The meeting was convened by Chair, Colleen Huls. Attendees introduced themselves.

**Members Present:** Eileen Bergt (Landscape Services), Bob Beckstrom (BSM), Roger Quiring (UHC), Colleen Huls (Information Services), Greg Maguire (Housing), Amy Lantham (CREC), Cathy Robertson for Edie Schleiger (UNOPA), Beth Whitaker (School of Biological Sciences), Don Beerman (IACP), Greg Snow (College of Arts & Sciences), Jan Deeds (Student Involvement/Women’s Center), Kim Phelps (Associate VC Business & Finance), Jeff Hohlen (UNLPD), Betsy Howe (EHS), Yoko Smith (EHS).

**Guest:** Kacey Barrow (UNL Victim Advocate)

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY: FY 2010-2011 (4th Quarter) Injury Incident Report**

Yoko Smith reviewed the fourth quarter injury incidents:
- Of the 70 incidents between April 1 and June 30, 2011, 36 (51%) were classified as OSHA-recordable, incidents considered potentially more serious. “Falls” was again the predominant category, with nine incidents (12.9%).
- “Struck by/Struck against” and “Overexertion in Lifting” tied as second most frequent with 7 incidents (10%) in each category.
- Of these 23 incidents, the most prevalent cause was “Worker Inattention.”

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Response to Budget Cut Concern**

Chair Colleen Huls read a response by the Chancellor to an email sent to Bill Nunez on behalf of the CUSC shortly after the April CUSC meeting detailing Committee concerns with proposed budget cuts affecting ice-control within 30 ft. of UNL buildings. (This submission by Colleen as requested at the April meeting was sent to all members via CUSC listserv in early May).

The Chancellor’s response expressed acknowledgement of the CUSC’s concerns with moving ice control measures farther out from buildings, in light of the current annual level of ice-related injury incidents. Vice Chancellor Jackson will monitor ice-related injury incidents that occur within 30 ft. of a building, and also injury incidents related to gravel/ice control materials on interior stairwells that arise from decreased custodial services, both part of the recent budget cuts, and communicate those to the Chancellor.

**Supplier Showcase**

The CUSC will have a “safety” presence at the Supplier Showcase, sponsored by UNL Procurement and scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2011. The CUSC booth will be staffed by Betsy Howe and two to four CUSC member volunteers. The booth will have three laptop computers with wireless access to Environmental Health and Safety (EHS)
web-based training. Attendees will be able to take any web-based training they wish that day.

Training emphasis will be on the *Injury and Illness Prevention Plan* and *Emergency Preparedness* training required by all who get a paycheck and the *Chemical Safety* training required by all who work with ANY chemicals.

The EHS web site itself, with extensive information for the campus community, will also be highlighted at the CUSC booth. An EHS Virtual Manual may also be set up that day at the computer stations provided.

**CUSC Guidelines**
Members present indicated they had reviewed the guidelines and there were no questions.

**“Safety Walk” Update**
Jeff Hohlen reported that a university-wide safety walk covering both campuses will be held this fall, with the specific date yet to be determined.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2012 Calendar**
Dates for the 2012 CUSC meetings were set. Quarterly meetings will continue to be held the third Tuesday after the end of each quarter. After discussion, it was determined that Open Forum meetings should be continued, with an October Open Forum at City Union and an April Open Forum at East Campus Union. Jeff Hohlen secured the UNLPD conference area for the January and July 2012 meetings. Meeting time will remain at 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. 2012 meeting dates are already posted on the EHS web site, Safety Committees section, Chancellor’s University Safety Committee subsection.

**Open Forum**
There was concern with the lack of attendance at the 2011 Open Forum sessions. Publicity improvement was discussed. In addition to using the UNL Calendar which ties in with notice through the Scarlet during the school year, an attempt will be made to include notification of Open Forum meetings in the UNL Today email communication system. In addition, each individual member was asked to commit to publicizing Open Forum meetings through any resources available to them individually. Betsy Howe will continue to publicize Open Forum meetings through the EHS Listserv and furnish the UNL Calendar Open Forum wording via CUSC listserv to facilitate individual publicity efforts.

**CUSC Outreach**
Outreach by CUSC was discussed, from the aspect of encouraging safety in general at UNL, safety training awareness, and injury prevention efforts. Beth Whitacker indicted she had opened the fall Arts & Sciences TA training to the entire College of Arts & Sciences, and would be willing to extend an invitation university-wide to all departments
who might have faculty/staff/post doctoral and/or graduate students who might prefer an instructor-led class to web-based.

Greg Snow indicted he would publicize the *Injury and Illness Prevention Plan* and *Emergency Preparedness* training required by all who get a paycheck and the *Chemical Safety* training required by all who work with ANY chemicals through the College of Arts & Sciences communication channels.

Betsy Howe will bring information to the next CUSC meeting on existing safety committees for evaluation with an eye toward improving safety awareness university-wide. Committee members are to be prepared to discuss encouragement of safety committee formation and active development of a safety and injury prevention focus thereafter. There are a number of self-identified safety committees already in existence at UNL, but the majority are not truly a safety committee and/or are not actively engaged in safety promotion activities.

**CUSC Member Safety Concerns**

A concern with crosswalk safety was raised, in particular as it relates to changes due to the Antelope Valley Project. In general, the Lincoln Public Works department is in charge of placing crosswalks. One area identified as a major concern is the bike path at 14th & Avery. Eileen Bergt will check about getting a crosswalk at that location.

Members were reminded that construction, road and parking lot closures with anticipated dates are listed on the Facilities web site. Generally announcements are made campus-wide well in advance so users may select alternate safe routes. Up-to-date information is available online at the Facilities web site, [http://fmp.unl.edu/](http://fmp.unl.edu/), in the Facilities Planning and Construction section, listed as “Construction Projects and Traffic Advisories.”

**Guest: UNL Victim Advocate**

Kacey, Victim Advocate for UNL, working with Voices of Hope, was introduced by Jan Deeds. Kacey shared information with those in attendance regarding services for any UNL student or employee, male or female, who could benefit from confidential services related to dating/domestic violence, sexual assault and/or stalking.

**CLOSING REMARKS**

The next meeting will be following the Supplier Showcase on October 18, 2011. A call-in number provided by EHS will be furnished to committee members for remote attendance.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Colleen Huls.