

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Betsy Howe in the absence of Chairperson Charlotte Evans.

Present: Yoko Smith (EHS), Elizabeth (Betsy) Howe (EHS), Terry Madson (US MARC), Jim Jackson (BSM), Lew Sieber (ARDC), Barry Christensen (BSM), Greg Maguire (Housing), John Ingram (Athletics), Eileen Bergt (Landscape Services), Karen Schultz (PREC), Chris Oelling (Campus Rec), Leslie Brooks (Agronomy/Horticulture), Judy Prochaska (Utilities).

Introductions: Betsy Howe welcomed everyone to the meeting and attendees introduced themselves to the group.

EHS ACTIVITY REPORT

Betsy Howe provided the following EHS Report in the absence of Brenda Osthus, EHS Director:

Radiation Safety

- Review of resumes is scheduled to begin next week for the position approved and funded by the Office of Research. The focus of duties for this position will be the Pulsed Laser and Neutron-generating Facility that is coming on line.
- EHS is actively pursuing disposal of the C0₆₀ irradiator owned by the federal government. We are working with HHS and the Governor's office to get the feds to take their irradiator back.

Environmental Program

- Bill Lyons is now officially on board as Assistant Director for EP.
- The next round of plans and documents were submitted to the EPA for the ARDC RI/FS/Removal action. The next stage is fieldwork, which is scheduled to start in September, pending EPA review. There will be at least one public information session in the next month or two. This topic seems to be generating a great deal of public interest.

Occupational Safety

- The open Occupational Safety Assistant Director position has been accepted by Mark Shepherd. Mark plans to begin work around Labor Day.
- The fall newsletter is scheduled be out by the end of the month.
- Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) is starting a campus-wide Lab Safety Initiative with PIs being the target audience. We are starting small by focusing on Chemistry and Biological Sciences in the College of Arts & Sciences. We are also hoping to include the areas in Beadle Center that are not part of the College of Arts & Sciences and perhaps Chemical Engineering in this first phase. The goal is to provide the latest information to PIs, staff, and grad students on areas of particular concern that are consistently found through Work Area Surveys conducted by EHS. The first session will

be on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and is tentatively scheduled for September 20, 2005. The format will be a short presentation by industry experts, as well as a hands-on opportunity for the PIs, staff, and grad students to look at, handle, and ask questions about PPE.

Biosafety

- BSL-3 laboratory is in construction and is in the final stages where changes cannot be made.
- We will be submitting Select Agent registration documents in the very near future.

Injury Report Review: Yoko Smith reported on accidents occurring by department, types of accidents, and type of employee for the months of April– June, 2005. There was a 10% reduction in accidents this quarter.

- Two major accidents were highlighted for review. An ATV accident occurred. The supervisor stated that wearing a helmet prevented the employee from being seriously injured.
- Injuries to temporary and student workers held steady this quarter and are expected to increase next quarter to reflect the larger numbers of seasonal workers.
- The most severe incident included an employee of Cather/Pound/Neihardt who was severely beaten and robbed at 3:45 a.m. on their way in to work the night shift. Yoko wished to discuss with the UNL Police representative present and will bring up this accident again next CUSC meeting.

UNIT SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE

ARDC

- All facility training day was held May 25.
- Monthly safety trainings were set up through November (no Brown Bag lunch training in December).
- Lisa Tobiason presented ‘Increasing the Effectiveness of Your Safety Committee’ in July.
- August training on Grain Bin safety was opened to other research facility SC Chairs and a few others in agronomy. The session will be videotaped and added to the EHS library.

FMP/BSM

- Actively pursuing training. UV light training in May, Supervisor in June, Confined Space & Ladder Safety scheduled for late July/early August.

CUSTODIAL SERVICES

- In early August at least two sessions of General Safety Training will be set up to accommodate the three shifts. We are looking at a refresher for the special team that handles clean-up which requires universal precautions for bloodborne pathogens.

HOUSING

- On May 20 and June 17, EHS provided CORE and Asbestos Training to primarily summer hires, as well as some regular staff

LANDSCAPE SERVICES

- Continues to check out safety videos as weather permits.
- Welding Safety training request is being fulfilled at CUSC Safety Fair with seminar scheduled.
- Continues with their safety newsletter. Are actively seeking a new SC Chair since Jean Schultz is retiring.
- EHS Assistant Director of Environmental Programs, Bill Lyons, organized Meth Lab Awareness training for July 28, 2005, East Campus Union, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Eileen Bergt agreed that SC Chairs could be notified with an RSVP requested so room size can be adjusted if need be.

US MARC @ Clay Center

- Delivered several sessions of CORE training, IATA/DOT, Confined Space, Fire Extinguisher, and Lockout/Tagout the past quarter.
- “Working Safely Outdoors” is the topic for August.

VDC

- Committee is reactivating. Committee planned a fire drill in May. EHS conducted four fire extinguisher training sessions in May and two in June.
- Working on topic possibilities and the timing of regular training opportunities. A schedule should be worked out by early August.

UNIVERSITY PRESS

- Office area is in a new building – Committee worked on emergency response, including route maps, awareness activities, assigned managers to do headcounts once building is evacuated, updated the first aid kits, and checked fire extinguishers throughout.
 - A fire drill is planned for late July.
 - We discussed Emergency Preparedness, Supervisor, CORE and Fire Extinguisher training as possibilities for future training.
- Warehouse—In June, EHS provided Emergency Preparedness training, specifically targeting severe weather information.
 - EHS provided new SOP, *Brown Recluse Spiders*.
 - We will meet in late July to set up a schedule for general Warehouse Safety session, Safe working in the heat, Ladder Safety, Back Safety, Ergonomics and/or other possibilities.

CAMPUS REC

- EHS is assisting with a Power Outages SOP at their request. We will then assist Campus Rec with specifics related to their facility.
- EHS is providing evaluation assistance for the Campus Rec IIPP and Bloodborne Pathogens training.

BEADLE CENTER

- EHS provided CORE training for Redox Biology students.

LIBRARIES

- The new facility on EC is scheduling CORE training for staff/student workers in the fall.

UNIVERSITY POLICE

- Will have a booth at the CUSC Safety Fair October 13, 2005.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

- Lisa Tobiason gave "Increase the Effectiveness of Your Safety Committee" presentation for SC at Manter Hall in June.
- The committee is reactivating. Supervisor training will be offered in August. Committee requested a few additions to TA CORE training to address specific unsafe practices the committee has noticed.
- Currently EHS working with the committee on Escape route maps, egress from skywalk issue (referred to fire marshal), WAS overall bldg issues summary for 2004 & 2005.

SAFETY COMMITTEE GENERAL

- We are updating and improving the Safety Committee area of the EHS web site.
 - New EHS Safety Committee home page.
 - Unit Safety Committee Chairs link recently updated to include not only SC Chair list and minutes of the bi-annual SC Chair meeting, but Resources and Training opportunities for Safety Committees. Currently there are limited Resource and Training items, but improvements to these two areas are being worked on.
- The EHS Supervisor training has been improved and updated. This is one of the training offerings we are highlighting in communication with Safety Committees.

EMPLOYEE SAFETY FAIR

Betsy provided an update on the CUSC Safety Fair to be held in City Campus Union on Thursday, October 13, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- A draft copy of a publicity poster listing participants and mini-seminars was distributed.
- A room has been reserved for the CUSC October meeting which the group decided last meeting will held at 3:00 p.m. in City Campus Union on the day of the Safety Fair.
- The only item still uncertain is the LES presentation. Their presentation would need to be held outdoors on the north side of City Campus Union. LES will be evaluating the suitability by early August and then permission to use the outdoor area is required by the Director of the Union.

SIDEWALK REQUEST ON 38TH STREET

Jim Jackson reported that the CUSC request has been reviewed at the highest levels. All agree that it is a good idea to add sidewalks, but currently funding is not available. The

message has been delivered and hopefully at some time in the future this project can be undertaken.

CAMPUS PET POLICY DRAFT

Since Bob Skates was unable to attend, this item was tabled until next CUSC meeting.

OPEN FORUM

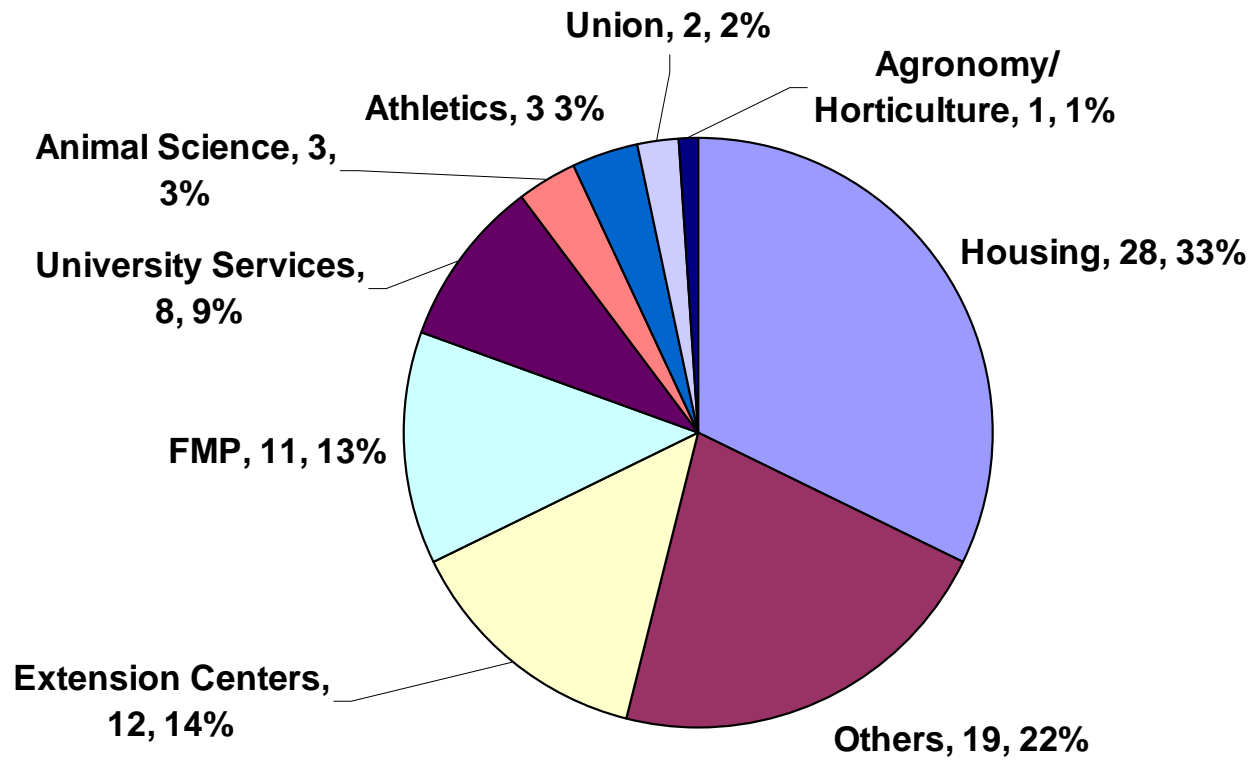
Karen Schultz asked whether Hearing Conservation would be required. PREC brought in an outside speaker to increase awareness of hearing protection and levels at which monitoring might be a good idea even if not required. Yoko Smith explained that once it is determined that hearing protection is needed for a worker, then the next step is to determine whether yearly hearing tests should be required. There are two components to consider, decibel level and daily exposure. If there are areas that exceed 85 db several days a month or more, then this probably is an area to conduct hearing tests once a year. Yoko and Karen agreed to meet separately to discuss specifics as they relate to the PREC facility.

Lew Sieber asked if we could again pursue a mass e-mailing of the EHS Newsletter. If that were not possible, he requested we announce in e-news when the EHS Newsletter comes out. Betsy Howe agreed to ask Brenda Osthus about the possibility of again requesting a mass e-mailing of the EHS quarterly Newsletter. Betsy was unsure whether a notice currently is placed in e-news. (Betsy found out that there is a notice in e-news every time a new EHS Newsletter is available online.)

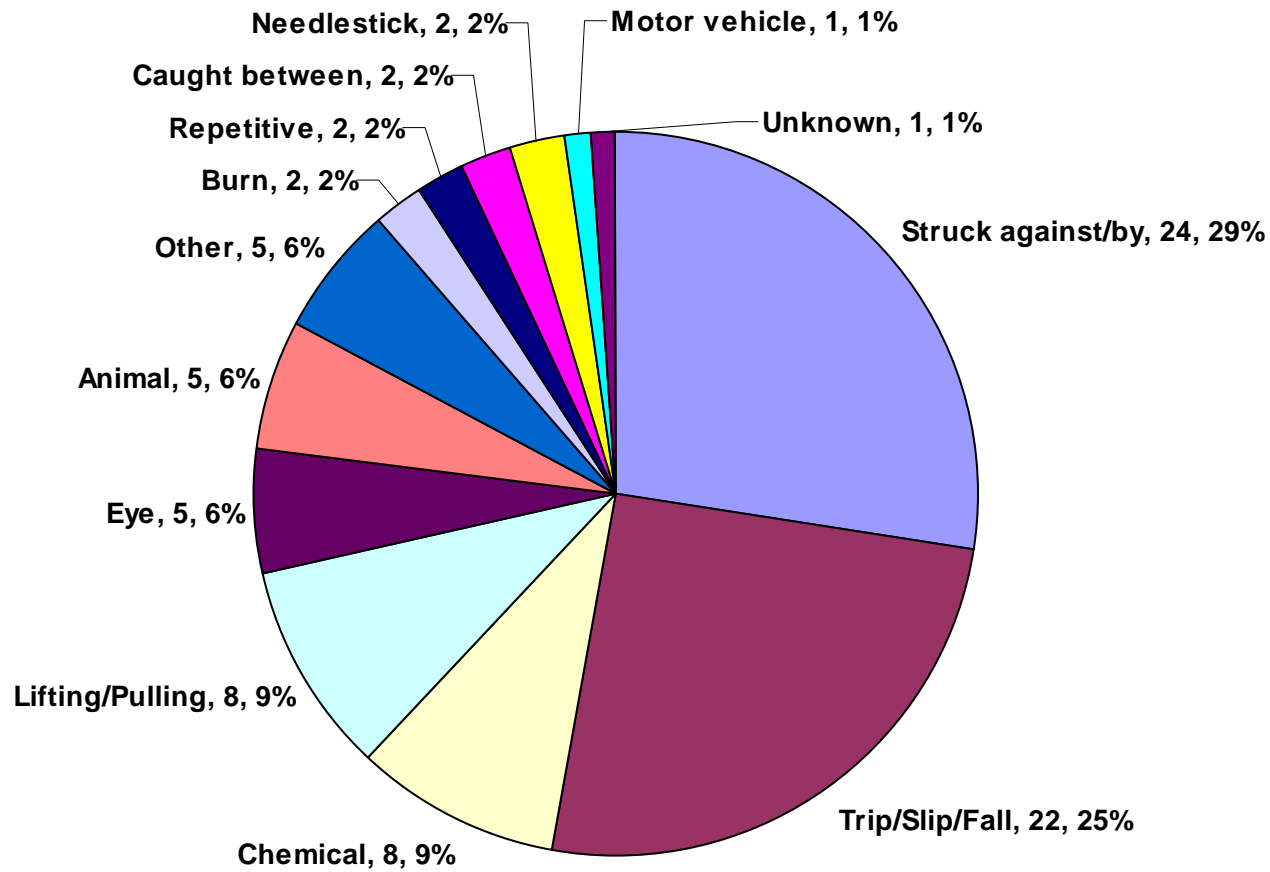
CLOSING REMARKS

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. at the City Campus Union.

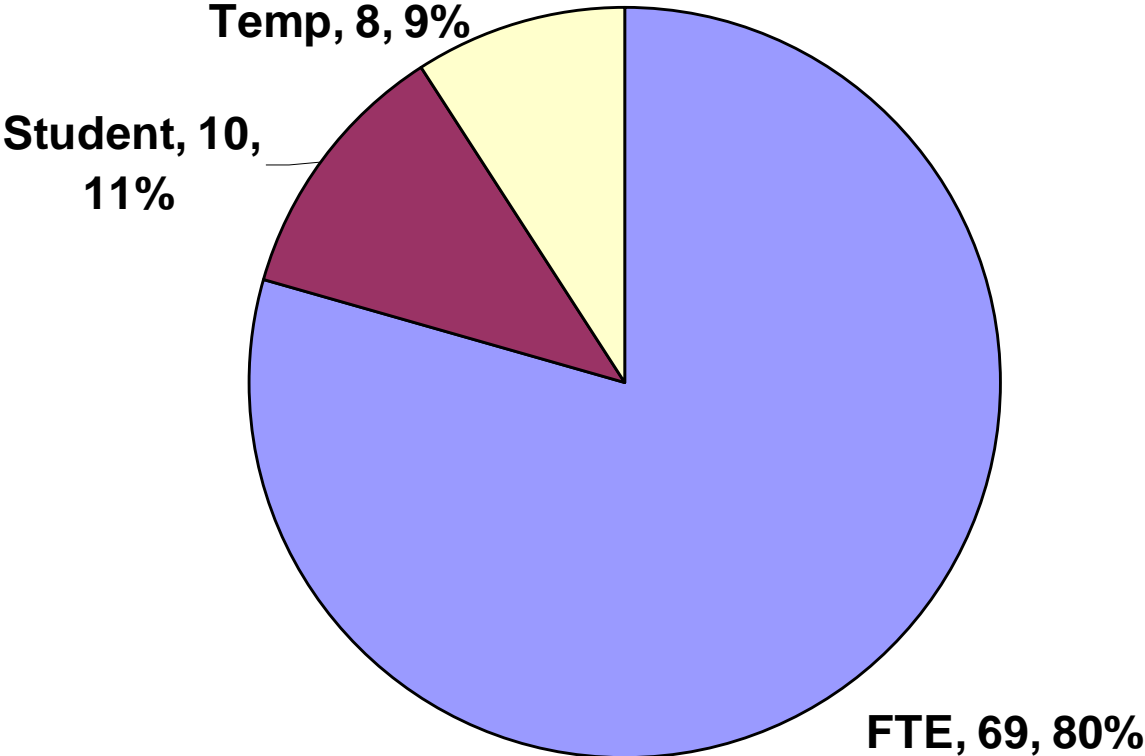
Accidents by Department FY04/05 Fourth QTR



Accidents by Cause FY04/05 Fourth QTR



Types of Employment FY04/05 Fourth QTR



Accident Rates to date (January, February, March, April, May, June 2005)

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	590921.95	43	10	5	14.55	3.38	1.69
2	Facilities Management	477025.96	29	10	6	12.16	4.19	2.52
3	University Services	178322.54	9	1	1	10.09	1.12	1.12
4	Animal Science	128507.51	2	1	0	3.11	1.56	0.00
5	Extension Centers	555591.96	13	7	6	4.68	2.52	2.16
6	Student Union	121522.01	3	2	1	4.94	3.29	1.65
7	Agronomy/Horticulture	220777.13	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Campus Recreation	119812.67	2	2	0	3.34	3.34	0.00
9	Athletics	347051.79	2	2	1	1.15	1.15	0.58
10	Other Units/Departments	5561292.46	39	11	3	1.40	0.40	0.11
	Total Hours Worked	8300825.98	142	46	23	3.42	1.11	0.55

*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