

**CSUSB ART SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 24, 2017**

Attendees:

Nate Dubbs (Art)
Sara Flis (Theatre Arts)
Robert Knop (Music)
Teresa Fricke (EHS)
Michael Nguyen (EHS)
Kathy Pierson (EHS)
Benjamin Virzi (EHS)

Absent:

Eric Mulz (Theatre Arts)
Garry Fish (Music)

Minutes recorded by: Michael Nguyen

FOLLOW-UP ON PREVIOUS ITEMS

1. Theater Safety Inspection – June 28

Kathy reported that she had not received the final report from inspector Tracy Stark. The Committee decided to re-visit the topic at the next meeting (assuming the report arrives by then).

The subject of testing the curtains for flame resistance came up. It was reported that “chunks” of curtain material were missing from the Theatre curtain. However, it could not be confirmed whether or not the same was true for the recital hall. It may be a prudent idea to remind the person(s) testing the curtains to cut material from an inconspicuous spot.

Ladder access, rigging, and the “black box room” were also mentioned as potential highlights of Ms. Stark’s report. These will be discussed at the next meeting alongside a review of the report.

2. Student access to training

At the previous meeting, members wanted to know if student assistants had access to Skillssoft training modules. If they are on paid employee status, they should have access to Skillssoft via their MyCoyote account. If a student is a paid employee and cannot access Skillssoft, he/she or their supervisor can contact Benjamin for assistance.

NEW ITEMS

3. Indoor Air Quality survey request – Music Department recital hall

Dr. Knop asked if EHS specialists could examine the stage of the recital hall (Performing Arts room 102) on concert days. Dr. Knop reported that the stage got uncomfortably hot during concerts as a direct result of the stage lights being turned on. The stage lights were several decades old, and Dr. Knop wanted to have them replaced, but he would like surveys conducted to see how hot the stage got during concerts.

Michael responded that EHS would be happy to conduct IAQ surveys of the recital hall stage. He will follow up with Dr. Knop.

4. Noise Survey – Scene Shop

Sara asked if EHS could conduct a noise survey of the scene shop. She reported that it was very noisy in the shop, and she thought that it might be attributed to the air conditioning unit.

Michael responded that he would follow up with her to conduct a noise survey of the area.

5. Spray Booth filters

Sara mentioned that the spray-booth filters needed to be replaced. Nate responded that he had some new filters he could offer.

6. Glazes and Pigment

Benjamin mentioned that 2 containers holding ceramic glaze were found to be “hot” (i.e. radioactive). (Kathy had come through with a Geiger counter to make this determination.) However, these glazes were lacking identification. Nate responded that he would identify the containers.

Sara also mentioned that she had some dry pigment in paper bags that could be disposed of (it was no longer needed). Benjamin asked her to put it in the waste storage area at Visual Arts Building.

7. Disposal of various equipment

The disposal of various items was discussed. Here is a list of items along with the entities which can accept them for disposal:

- Metal furniture – Facilities Management (there is a “Metal” dumpster in the FM yard)
- Spray cans – EHS
- Lighting fixtures and bulbs – Facilities Warehouse (contact: Mark Reynolds)

8. Safety Waivers

At some point, some of the Arts departments had asked students to fill out safety waivers prior to participating in certain activities. Currently, the departments retain the waivers for 3 years. EHS will check with Human Resources to see if that retention period is still required.

Sara will send a copy of the waiver to Dr. Knop.

9. Noise Surveys – Music Department

Michael mentioned the possibility of once again providing noise-survey services to the Music Department. Previously, Health Science/Environmental Health students conducted noise surveys of Symphonic Band and Jazz Band recitals as part of a class project. (Michael was the professor of the Occupational Health course.) Michael will give an update in January 2018 (when he is slated to teach the class again).

JANUARY 2018 UPDATE: Michael is not teaching the HSCI 402 course this winter quarter. However, Michael will let Dr. Knop know when a noise dosimeter becomes available (either by purchase or rental) for use to conduct additional surveys in the Music department.

10. Respirators

In years past, Performing Arts provided dust masks/respirators to students to use on a voluntary basis when working in areas where dust and/or chemical exposure was a concern. EHS will ask Jody Van Leuven (Exec. Director of Risk Management) for her input.

Employees who need to use a respirator for their work activities are strongly encouraged to consult with EHS prior to use.

11. Fire Life Safety – Piano in UH-106

Benjamin mentioned that a piano in UH-106 had not yet been moved out of the room, per State Fire Marshal directive. (It was a fire/life safety hazard.) Dr. Knop said he would ask Garry Fish to facilitate the moving of the piano.

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