The monthly meeting of the Union-Management Safety Committee was conducted on May 14, 2019 by Jake Woods with the following individuals in attendance:

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Shannon Bajo    | Maintenance Services / Graduate Student
Clara Davis    | Environmental Health and Safety
Kelly Duncan   | Landscape Services
Jacob Kennell  | Maintenance Services / Graduate Student
Marcy Lynn     | Maintenance Services
Juanita Snell  | Custodial Services
Ian Stamp      | Maintenance Services
Linda Young-Woolf | Landscape Services
Laura Weber    | Business Services

OLD BUSINESS

Clara Davis previously 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. Clara Davis will pass along suggestions to FM.

Jake Woods provided an update regarding damaged terrazzo flooring located in a Rood Hall stairwell. Facilities Management previously stated that repairs, to be performed by an outside contractor, were to be completed prior to the fall semester. Jake contacted Facilities Management – Projects and Construction and was informed that demolition of one stairwell was completed during the spring break closure. A miscommunication resulted in an incorrect stairwell being worked on. Funding was pursued and approved to have the terrazzo in two additional stairwells replaced. Completion of project had been scheduled for the beginning of May but was not been completed as of the May meeting.

Jake Woods previously provided an update to the issue involving the Miller Fountain pedestrian areas being slippery when wet. The Custodial Services department previously spoke with Mulder Waterproofing & Sealants and found that a sand based additive could be applied during annual refinishing efforts. The additive would not result in a change in surface appearance or reflectivity. The Custodial Services Special Projects may utilize the additive during a refinishing project scheduled to take place during the upcoming summer. The material would be first be applied on a small test area to ensure the flooring’s appearance is not altered. Committee discussion also resulted in a recommendation that the top of stairs in the immediate area be treated as well. Jake provided a reminder to the Custodial Services management regarding the situation.

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 was intending on moving forward during the upcoming spring construction season but does not currently have a construction specialist on staff.
Jake Woods provided an update to the safety concern involving employee access to the glass roofing located above the Student Recreation Center pool. A meeting was held between FM and EHS in which use of fall protective devices was determined to be the safest and most cost effective option. 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 boarded. A new retractable lanyard will also need to be obtained as the older unit was found to be in disrepair. 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.

Jake Woods previously provided an update to the concern involving damaged concrete near entrance 8-A&B of the Dalton Center. Jake 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. Jake submitted a FM work order to have the crack assessed/repaired. It was mentioned that the Landscape Services department does not currently have a construction specialist on staff. Jake passed along work order information to Darrell Junkins for further follow up.

Jake Woods previously 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. Jake Woods investigated and found that the concrete in the aforementioned area was installed with a smooth finish. The observations were passed along to Maintenance Service / Custodial Services management who then determined that an anti-slip sealer would be tested by the Special Projects group during the 2019 season. Jake provided a reminder to the Custodial Services management regarding the situation.

Juanita Snell provided an update to the concern involving one of their group’s vehicles. The issue related to the need for an additional step fixture that would provide greater safety to personnel entering and exiting the vehicle. An excessive amount of height between the vehicle and ground level has been noted to cause injuries such as rolled ankles, etc. Jeff Alexander and the Transportation Services group will be requested to install a step fixture and/or provide alternative methods of remediation.

PROJECT LIST

No Updates

NEW BUSINESS

Kelly Duncan mentioned that a stairway located between Lawson Ice Arena and the Miller Auditorium Parking Ramp is in disrepair. A number of the concrete stair treads are severely damaged and some guard railing has become unattached. Caution tape is currently being utilized to alert pedestrians of the concerns. Clara Davis and Jake Woods will investigate and provide a follow up.

Linda Young-Woolf mentioned that some stair treads have come loose in the Miller Auditorium Park Ramp stairways. The committee discussed and recommended that a FM work order be submitted requesting to get tread re-installed.

Jacob Kennell stated that he spoke with a Maintenance Services employee from the Goldsworth Valley region shops about potholes located in nearby parking lots that are causing a potential trip and fall hazard. He will investigate for specific details and then subsequently submit an FM work order.
Kelly Duncan mentioned that operator training of Landscape Services equipment could use some improving. Juanita Snell will pass along concerns to Landscape Services management.

**SAFETY HAPPENINGS**

Juanita Snell expressed appreciation to the Maintenance Services department for repairs to handicap accessible doors (Dalton Center / RCVA) that were performed in a very timely manner.

Linda Young-Woolf expressed appreciation to the Maintenance Services department for their quick action on a number of recent issues that she had made known to them. Some of the safety related concerns involved a traffic directional light and emergency phone located in the Miller Auditorium parking ramp.

Juanita Snell mentioned that the Custodial Services department recently held a We Care safety meeting. Discussions included information about “May is Electrical Safety Month” (damaged cords, pulling them out correctly, etc.) safety checklists, MIOSHA worker fatality updates, and a newsletter being produced. She also attended a cross training session with Landscape Services about usage of floor cleaning machines that are utilized during athletic events.

Jacob Kennell stated that he is working on a task hazard analysis project with cooperation from Maintenance Services personnel.

*The next UMSC meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11 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.*