

Plant Utilization and Planning Committee

February 17, 2020

2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

4065 Forbes Tower

1. Call to order and Introduction of attendees – The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair David Beck at 2:00pm. All persons in attendance introduced themselves to the group.
2. Approval of January meeting minutes
3. Presentation:
Facilities Management Safety Culture William Santa, Safety Manager

Safety Manager William Santa provided an overview of Campus Safety.

- Both the office of Facilities Management and the department of Environmental Health and Safety work in concert to support the primary goal: “to be the world’s safest campus by protecting the traveling public and eliminating any unmitigated safety hazards.”
 - Facilities Management website: <https://www.fm.pitt.edu/>
 - Environmental Health and Safety website: <https://www.ehs.pitt.edu/>
 - They are initiating steps to strengthen the culture within the workforce by:
 - Public Protection – improved isolation of site by signage and protective fencing
 - Safety audits - over 4,000 audits were conducted to identify unsafe acts, with a follow up tracking sheet
 - Identify high exposure – weekly high-risk summary prepares them for any unexpected mishaps
 - Safety review committee – provides oversight and guidance
 - Fall protection – evaluations were conducted in existing systems in all buildings; risk matrix and improvements were made.
 - Prevention of accidents at work sites by:
 - Recognition: identify high exposure and safety gaps
 - Evaluation: review safety audits and high-risk activities
 - Control: engineering control, signage, protective equipment, and fencing for public protection.
 - Measures are in place for fall prevention in all new construction, roof renovation and repair projects.
 - A safety review committee distributes a constructive activity summary to enhance communication and awareness. The committee researches and communicates information about safety recalls for all equipment.
 - Facilities recently partnered with six rehabilitation science students who provided “warm up” stretching and flexibility exercises for the work force prior to active labor because most injuries occur within the first 30 minutes of their assignment.
 - Communication is provided to Pitt Pathfinders for them to safely navigate campus tours around active construction.
 - The positive safety culture provides an overall comfort to our students because it is evident that safety is a priority and enforced on our campus.
4. The meeting was adjourned by David Beck at 3:04 pm.

Next meeting: March 16, 2020 – 4065 Forbes Tower

- University Registrar Report and Classroom Management

Remaining PUP Committee Meetings for 2020

- ❖ March 16, 2020
- ❖ April 20, 2020

- ❖ May 18, 2020
- ❖ June 15, 2020