## CSUSB SCIENCE SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 2020

#### Attendees:

Tom Benson, Instruction Support Technician, Biology

Dr. Kimberly Cousins, Department Chair, Chemistry

Teodulo Crisanto, Instructional Support Technician, Chemistry

Dr. Javier Torner, Department Chair, Physics

Dr. David Maynard, Department Chair, Geological Sciences (Co-Chair SSC)

Dr. Lal Mian, Department Chair, Health Science and Human Ecology

Dr. Brett Goforth, Professor, Geography

Dr. Jennifer Alford, Professor, Geography

Michael DeSalvio, Director, Environmental Health and Safety

Kathy Pierson, Specialist, Environmental Health and Safety

Rominna Valentine Ico, Specialist, Environmental Health and Safety (Interim Co-Chair SSC)

Time Started: 3:05 PM Time Ended: 4:00 PM

Minutes recorded by: Rominna Valentine Ico

#### ENCLOSED: Committee PowerPoint Presentation

### Prior Meeting Minutes

Approved with no changes.

### New Items/EH&S Items

- 1. Committee Restructuring and EH&S Website
- a. Committee Restructuring
  - EH&S is focusing on restructuring the safety committees that EH&S hosts. The plan is to create a system to track reoccurring issues and an elevation process that can help resolve issues with the help of upper management (if needed).
  - Co-chairs of EH&S hosted committees will become part of another committee hosted by Risk Management (RM) where a high-level synopsis of the meeting minutes will be discussed.
  - Any issues (new and reoccurring) can either be addressed at the EH&S hosted level or can be further discussed at the RM committee level for additional help/guidance.
  - Finalization of the new committee structure pending approval from RM and EH&S.
     All members present agree the structure presented thus far can help create better guidance and intercampus relations for the safety of the campus community.

### b. EH&S Website Update

- EH&S has updated its website to help customers and campus partners locate the necessary information.
- Rominna has suggested that all members take a look and provide any feedback to improve what is already there.

 Update of the committee webpage and structure plan are posted on the website for viewing.

### 2. EH&S Training Updates

### a. New Training Specialist

- RM has a new training specialist, Melisa Morrow. Melisa will help EH&S with training needs and is available for any help regarding assigning training and new training needs.
  - How to access assigned training and how to request training were also discussed.
- Melisa presented a PowerPoint (enclosed at the end of meeting minutes) with types of training EH&S and RM offers to help faculty and staff stay in compliance.
- Process for student and employee training was discussed with potential plans for how EH&S will handle training.

### 3. Risk and Safety Solutions (RSS) Software

### a. Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

- There are different types of SOPs required when working in a lab. There are chemical SOPs and procedure and/or protocol SOPs.
- Rominna notified that SOPs are required and checked during an inspection to ensure
  all lab personnel working in an assigned control area are aware of the hazards when
  handling certain chemicals. In addition, if there are specific procedures/protocols
  done in the controlled area they should be documented in an SOP format in order to
  allow lab personnel to review the steps and further prevent a potential injury or
  illness when working.

#### b. Door Hazard Signs

- EH&S working on creating new door hazard signs using the information in RSS.
  - EH&S to create the template for all areas needing a door hazard sign that will then be transferred to the responsible person(s), so it can be reviewed annually and updated when a new hazard is introduced to the area.
- Door hazard signs will be checked during an inspection. The new door hazard sign is pending approval of the template and template creation. Current door hazard signs used must be updated until the new signs can be provided.

#### c. Self-Inspections

- EH&S is in the process of rolling out RSS' self-inspection checklist. This checklist will give all responsible parties that have a hazard assessment in RSS to self-inspect their area for compliance before an EH&S inspection.
- Responsible parties can help resolve their self-reported findings and ask EH&S for assistance when needed.
- Training dates for the self-inspection process and submittal are planned for the beginning of 2021. EH&S to send a further notification when training dates are confirmed.

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### 4. Campus Waste

### a. Hazardous and Universal Waste During COVID Precautions

- EH&S will continue to have quarterly pickups.
  - o Please ensure all containers are labeled properly.
- Weekly Satellite Accumulation Inspections
  - Inspections of the satellite are done weekly when possible and will depend on the COVID situations as time progresses.
  - Based on previous inspection reports, there are little to no violations that are often corrected on-site.
- Waste Containers
  - o If any department requires more waste containers, please contact Benjamin Virzi, the hazardous waste manager to coordinate a drop-off.

### b. Biohazardous Waste During COVID

- EH&S will continue to have biohazardous waste pickup and disposal on an ondemand schedule. Departments that have biohazardous waste must coordinate to have a biohazardous waste pickup date.
  - Kathy will coordinate with the department to ensure biohazardous waste is scheduled for pickup.
    - As a reminder, please ensure there is a week's notice to coordinate with the vendor since the service is postponed to on-demand.
    - Considerations for storage until pick up includes:
      - Freezing waste.
      - Preserving specimens.
      - Autoclaving eliminates the need for storage.

### 5. Department Accidents/Incidents Protocol

- EH&S recommends that each department has an accident/incident protocol for responding to such events so that all faculty and staff know what to do in an emergency.
- No accidents/incidents were reported.

#### 6. New Items to the Table

No new items.

The next meeting will be scheduled when the committee charter update is completed.

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Dec 11, 2020

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Environmental Health & Safety Department

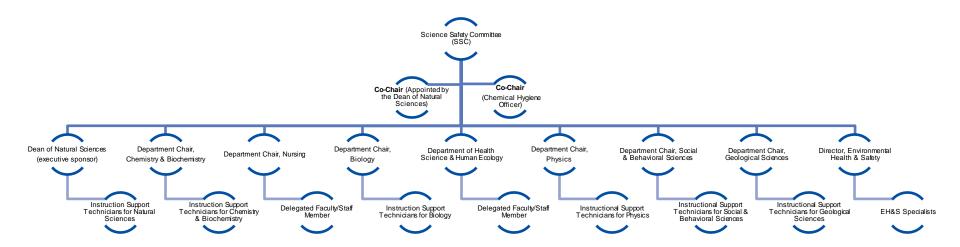


# Safety Committees Restructuring





### **Science Safety Committee Structure**





# Information regarding **Safety Committees** can be found on the <u>EH&S website</u>



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# Important Milestones Student and Employee Training



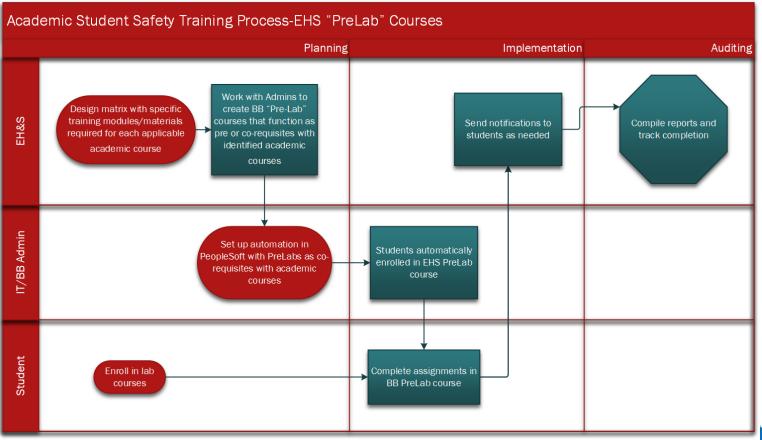
Meet with Dept Chairs and/or leadership/MPPs to discuss and finalize proposed matrices. Receive content/identify existing training material from the departments.

Student Training: Create Blackboard modules for records retention and compliance.

Employee Training: Assign training modules in CSULearn. Track training completion rates for regulatory requirements.

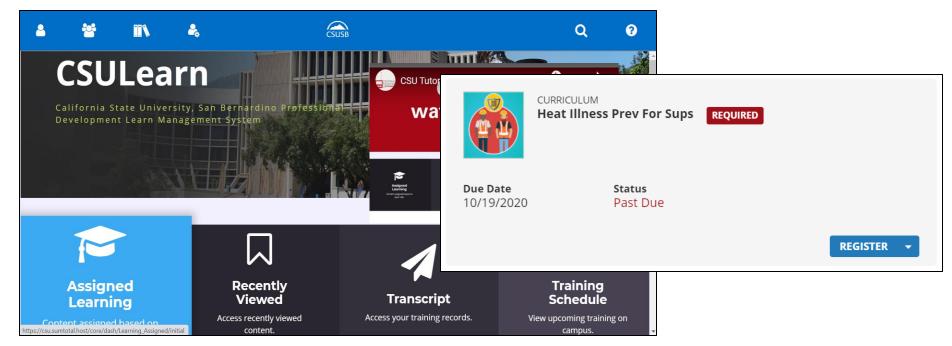


### **Blackboard System Process for Student Training**





# CSULearn System Process for Employee Training





## **Long Term Goals for Training**

- Create standardized student safety training materials with the collaboration of the Department Chair/Professor responsible of course.
- Review and update materials on an annual basis to ensure accuracy and relevance.
- Evaluate completion rates to improve compliance and minimize safety-related incidents.



# Risk and Safety Solutions (RSS)









**Administrative Systems** 





**CSU Safety Management** 





Welcome to RSS

### How do I access RSS?

- Login to MyCoyote using your Coyote ID and Password
- Choose <u>Administrative Systems</u> Tile
- Choose <u>CSU Safety Management</u>
   Tile
- o Type in your CSUSB email to login



## **RSS Implementation**

- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
  - Ensure consistency and standardized process
  - Ease in replication
  - Visual representation of which chemical need SOPs
    - = Still needs SOP= SOPs created and approved

- Self-Inspect
  - Gives responsible parties the ability to self report
  - Can verify compliance and work towards compliance prior to annual EH&S inspection
  - Builds partnership with EH&S to help address findings reported



### **Door Hazard Signs**

- Combine all elements in the RSS door hazard signs into a one-page document
- Reviewed annually to ensure accurate information is displayed





# **Campus Waste During COVID**





## Hazardous Waste Process During COVID

- Disposal
  - Hazardous waste disposal is still occurring quarterly
  - Please ensure containers are properly labeled prior to disposal
- Weekly Satellite Accumulation Inspections
  - Inspections are done weekly when possible and depending on the COVID situation
  - Inspections results have minor violations that are corrected on-site whenever possible
- Waste Containers
  - If a department requires more waste containers, please contact Benjamin Virzi (<u>bvirzi@csusb.edu</u>) to coordinate drop off.





## **Biohazard Waste Pick-up Process**

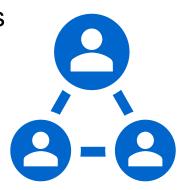
- Waste Types
  - Red Drum-Biohazard redbag/medical wastes
  - White Drum-Pathology waste
  - Gray Drum-Pharmacology waste

- Biohazard waste vendor costs
  - Each Location is charged for first red drum & per pound for other waste
  - Often, small amounts
     make disposal cost-prohibitive



### **Biohazard Waste Consolidation**

- Administrative practices
  - Intra-department coordination
  - Communication with EHS
- Storage Considerations for Consolidation Purposes
  - Freezers
  - Preserved Specimens
  - Autoclaving-eliminates need for storage



### **Questions?**



