

Chancellor's University Safety Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2015 • 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Nebraska City Union

The meeting was convened by Chair, Lynn Doser (Sheldon Museum of Art). Attendees introduced themselves.

Members: Greg Turner (BSM), Eileen Bergt (Landscape Services), Kyle Hansen (CREC), Mark Robertson (UNLPD), Allen Specht (remotely - UAAD), Jody Wood (Institutional Equity & Compliance), Beth Whitaker (School of Biological Sciences), Sharon Clowser (VDC), Pat Dussault (Chemistry), Sara Frizzell (Research Compliance Service), Kim Phelps (University Services), Brenda Osthus (EHS), Yoko Smith (EHS support), Betsy Howe (EHS support).

Safety Committee Chairs: Cheryl Dunbar (remotely – ARDC)

Guests: Summer Baldwin (Daily Nebraskan)

OPEN FORUM

Beth Whitaker asked about the procedure for securing door postings for potentially hazardous locations when the area has been totally renovated resulting in new room numbers/space usage. Brenda Osthus indicated EHS is in the loop to know when renovation is completed so door postings can be issued.

Pat Dussault said that the Chemistry department has recently instituted a process to regularly check all EHS door postings to ensure the contact information listed is up-to-date. Pat wondered whether it was possible to have three contacts rather than two for a particular space. Betsy Howe indicated that three contacts are possible, upon request.

Brenda congratulated Landscape Services for the quick resolution of an issue reported by staff at the University Health Center involving students being stung by wasps.

Lynn Doser suggested the Near Miss reporting system be used to report instances of pedestrians not watching where they are walking and stepping out in front of vehicles. The increasing lack of traffic awareness when pedestrians cross streets on or near campus streets is very concerning. Several near misses were reported by meeting attendees who experienced students stepping out directly in front of their vehicle. Brenda suggested that this concern might be a good topic to forward to the Chancellor's office with a recommendation to establish a task force to initiate a pedestrian safety awareness campaign. No committee action was taken at this time.

To facilitate reporting and the CUSC 2015-16 goal, Betsy showed the committee a new poster, “**Near Miss...Near Hit?**” She distributed new informational business cards with the URL for Student Injury reporting on one side and Near Miss/Close Call reporting on the reverse. The poster and info cards are available free upon request from EHS (ehs@unl.edu, 402-472-4925).



Mark Robertson noted that the Police Department recently did a Twitter posting on the dangers of walking and texting (#wexting). This topic is also mentioned in the “**Really Obvious Walk**” video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-9CcSnWR-c&index=17&list=PLh0k4GzppsQEyNcNx-fxPRIdpC-hERTQH>).

OLD BUSINESS

Betsy reported that the University Health Center requested several posters and 100 info cards so that UHC can facilitate reporting of Student Injuries and Near Miss/Close calls in support of the CUSC 2015-16 goal.

There was no other old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Emergency Planning & Preparedness Update

Mark Robertson informed the group that Student Involvement is hosting the annual **Ready Campus** event on September 29, 2015, in the City Union Plaza to raise awareness of resources related to emergency situations of all types.

October 15, 2015, is the date of the nationwide **ShakeOut** annual earthquake awareness event (www.shakeout.org). Lincoln is in a moderate earthquake zone. The Police Department will participate with informational messages through Twitter and other avenues. At 10:15 a.m. on that date, those who wish to participate are requested to hold a drill or at least personally “**Drop** (down to your hands and knees), **Cover** (your head and neck), **and Hold On** (until the shaking stops)” for 60 seconds as if an earthquake were actually occurring.

Safety Committee Resources

Betsy Howe shared with the group a poster for each of the two distinct fall colloquia:

- Protective Apparel for Laboratory Safety
- NFPA 70E Electrical Safety Protective Apparel

Publicity for the ***Protective Apparel for Laboratory Safety*** colloquium has been disseminated to the various departments at UNL that assist Environmental Health & Safety and the Office of Research and Economic Development with publicity for the semi-annual laboratory safety colloquia.

Publicity for the **NFPA 70E Electrical Safety Protective Apparel** is in development and will be disseminated soon. The target audience of this colloquium is any person who troubleshoots, services, or repairs any electrical systems or equipment operating at 50V or higher and which presents an arc-flash hazard.

Documentation will be disseminated to Extension and Outreach Centers for both colloquia. Colloquia will be recorded and available post-event on the EHS web site.

Supplier Showcase

The annual Supplier Showcase, sponsored by UNL Procurement, is scheduled for October 20, 2015. At this event the CUSC maintains a booth as an outreach opportunity to raise safety awareness to numerous UNL faculty & staff in a short period of time. The topic for this year will be Near Miss/Close Call and Student Injury reporting in order to emphasize the current CUSC goal.

Lynn distributed a sign-up sheet for one-hour volunteer slots from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Members are asked to review their calendars for that day and contact Lynn Doser by email (ldoser1@unl.edu) or phone (402-472-3387) with their preferred time slot(s) as soon as possible. Materials for distribution are provided, as well as a 10-second speech the volunteer can use for outreach efforts.

There was no other New Business.

CLOSING REMARKS

The next meeting will be held on November 17, 2015, from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the UNL Police Department large conference room. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Lynn Doser at 3:30 p.m.