

Chancellor's University Safety Committee Meeting
Quarterly Meeting
April 12, 2005 3:00 p.m.
East Campus Union

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson Charlotte Evans.

Present: Brenda Osthus (EHS), Yoko Smith (EHS), Lisa Tobiason (EHS), Shannon Poppe (EHS), Elizabeth (Betsy) Howe (EHS), Charlotte Evans (Campus Police), Greg Maguire (Housing), Jim Jackson (BSM), John Ingram (Athletics), Erin Marotz (Animal Science – Dairy), Larry Schmid (Custodial), Eileen Bergt (Landscape Services), Bob Skates (WCREC), Mary Lutz (Student Health Services), Jane Wemhoff (Dining Services), Chris Oelling (Campus Rec), Todd Cuddy (Theatre Department).

Introductions: Charlotte Evans welcomed everyone to the meeting and attendees introduced themselves to the group.

EHS ACTIVITY REPORT

Brenda Osthus provided the following EHS Report:

Radiation Safety

- Routine survey process has been modified to incorporate chemical management.
- IOPs to document internal processes are being developed.
- New neutron facility is in the design stage.

Environmental Program

- David Wisch, Assistant Director for EP resigned in February. Position will be filled by Bill Lyons, formerly of LLCHD, effective April 29.
- Mindy Yost has been added to the staff as a Hazardous Materials Technician.
- EPA recently announced a voluntary administrative order on consent available to certain livestock producers. Currently working on SARA Title III reporting. Will include continuous release reporting from larger livestock units.
- NDEQ recently adopted a change to the Universal Waste Rules dealing with e-waste. Of greatest potential impact to UNL operations is categorical inclusion of smoke detectors (AM-241 particularly problematic).
- Waste disposal contract renewed with Teris.
- To clean up the old Transportation Services site, a reimbursement request for \$70K was approved by NDEQ. Next channel construction project is beginning. Have met with NDEQ to obtain approval for soil reuse in MSE walls.
- First round of plans due to EPA for ARDC RI/FS/Removal due next week.
- UNL LEOP is in the revision stage.

Occupational Safety

- Elizabeth (Betsy) Howe was added to the staff as Safety Specialist. She will be conducting CORE training, serve as CUSC and Safety Committee contact, along with other duties.

- Yoko Smith has begun sending individualized accident reports to department leaders to highlight accident and prior history on a quarterly basis.
- Design of asbestos database is 70% complete. Goal is to have building-specific asbestos reports available through the EHS web site.
- The AD-Occupational Safety position is being reopened.
- Animal User Medical Surveillance program kicked off with IACUC.
- EHS has a hot work program in place. Hot work such as welding, brazing, and cutting has been an issue with the University's insurance carrier.

Biosafety

- BSL-3 laboratory construction contract was signed, with completion in the next 6 months. Location is behind the VDC.
- Select agent identified recently in the VDC diagnostic laboratory.
- Formalized policies adopted for field trials for transgenics.
- Final rule on Select Agents published in Federal Register in March.

Injury Report Review: Yoko Smith reported on accidents occurring by department, types of accidents, and type of employee for the months of January – March, 2005. There were vast reductions in accidents this quarter at extension centers.

- Major injuries included lift/pull, slips/trips/falls, and struck by. Injuries due to ice cost \$26K, about the same as all other slips/trips/falls. Ice issue was primarily parking lots and outside buildings. There have been concerns reported about sidewalks outside Greek facilities.
- The majority of injuries reported are full time employees, with student injuries declining slightly.
- The most severe incident was in the Chemistry Department, involving bromine which is highly reactive with water, and resulted in hospitalization for a few days.
- Landscape services plans to eliminate a step that caused several accidents and will replace the step with a very gradual ramp.
- Information was presented on accident rates at peer institutions. UNL was doing well on incident rates; however, cost is over \$1M a year, showing UNL is not doing so well in the cost of injury area.

UNIT SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Agronomy

- Completed goal of all employees partaking in an EHS orientation session. Is currently working on getting everyone through Core training and developing training plans.

ARDC

- All-facility training day will be held in late May. Tractor safety is Thursday, April 14 from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. with Dave Morgan.

Housing

- Custodial and Maintenance staffs are implementing an extended safety education program, no dates scheduled from Greg yet.
- May 20 is scheduled for annual Core and Asbestos Awareness Training.

FMP

- Has an active safety committee and recently had a walk through by EHS that included their safety committee members. Kevin Stuart and Jim DeCamp co-chair the committee. LO/TO training will be held as soon as the auditorium is finished.

Landscape Services

- Jean picked up some videos this week due to weather restricting work tasks. They are reviewing the skidsteer loader training information from Bobcat.

Manter Hall

- Finished marking fire evacuation maps. EHS will input information into Microsoft Visio and return to Deb Pinkelman.

School of Natural Resources

- Implemented and presented departmental safety plan in February to staff and faculty.
- Plans for summer include reviewing occupations of employees outside of campus.

University Press

- Had recent departmental reorganization. Safety committee is low key, but continues to hold regular toolbox safety meetings.

NCTA – Curtis

- Working to get committee organized. Lisa will be out in the future for training.

Athletics

- Kicked off online training to get all up to speed. Shannon provided Back Safety training in February.

Please note: Betsy will be working with Safety Committees in the future.

EMPLOYEE SAFETY FAIR

Lisa proposed that the CUSC organize another Safety Fair similar to that held in October 2003. Grainger has offered to bring in vendors. Space in the Union has been reserved for October 13, 2005.

- Proposed format would be the same with vendor booth space, mini session offerings, and refreshments. This provides an opportunity for vendors and factory reps to visit with a number of supervisors and supervisors to see products available and get questions answered.
- Previous Safety Fair had several hundred attendees to the general booth area and mini training sessions. Some state employees even attended the LO/TO session.
- The CUSC meeting was held immediately following the 2003 Safety Fair and several non-committee members attended. By agreement, the October 2005 CUSC meeting will be held immediately after the planned Safety Fair on October 13, 2005.
- Mini training sessions under consideration are: Hand tool safety, Gas cylinder safety by Linweld, Power tool safety, Ladder safety by Werner, NPPD's electric program, Welding

Safety similar to their presentation to ASSE. Other suggestions are welcome until June 1, 2005, at which time plans need to be finalized.

SIDEWALK REQUEST ON 38TH STREET

Charlotte Evans personally walked the area in question and experienced how unsafe the situation is. The point was made that this is a busy campus entrance.

Eileen Bergt and Jim Jackson presented information on tentative costs based on their preliminary estimate work. Discussion occurred about whether lighting would be necessary for the proposed sidewalk or whether lighting could or should be Phase 2 of the proposed project. The group decided that lighting should be part of the project. Eileen and Jim will get a bid firmed up soon.

Brenda suggested that if we could get together an estimate soon, an option might be to approach the Vice Chancellors for Business & Finance and Academic Affairs to split the cost of this important safety improvement.

CITIZEN CONCERN—CATS ON CAMPUS

Charlotte Evans shared a letter from a UNL employee expressing concern about nuisance cats, particularly on City Campus. The employee proposed a program/group to trap cats, neuter them, give them shots, and then return them to the wild.

- Laws within our community state that cats cannot be returned to the wild once captured. Trapping is acceptance of ownership and responsibility for feeding, subsequent vaccination, and so on.
- CUSC has no desire to go against animal control laws in place. The cats are not University property and therefore CUSC has no official opinion on the topic.
- Animal control is not concerned about the cat population, and offered that they have not had a problem with cats in any downtown area for many years.
- Landscape Services considers cats in the same category as rabbits, mice, and so on. Cats on campus tend to result in the other nuisance animal populations being lower. Their staff is trained to recognize signs of rabies in cats and other species.

CAMPUS PET POLICY DRAFT

A Pet Policy was presented for review. Discussion took place about pets in residential and research centers as exceptions. Service animals and research animals (which are covered by IACUC) are excluded from consideration. The suggestion was that animals not working or serving a purpose for the University of Nebraska should not be allowed in any facility. Another suggestion was to allow only certain pets, such as fish, as long as parameters are set.

Bob Skates will be working on firming up the Pet Policy. Send comments/suggestions to bskates1@unl.edu by May 1, 2005.

SAFETY WALK

Charlotte Evans reminded the group that the Spring 2005 Campus Safety Walk is April 21, 2005, at 9:00 p.m. The walk will last approximately two hours and focus on City Campus only. Please email Charlotte if you plan to attend

OPEN FORUM

Christie Oelling raised a question about whether there was an AED policy. Locations of AEDs should be registered with the city of Lincoln. Brenda referred the group to a SOP on the EHS website that talks about AEDs.

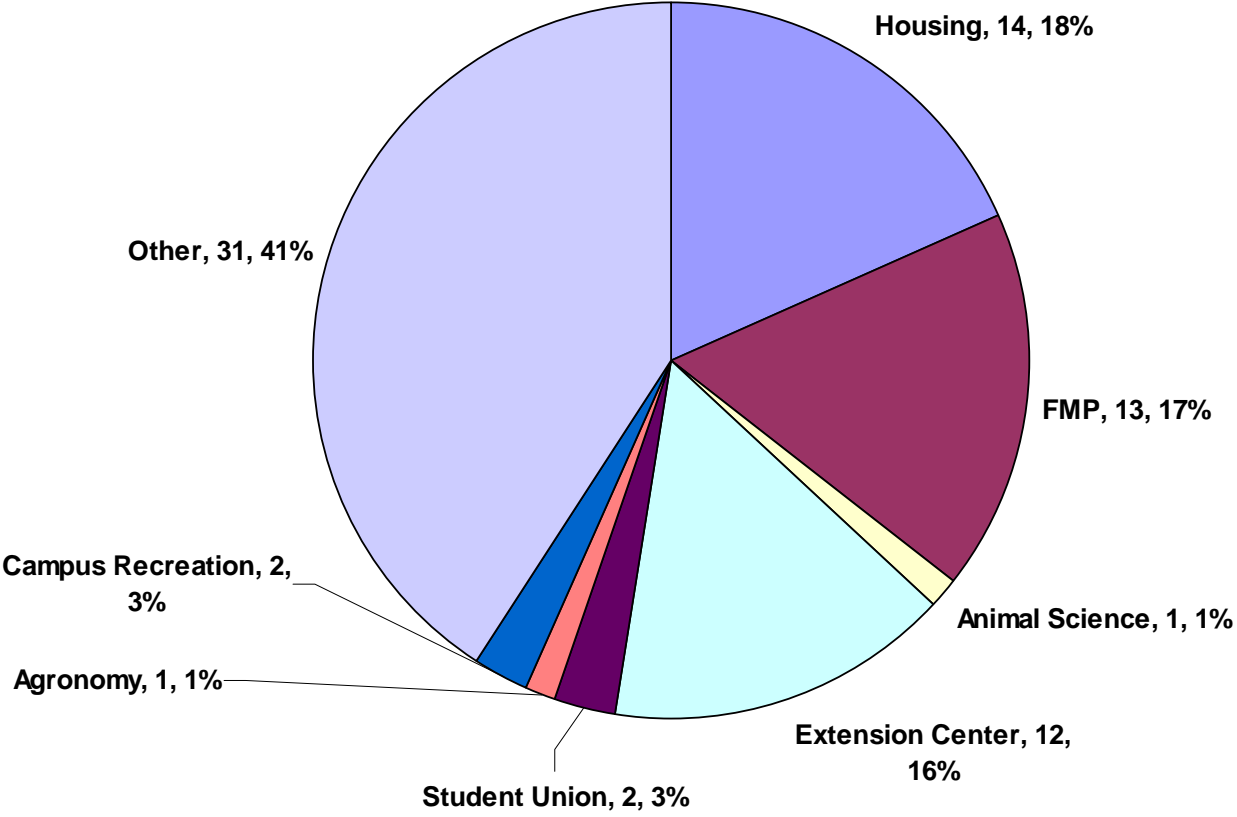
Eventually the AED location information will be woven into the 911 system, so when a 911 caller provides their location, EMS can direct the caller to the nearest AED.

This topic will be added to the Agenda for the next CUSC meeting after the committee members have had a chance to review the SOP on the EHS web site.

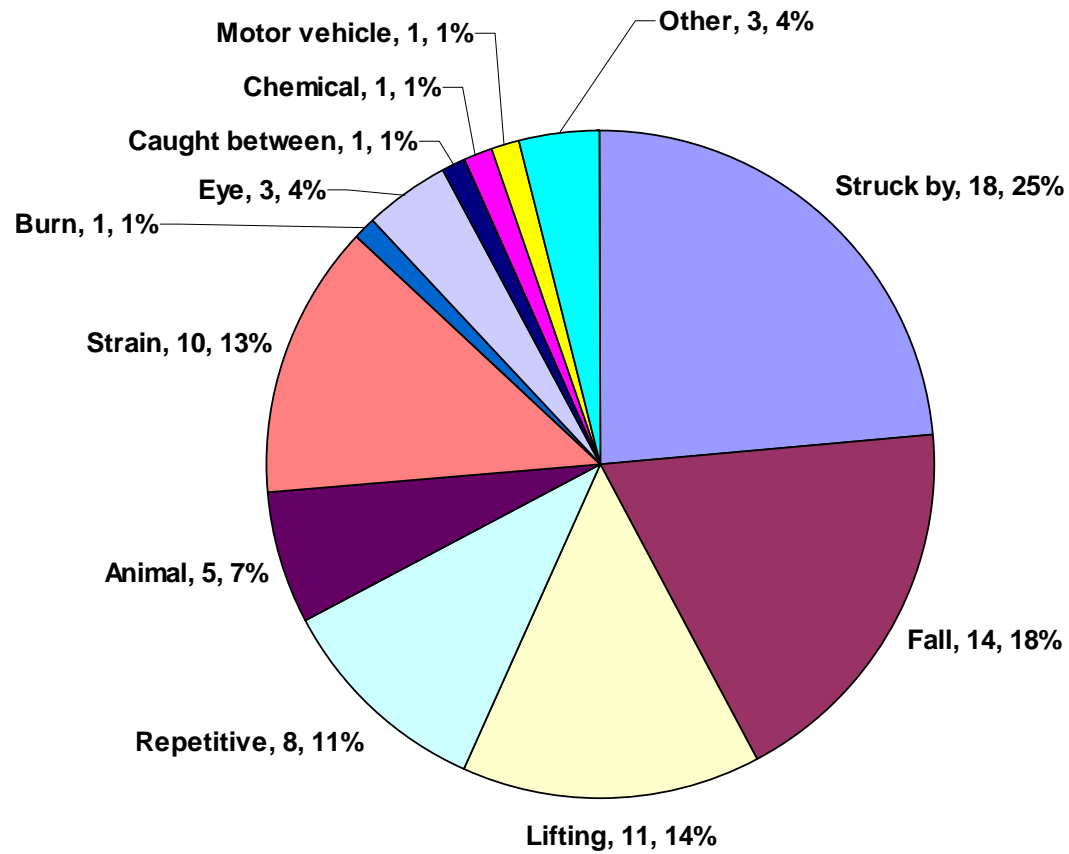
CLOSING REMARKS

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. at the East Campus Union.

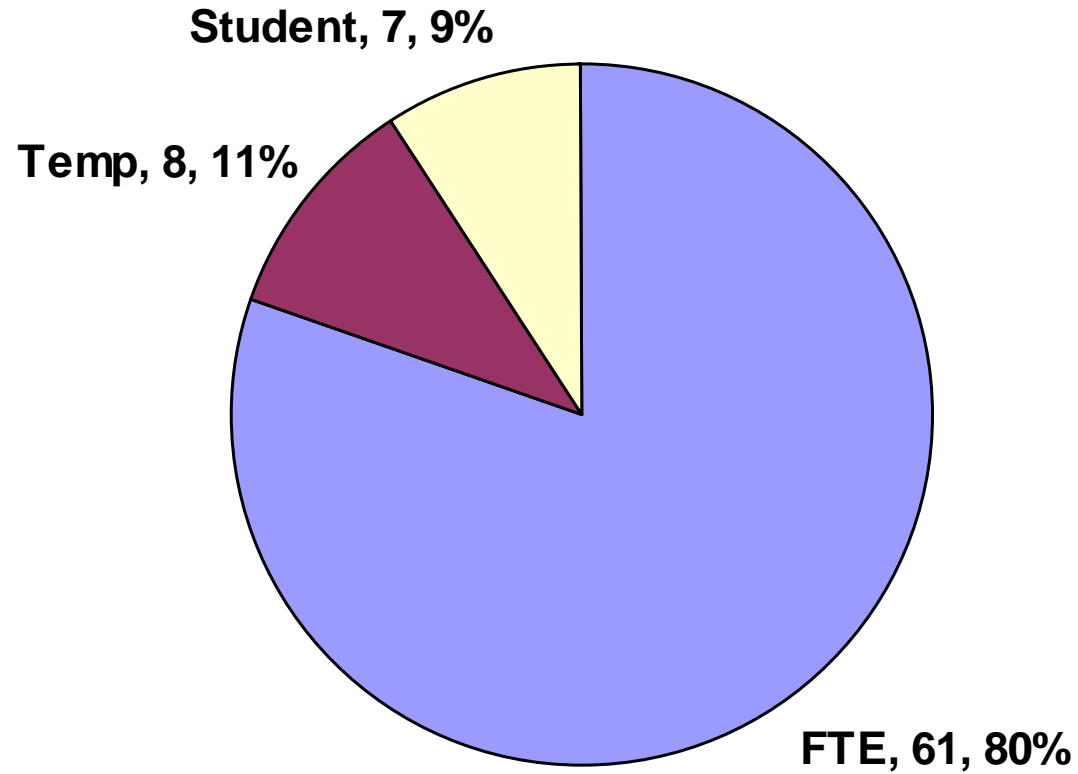
Accidents by Department FY2005 Second Quarter



Accidents by Cause FY2005 Second Quarter



Type of Employment FY2005 Second Quarter



Accident Rate YTD (March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December 2004)

Dept. Number	Dept. Name	Hours Worked	# of Total Accidents	# of OSHA Recordable Accidents	# of Lost Time Accidents	Accident Rate (Includes all accidents)	OSHA Recordable Accident Rate	Lost Time Accident Rate*
1	Housing	861078.19	52	12	5	12.08	2.79	1.16
2	Facilities Management	777698.23	48	14	7	12.34	3.60	1.80
3	University Services	313351.69	5	2	0	3.19	1.28	0.00
4	Animal Science	247108.10	10	3	1	8.09	2.43	0.81
5	Extension Centers	906871.19	32	17	3	7.06	3.75	0.66
6	Student Union	184531.70	4	2	0	4.34	2.17	0.00
7	Agronomy/Horticulture/Plant Science	382331.96	7	7	2	3.66	3.66	1.05
8	Campus Recreation	186760.78	4	1	1	4.28	1.07	1.07
9	Athletics	566362.21	3	2	1	1.06	0.71	0.35
10	Other Units/Departments	9108728.13	75	44	21	1.65	0.97	0.46
	Total Hours Worked	13534822.18	240	104	41	3.55	1.54	0.61

*Lost time accidents include lost work time accidents and accidents that caused workers to be on modified duties or to move to a different position.

Following are the rates for comparable industries in 2002. (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics News)
OSHA does not keep records of all-accident rates.

Industry	Recordable case rate	Lost-time accident rate
Agricultural production - crops	6.2	3.5
Agricultural production - livestock	9	4.7
Construction: Special trade contractors	7.5	4.1
Eating and drinking places	4.6	1.6
Services to buildings	5.1	2.5
Colleges and universities	2.8	1.3