reporting

- Once again, all are urged to report all problems or questions to Facilities or Environmental Health and Safety, then to the union offices.

8. Coyotes

- Coyotes (and turkeys) have been sighted in the meadows. We are not sure who would handle this. Public Safety?

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November 19, 2019

1. Update on ongoing construction projects (Shaun, Simon, John D)

- The REAB is nearly completed and should be almost complete by the end of January 2020.
- The Science Building relocation should be completed by the end of January.
- The heating problems in Wheatley and McCormack has been resolved.
- The covered walkway that is to temporarily replace the catwalk will be the only way across the plaza next semester.

2. McCormack roof leaks

- The roof needs to be replaced. It will cost between 10 to 15 million. But the university cannot afford to spend this amount so temporary fixes will be implemented.
- Shaun will meet with the affected departments if requested.
- Shaun will check the known high volume problem areas.

3. Contact information/reporting processes

- The unions will push to their members reporting using the channels that already exist. These include letting members know who their reps are on the H&S, urging them to report all problems to Facilities and Environments Health and Safety and to their union offices. It is important to have a trail in case there has to be follow up.

4. Update on 3D printers and ventilation

- No complaints about this have been filed to Facilities.
- The University does not use hazardous plastics in its work with printers.
- The University also uses lower temperatures to melt plastic so as not to create a hazard.
- Shaun will check to make sure there is proper ventilation in place, which he thinks is already the case.

5. Bus Stop

- No one from Parking and Transportation attended this meeting to discuss relocating the ISC bus stop. We will ask again at our next meeting.

6. Fitness Center

- One of John H's students reported a problem with some of the wall bars and fixtures being loose. John H will go to the Fitness Center and speak with them about this.

7. Student Rep

- The H&S committee charge limits its membership to administration and unions.
- But, students have regular meetings with the Administration and Facilities about safety issues where their concerns are raised.

University Health and Safety Committee Report Meeting of October 31, 2019

Shaun Curry, Interim Director of Facilities, gave an extensive update on construction. Construction news is always available and regularly updated on the UMB web site (https://www.umb.edu/the_university/masterplan).

- The REAB is going well and many areas in Wheatley and McCormick are wrapping up and should be finished in December. Some programs have already moved wholly or partially into rehabbed spaces; for example, Healey 10 and 11, which will be the new home of Nursing and Exercise and Health Sciences.
- The Science Building will be turned over to seriously begin the demo process on Feb 1, 2020.
- The greenhouse will be temporarily located in the front of Healey (the water side), probably in November.
- The cell towers in the Science Building will be relocated, though the site has not yet been determined.
- Site preparation for the relocation of the catwalk and the subsequent demolition of the Science Building and substructure will begin in November.
- The foundations of Wheatley and McCormick will be strengthened as part of the preparation.
- Construction on the new catwalk will begin in late November, at first to stabilize the base of the new steel. As the administration has stated to the campus, the existing catwalk will close after finals between the CC and Healey. It will be replaced in January (for the entire Spring semester) by a covered walkway between Wheatley and McCormick and then to Quinn.
- The new catwalk should be open in July.
- All are aware of the issues presented by the replacement walkway, especially for people with mobility concerns. Accessibility is a major concern of the planning that is still being discussed.
- There is ongoing discussion of emergency responses since the new plaza will not be reinforced enough to allow fire equipment on it, though there will be some limited reinforcement of the new plaza to allow for some deliveries. The cost of full reinforcement of the plaza for all emergency vehicles is prohibitive.
- The final timeline for demolition of the substructure is not yet set. But a full hazard assessment has been done and the removal process demolished material is in place. All that can safely be crushed will be used for fill.

The H&S Committee will develop a reminder to all on campus that when there is a safety, health, or repair issue the first thing to do is (1) notify Facilities and/or Environmental Health and Safety, then (2) notify your union, (3) asking the union office to pass the notice on to the union representative on the H&S Committee. To be as effective as we can be, we need to ensure there is a paper or electronic trail that can be followed up on.

We will discuss moving the bus stop that is near the ISC further down the roadway to just opposite the West Garage. Chris Sweeny, Director of Parking and Transportation, will be at the November meeting.

We will also be receiving updates on the recent heating problems, now fixed, in Wheatley and McCormick, and on the leaking roof in McCormick (not yet fixed).

Finally, we thanked Shaun Curry and Facilities for the temporary fencing around the unsafe cracked and broken tiles on the plaza between Wheatley and the CC. The next meeting will be in Tuesday, November 20 at 11 in ISC 1400.

1. We discussed the condition of the plaza between Wheatley and the Campus Center. John Hess (FSU) mentioned that the concrete tiles are crumbling and several are in pieces and raised this as a safety issue that needed to be quickly handled. Sean Curry from Facilities and the Strategic Plan construction manager for the University mentioned that this problem would be solved when the plaza demolition occurred. In the meantime, temporary fencing was placed around the damaged tiles to prevent people from walking in this unsafe area.
2. Michie Yasuda (CSU) mentioned that the tall weeds growing round the ISC near the pick and drop off area, deliberately allowed to grow as part of our environmental management program, made it difficult for drivers to see cars entering and exiting and to see pedestrians in the area. Facilities has had roughly 10 to 15 feet of the weeds mowed to increase visibility.
3. The crosswalk in front of the west garage, the one without a traffic signal, is not working as planned, in part because drivers are not stopping when pedestrians are entering the crosswalk. Sean Curry mentioned that Parking and Transportation will soon bring in a traffic engineer now that the garage has been open for a year to do an assessment of the garage and pedestrian safety. Some improvements have been made as a result of suggestions from members of the H&S committee and the unions, and more will be made when the traffic consultant's report has been submitted.
4. Questions were raised about why there was no advance notice of the fire drills this semester. Facilities and Environment and Health Services (EHS) replied that there never should have been advance warnings of fire drills because that compromises their integrity, and that in the future there will no longer be advance notice.
5. Protocols were discussed, especially the importance of contacting Facilities and/or EHS with any issues that may arise as well as letting members of H&S know. Filing with Facilities and/or EHS creates a log about the issue that can be followed up as needed.
6. The ISC bus stop by the rotary is not in the best location, creating traffic slow ups and thus potential safety issues. Maureen Pelton (Administration) will check with Parking and Transportation to see if the stop can be moved down the street by the garage crosswalk.

7. If classes are going to be held at 150 Mt Vernon Street in the future, safety and transportation issues will arise, perhaps especially for handicapped students, faculty, and staff. These issues will need to be taken into account and addressed.
8. The next meeting of the H&S will be the third Tuesday of October at 11 at a location to be determined.

Workplace Health and Safety Committee

Spring 2011

Functionality

This committee was established via an agreement between labor and management to coordinate the health and safety provisions of the various collective bargaining agreements. As such, it derives its function from those agreements, although its work may provide recommendations or requests for action by university departments or individuals in their official capacities, up to and including the Chancellor.

Mission Statement

To serve as a university-wide ombudsman: receiving reports of incidents, concerns, and issues; providing recommendations to improve processes related to workplace health and safety; and maintaining communication regarding workplace health and safety, for a diverse and representational group of university personnel.

Objectives

The objectives of this committee include but are not limited to:

1. Initiating discussion surrounding incidents and issues of concern
2. Providing follow through of existing issues until adequately resolved
3. Facilitating access to and dissemination of existing health and safety protocols and other educational information to the broader University community.
4. Examining health and safety problems/issues and developing plans/procedures to address them
5. Reviewing processes and recommending improvements to data collection and reporting systems that track hazards, incidents and injuries on campus

These objectives may be modified from time-to-time as deemed necessary to support the mission of the committee.

Meeting Structure

-Committee members will meet once a month. (Third Thursday)

-The committee is co-chaired by labor and management.

-Some meetings will be theme based, intended to work on one issue/problem/plan or procedure.

-Theme meetings will be attended by any member willing to work out the issue but need not be attended by all that attend the general meetings. Nonmembers can be invited to participate in resolving issues or to brief.

-Potential theme meetings to focus the committee's work:

- Reviewing the injury & incident data collection/reporting systems, including clarifying how reports are made, what data is collected, and what reports are made available to the committee
- Indoor air quality on campus: regularly review classroom air testing results from EH&S; establish a system for air testing in offices as well; develop plans to address problem areas
- Master Plan Implementation: provide updates to the committee on both general and specific impacts related to the transformation of the campus envisioned under the Master Plan and efforts to repair and maintain existing facilities.
- Coordination with other committees or groups with safety-related missions, including the Safety Planning Committee, Laboratory Safety Committee, Radiation Safety Committee, etc.