The monthly meeting of the Union-Management Safety Committee was conducted on August 13, 2019 by Jake Woods with the following individuals in attendance:

- Shannon Bajo    Maintenance Services / Graduate Student
- Cindy Beebe    Custodial Services
- Kathi Cain-Babbitt   Landscape Services / AFSCME
- Clara Davis   Environmental Health and Safety
- Devin Ledoux    Dining Services
- Dr. Michael Shelden   Sindecuse Health Center
- Juanita Snell    Custodial Services
- Kevin Villadsen    Maintenance Services
- Laura Weber    Business Services
- Mark Weiss    Environmental Health and Safety
- Linda Young-Woolf   Landscape Services

**OLD BUSINESS**

Clara Davis provided an update to the winter safety concern at Schneider Hall. The issue involves snow and ice falling from the roof to pedestrian walkways; specifically near the loading dock door area and entry at the intersection of the 1100/1200 corridors. Previous committee discussions mentioned that the gutter seams could possibly be a significant factor. Facilities Management pursued funding that was approved for design, not construction, of an additional heat taping system. The committee held a discussion that resulted in suggestions of remediating the situation by installing heat taping systems near pedestrian areas only (loading dock and NE entryway) or installing a covering/overhang near these locations. The suggestions were passed onto Facilities Management but were not immediately pursued. Clara submitted a work order requesting to have the gutter seams sealed and repaired where necessary.

Darrell Junkins previously provided an update to the pedestrian concern located in Parking Lot #48, Bernard Center / Ellsworth Hall. The issue involves medium sized stones, riprap, being located in an area that would be a preferred route by individuals who have exited their vehicles. The current walking route includes an inclined driveway that can experience heavy vehicular traffic. Darrell Junkins previously identified a possible location where a curb cut out could be installed. The Landscape Services department surveyed several options and intended on moving forward during the spring season but did have a construction specialist on staff.

Marcy Lynn previously provided an update to the safety concern involving employee access to the glass roofing located above the Student Recreation Center pool. A meeting was previously held between FM and EHS in which use of fall protective devices was determined to be the safest and most cost effective option to access the glass roof. Maintenance Services subsequently procured a portable parapet anchor, which will be used in tandem with a fall protection harness and retractable lanyard. Training on proper use of the anchoring system for personnel who may be required to use the devices will be scheduled after roofing tradespeople are on board. Cindy Beebe mentioned that the equipment could also be utilized by the Custodial Services Special Projects group for certain projects involving elevated heights / unprotected edges. Marcy stated a new tradesperson who would need the training will be starting soon and that the retractable lanyard was found. Jake Woods mentioned that the Maintenance Services department also recently procured a standing seam roofing anchorage system.

Cindy Beebe provided an update to the concern involving slippery concrete flooring located under the John Gill press box. The flooring becomes slippery when wet; this causes a significant hazard for pedestrians during football games that coincide with precipitation events. The Custodial Services department previously spoke
with Mulder Waterproofing & Sealants and found that a silica based additive could be applied during refinishing efforts. Cindy stated that the finishing materials are on-campus and application will take place soon.

Jake Woods provided an update to the issue involving damaged concrete stairs located between Lawson Ice Arena and the Miller Auditorium Parking Ramp. A previous inspection of the area revealed a number of the concrete stair tread in severely damaged condition; additionally some guard railing had become unattached. A FM work order was submitted and a majority of the repairs completed as of the June meeting. Some of the guard railing and stair tread / stair landings were still in need of repair as of the August meeting.

Jake Woods previously provided an update to the issue involving a damaged center handrail located at the main entrance of Smith Burnham Hall. Jake surveyed the location and observed the loose railing to have already been removed. Jake Woods will submit a FM work order to get the mounting holes filled in in order to prevent a future trip and fall accident.

Cindy Beebe provided an update to the issue involving the Miller Fountain pedestrian areas being slippery when wet. The Custodial Services Special Projects group applied a silica based additive during recent refinishing efforts. The additive worked very well and did not change the visual appearance of the finished pedestrian walkway.

Cindy Beebe and Kevin Villadsen provided an update to the issue involving an incident that took place with a table cart at Heritage Hall. A cart and its contents tipped over onto a worker causing minor injuries. It was determined that the cart being used was not the appropriate size and/or type. Facilities Management, Steve Macomber, approved purchase of two carts specifically designed for the mobilization of the tables involved. The new carts were used and found to work very well during a recent event at Heritage Hall.

Jake Woods provided an update to the trip and fall hazard located at the loading dock of Sindecuse Health Center. A previous assessment found that a large area of damaged concrete existed at the leading edge of the elevated loading dock. A FM work order was submitted and the Landscape Services department completed necessary repairs.

Jake Woods provided an update to the concern involving damaged concrete near entrance 8-A&B of the Dalton Center. A previous assessment found that the concrete walkway had a large crack and a raised edge near the entrance. The raised edge appeared to be a functional component that was engineered-in during original construction. The edge prevents water from entering the building due to an elevation change in this area. A FM work order was submitted and the Landscape Services department completed necessary repairs to the crack.

**PROJECT LIST**

No Updates

**NEW BUSINESS**

Linda Young-Woolf stated that there are damaged exterior concrete steps located at a Miller Auditorium emergency exit. Jake Woods will investigate and provide a follow up.

Linda Young-Woolf stated that there are damaged bricks located behind a bench-seating fixture near SW#1 of the Miller Auditorium Parking Structure (#2). Jake Woods will investigate and provide a follow up.
Cindy Beebe stated that a Seeyle Center trash dumpster has been moved a considerable distance from the building. Custodial Services personnel are concerned with the increased travel distance necessary to dispose of refuse; some of the pathways required to travel are unpaved. Committee discussion resulted in recommendations of moving the dumpster back to original location or procure off road carts for the waste transportation. Custodial Services / Landscape Services will investigate and provide a follow up.

Juanita Snell expressed concerns regarding the structural integrity of the catwalk system located above the seating area in Miller Auditorium. The catwalk is constructed of corrugated metal and is not rigid in some areas. Jake Woods stated this issue was recently made known to him by Custodial Services personnel; he met onsite with the employees while performing a preliminary assessment. The building coordinator was contacted and a determination was made that planking would be a good route of remediation. The EHS department continues to work with the building coordinator and staff of Miller Auditorium.

Devin Ledoux expressed concerns about damaged concrete walkways and stairs at Waldo Stadium. The damaged pedestrian pathways were observed during annual cleaning of the facility. Jake Woods will investigate and provide a follow up.

Linda Young-Woolf expressed concerns about having recently observed operators of golf carts on campus not wearing proper eye protection. Laura Weber will investigate and provide a follow up.

Linda Young-Woolf stated that portable unused barriers were left in place near a highly trafficked Miller Auditorium/Fountain pedestrian area. It was unknown whether the fixtures were property of WMU or a contractor. Jake Woods will investigate and provide a follow up.

SAFETY HAPPENINGS

Mark Weiss stated that we are all stewards of the campus and representatives of the University. We should strive to create an environment that students want to go and where parents would like to see their children attend. He thanked everyone for their hard work and continued excellence.

Cindy Beebe expressed appreciation about the distribution of heat stress alerts.

Juanita Snell stated that annual asbestos awareness and ladder safety training for Custodial Services personnel is scheduled.

The next UMSC meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10 in the shared conference room located on the ground floor of the E.W. Building at 10:00 a.m. Please send a substitute representative if you are unable to attend.