

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
Environmental Health & Safety

Date: April 16, 2008
To: Safety Council Minutes
Subject: Minutes of Meeting – April 16, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Ms. Claver called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. WELCOME

A. Ms. Claver welcomed members to the April meeting. She introduced Joe Lonjin, Animal Resource Program who has replaced Gaylord Shawver who has retired.

III. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 19, 2008

A. The minutes were approved as printed and distributed.

IV. TOPIC OF THE MONTH

A. Mr. Al Matyasovsky, Supervisor of Central Support Services, OPP, gave a presentation on “Ceiling Tile Recycling: The Story of the 3P’s”. Following are key points:

- OPP started recycling ceiling tiles about two years ago.
- The key to the recycling is the 3 P’s; Potential, Partners, and Processing.
 - **Potential** – Old ceiling tiles are removed from building renovation projects and are manufactured into new ceiling tiles.
 - **Partners** – Our partners are Renovation Services, OPP Waste Management, and Armstrong Ceilings, Lancaster, PA. The ceiling tile program is another example of identifying material that can be kept out of the landfill and partnering with industry in a recycling effort. It helps increase our support for the county’s recycling efforts, which results in additional state funding.
 - **Processes** – Old ceiling tile that is removed during renovation projects is placed on pallets, shrink-wrapped, and moved to a trailer provided by Armstrong. When the trailer is filled, the

company is notified, and it is exchanged for an empty one.
Armstrong pays for transporting it to Lancaster.

- PSU must receive a certificate from Armstrong to verify the quantity of tiles that are received in order to receive credit for the recycling.
- Other interesting facts and figures are listed below:
 - In 2006, 6,070 tons were collected.
 - Since 1989 Penn State has recycled 56,072 tons of material.
 - In 2006, 1,673 tons of paper was recycled. This recycling saved: 28,441 trees, 11,632,369 gallons of water, 774,599 gallons of oil and 491 tons of air pollution.
 - This program has generated almost six tons of material.
 - During the past year, 2,230 two-by-four-foot ceiling tile panels were removed.
- Mr. Matyasovsky advised if it wasn't for the support of the University community, the recycling program would not be successful. He thanked everyone for their participation in this worthwhile program.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. Ms. Claver advised Council that she presented the resource needs for the OSHA programs and is awaiting a response.
- B. Ms. Claver gave a presentation regarding the proposed revisions for SY16, the Bicycle Policy.
- A committee from Transportation Services, Police, EHS, Risk Management, Office of Physical Plant, and staff was charged with evaluating bike use and the bike policy (SY16) at University Park.
 - The three principles that are being addressed are to improve safety, improve connectivity from N-S/E-W, and improve quality of life.
 - The policy considerations are:
 - Bikes can be ridden on approved bike routes and automobile thoroughfares
 - No bikes on any sidewalks along any campus road
 - No bikes on any pedestrian road in central campus
 - Allows biking on malls and pedestrian paths other than those on central campus
 - Allows continuity with adjacent areas
 - Modify the SY16 policy
 - Teamwork approach with boro and campus
 - Education
 - Enforcement
- C. Ms. Claver will send the propose bike map to Council members for review and is requesting input and suggestions on signage, wording included in the map and other changes or comments.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Mr. Triebold advised Council there will be **Fire Extinguisher training on May 21, 2008, 9:30 a.m. at the loading dock of Eisenhower Auditorium** in lieu of a regular monthly meeting. The session will consist of both discussion and how to use an extinguisher and hands on use of an extinguisher. Alternates are invited to attend this training.
- The Training Session has been placed on the EHS On-line Course Registration page at <http://www.ehs.psu.edu/training/index.cfm> and attendees should register to attend.
- B. Ms. Lumley-Sapanski reminded Council that during the week of April 28th, EHS will be conducting the Spring 2008 lighting survey throughout campus. If there are any areas of concerns, please have all requests to Curt Speaker by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 2008.
- C. Ms. Snook ask Council if they have any rooms available for Safety Council meetings in their areas to please contact her.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Ms. Claver adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SAFETY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 17, 2008, AT THE HAZMAT BUILDING AT 9:30 AM.

Members Present: M. Bates, E. Boeldt, J. Burket, M. Claver, D. Wagner for C. Colborn, S. Foard, K. Frederick, B. English for T. Griffiths, G. Henry, L. Holland, B. Holden, D. Iddings, G. Imboden, C. Kanour, G. Langsdale, M. Linsenbigler, J. Lonjin, K. Lumley-Sapanski, J. Williams for P. Peworchik, R. Pruss, S. Koontz for C. Rickards, D. Rose, R. Stoner, S. Triebold, L. White, J. Wisehaupt, D. Will, D. Witmer

Areas Not Represented: Auxilliary & Business Services, College of Communication, College of Information Sciences & Technology, College of Liberal Arts, Commonwealth Services, Office of Physical Plant, Electro Optics Center, Military, Office of Physical Plant, Outreach & Cooperate Extension World Campus, Student Affairs, Schreyers Honors College

Guests: Joe Armstrong – PMA
Al Matyasovsky – Office of Physical Plant
Lydia Vandenberg – Office of Physical Plant

Respectfully submitted, Jill Snook
Secretary, University Safety Council

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