

## Cruise Committee Meeting

1/4/21

Attendees: Lina Neto, Danielle Pelczarski, Andrew Som, Heather Hutchinson, Mitchel Jacobsen, Lachlan Davis, Lukas Oswald, Wendy Higgins, Keir Moorhead, Sam Pecota, Graham Benton, Don Maier, Steve Browne, Craig Dawson, Anthony Konecni, John Coyle, Mike Kazek

### Discussion:

- UV Lights for TSGB ventilation system – for disinfecting purposes
  - Currently being utilized on other Training Ships
    - SUNY- says they are easy to install and relatively inexpensive
  - UVC light proving effective based on articles found by CMO- will send info
    - Lina- has UV system in home, not sure about how effective it is with virus but helpful with asthma, etc
  - Chief reached out to Mechanical company that does a lot of hospital HVAC stuff
    - Bi-polar ionization system that will help with dust, help making mold “non-viable”
    - Has not been tested dynamically with COVID but has been tested with SARs and found effective
    - UV would kill virus in air stream
    - Have not researched what hospital settings this has already been installed in
  - Not in budget but we will be doing research, reaching out to MARAD for funding
  - Should recommendation come from/joint with Health and Safety Committee?
  - Craig- these systems may be inexpensive but we need to be aware of ongoing maintenance costs
  - Keir- air quality is not the greatest on the ship, anything we can do to improve air quality is a good thing. Why not use this ‘crisis’ to improve air quality?
    - Cadets feel the same
- MT and ET Roster updates
  - CRU1 vs. CRU2 staffing
  - MT- 2 new hires, they have expressed interest in going on cruise, Steve will follow up with those individuals and let Marine Programs know
  - Position posting
    - Slightly delayed, will get with Demetra this week to get them posted
    - Pay rates need to be agreed upon so those who apply know what they are getting into
    - What about newly licensed cadets (CRU1 seniors going on CRU2)
      - Not against it but they won’t have their licenses in time
      - They could be hired unlicensed, ‘assistant watchstanders’ until license comes in
      - Would be good to have experience on vessel, industry knowledge
  - SSO positions
    - Job descriptions for appropriate hiring/distribution of individuals
      - Not a full posting needed, short paragraph will suffice

- Can we have a chance to see SSO list so we can see who might have experience on the TSGB?
      - Because of light staffing it would be difficult without those who have experience, especially on engineering side
      - Anthony- yes we can potentially
      - Lina- 4 faculty, 2 on each cruise so that will help. Will also depend on needs (cadets classes, adjuncts, etc)
      - We will be leaning on staff more than ever this year for a safe and effective cruise
- Vaccine efforts-
  - If we are able to get the vaccine, should we mandate it?
    - If you want to go on cruise, this may be a requirement
    - 'encourage' them by saying either you need it to cruise or need it to go into port
  - Med staff started looking at articles relating to mandating vaccines
  - HR- would be a huge undertaking, would need to be a part of the discussion
  - Mass maritime requiring crew and cadets have mandatory flu shots, will also do the same for COVID vaccine

**Action Items for discussion next week:**

1. Update on UV/Bi-polar ionization system for the ship (John Coyle and Med Staff)
2. Roster updates (ET and MT Deans/Chairs)
  - a. SSO list (Commandants)
3. Vaccine protocols- can we mandate for cruise IF we have vaccine available? (HR)