

**Chancellor's University Safety Committee (CUSC) Meeting
Open Forum**

Tuesday, March 17, 2015 - 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Nebraska East Union

Call-in @ 2:50 p.m.: (888) 820-1398, Code 3646181#

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AGENDA

1. Introductions & Welcome Lynn Doser

2. Old Business
 - A. Progress toward CUSC goals
 - B. Other old business

3. New Business
 - A. Open Forum
 - B. Safety Committee Resources Betsy Howe
 - C. Spring Safety Colloquium 4/15/2015 Betsy Howe
 - D. Other new business

4. Adjourn Lynn Doser

Upcoming Meetings (at UNLPD, 300 N. 17th St. unless otherwise specified):

- May 19, 2015 (Injury/Illness & Safety Audit reports (January-March 2015))
- July 21, 2015 (Injury/Illness & Safety Audit reports (April-June 2015))

Goal FY 2014-15:

*To help foster UNL employee awareness of the individual's role in their own personal safety, that of their co-workers, and safety/injury prevention in general at UNL. To foster completion of safety training by UNL employees, using the EHS **Employee Training Needs Assessment**, as a first step.*

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OPEN FORUM Meeting Minutes
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The meeting was convened by Chair, Lynn Doser (Sheldon Museum of Art). Attendees introduced themselves and indicated their department/affiliation.

Members: Kyle Hansen (CREC), Chanell Carpenter (UHC), Jane Wemhoff (Dining Services), Pat Dussault (Chemistry), Sharon Clowser (VDC), Mike Livingston (Agronomy & Horticulture), Beth Whitaker (SBS), Jolene Deinert (Custodial Services), Sara Frizzell (Research/Compliance), Larry Schmid (Housing/Dining), Deb Pearson (Libraries), Pat Dussault (Chemistry), Brenda Osthus (EHS), Betsy Howe (EHS support).

Safety Committee Chairs: Alan Boldt (Biological Systems Engineering), Shripat Kamble (Entomology), Denise Zinniel (SBVMBS), Andy Smriga (NE East Union), Brent Freeman (Nebraska Unions), H. Thippareddi, (Food Science), Cheryl Dunbar (ARDC, attending remotely), Karen Helberg (PHREC, attending remotely), Logan Dana (NEREC, attending remotely).

Guest: Bailey Schulz (Daily Nebraskan)

OLD BUSINESS

Progress toward the CUSC Goal

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Areas with initiatives:

- The Chemistry department is discussing a policy for training of volunteers to ensure they receive the same safety training the department requires of paid workers/students.
- ITS has ensured all non-student staff have taken *Injury and Illness Prevention Plan* and *Emergency Preparedness* training and is now making sure all student staff also take these two web-based training modules.
- The Sheldon does not allow volunteer workers to use the mobile aerial lift or any ladders.
- A safety committee is being set up for Virology.

- The School of Natural Resources Safety Committee recently developed a comprehensive Laboratory Safety Policy incorporating the Chemistry department's Personal Protective Equipment policy.
- UNL Housing department has been catching up workers on all EHS training applicable to their jobs.

There was no other old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Forum

There were a number of items of concern regarding traffic, all on East Campus:

- Lynn Doser relayed information on her investigation of a concern received since last meeting by the Director of the School of Natural Resource regarding traffic and crossing safety concerns on Holdrege, in particular, at the south entrance to Hardin Hall.
- A concern was expressed about traffic and crossing issues near the Dental College: at the "right turn only" exit from East Campus to Holdrege vehicles routinely turn left or go straight; people park on side streets and cross into campus directly across from the side street rather than going to the nearest crosswalk.
- The same issue of people parking on side streets and crossing outside of a crosswalk was voiced for the area by Valentino's.

It was suggested that reducing the speed limit to 25 mph as it is near other campuses here in Lincoln would at least slow traffic down. Lynn indicated she would follow up on these concerns with Mark Robertson.

Safety Committee Resources

Betsy Howe explained that the monthly EHS listserv would now contain "Safety Shorts" which are composed of resources that can be used by safety committees and faculty/staff/students. The resources might be PDFs, videos, or other media. Topics will be varied. Resources are those that come to the attention of EHS staff primarily through their professional organizations or professional listserv subscriptions.

Resources reviewed were:

- The Safety Zone by C&EN (blog), "Safety Madness at UT Austin," March 4, 2015 <http://cenblog.org/the-safety-zone/2015/03/safety-madness-at-ut-austin/>. This is an example of an interesting way to actively engage students and faculty in reinforcing the culture of safety. The Chemistry department at the University of Texas, Austin, fashioned a "Safety Madness" tournament after the March Madness NCAA Division I Basketball Tournament. Work groups developed and submitted best practices documents, conducted peer safety inspections, and quizzed team members on the best practices documents that they submitted. Points earned for correct answers were used to select the winning teams. Cash prizes were awarded to students of the

winning team, but feedback from the students indicated that the cash award was not the driving incentive. Rather they found it more appealing to be able to claim the win on their resume for the information of future prospective employers. This could be revised to be applicable to any department.

- CHEM UCSD, “Why I wear a lab coat”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a6DrCdjedas>. This video clip is narrated by an injured worker and titled “Why I wear a lab coat.” While the setting is a laboratory, the information applies to any worker who uses chemicals. This video points out the folly of complacency with procedures “done many times before” and how this person’s injury was not as bad as it might have been had they been “working alone” when the injury occurred.

Spring Safety Colloquium

Betsy Howe reported that the Spring Safety Colloquium plans are in place for April 15, 2015, “*Safety Culture: Perspectives and Practices.*” Sean Kaufman, the presenter, is an educator, consultant, and behavioral solutions expert and will share his experience with a multitude of national and international entities – government, academic, private – to provide information on best practices for improving and sustaining safety cultures. There is a complimentary meal so RSVPs are required. CUSC members were shown the EHS web site location to access the RSVP form. CUSC members and identified safety committee chairs/contacts were sent a special invitation to this event.

There was no other new business.

CLOSING REMARKS

The next meeting will be held on May 19, 2015, from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the UNL Police Department, 300 N. 17th Street, Conference Room. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Lynn Doser.