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

**Members Present:** Eileen Bergt (Landscape Services), Jane Wemhoff (Dining Services), Jeff Lamp (BSM), Roger Quiring (UHC), Larry Schmid (Custodial Services), Dave Morgan (UAAD), Coleen Huls (Information Services), Greg Maguire (Housing), Robin Whisman (CREC), Edie Schleiger (UNOPA), Beth Whitaker (Bio Sci), Logan Dana (NEREC), Sharon Clowser (VBMS), Brenda Osthus (EHS), Betsy Howe (EHS), Yoko Smith (EHS). **Guests:** Elias Youngquist (Daily Nebraskan)

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY:** FY 2010-2011 (3rd Quarter) Injury Incident Report

Yoko Smith reviewed the third quarter injury incidents:

- Of the 74 incidents between January 1 and March 31, 2011, 34 (46%) were classified as OSHA-recordable, incidents considered potentially more serious. The predominant category “Falls” included ten incidents, the majority due to weather conditions (ice).
- The second highest category was “Struck by/Struck against”, with the majority of incidents due to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) needed but not available/not used, worker inattention, or improper tool/usage.
- Ten **First Report of Injury** submissions were received this quarter for injuries occurring prior to January 1, 2011. Five of these were OSHA-recordable.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Safety & Wellness Fair**

Colleen provided the committee a bulleted compilation of suggestions from safety committees throughout UNL. The majority of respondents favorably viewed the 2010 Fair and suggested an annual fair including both safety and wellness. The last Safety & Wellness Fair mostly emphasized “wellness”. Discussion ensued regarding the CUSC charter. In future Fairs, safety must play a larger role.

One very positive factor in the success of the 2010 Fair was the fact that a Supplier Showcase was in progress at the City Union on the same day. In past safety fairs, besides providing booths emphasizing “safety equipment”, vendors have been the main source of safety awareness/training sessions.

For 2011, rather than collaborate with the Chancellor’s Wellness Committee, the CUSC will explore having a presence at the Supplier Showcase. The CUSC will seek to have a booth and also request communication with participating vendors to encourage inclusion of safety products/safety emphasis in vendor-provided booths. After the Supplier Showcase 2011, a discussion can occur whether to continue to participate in
the Supplier Showcase or consider a more extensive Safety Fair to coincide with the Supplier Showcase.

Vendors involved with the Supplier Showcase sponsored by UNL Procurement are the same ones the CUSC would tap for a Safety Fair. Setting up two events with the same group of vendors could seriously jeopardize the success of both events by diluting vendor turnout.

Some of the topics suggested by UNL safety committees for possible inclusion in a Fair would lend themselves to availability through a CUSC booth with computers or the Bitmobile (trailer with several computers) including internet access. Since training session attendance has historically been less than hoped for, a different approach might be in order.

Betsy Howe will work with UNL Procurement on establishing a CUSC “safety” presence as a component of the Supplier Showcase.

**UAAD & UNOPA as Conduits of Safety Information**

These two organizations include a large number of employees. While the primary emphasis of safety at UNL should appropriately come from departments, these two groups are a ready-made audience. Dave Morgan suggested that the UAAD and UNOPA representatives contact their respective organizations about the possibility of these organizations including at least one program a year on a safety topic.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Open Forum**

A Daily Nebraskan reporter was the only member of the campus community attending the Open Forum CUSC meeting. He had a number of questions which resulted in an article published April 20, 2011.

**Nominations for Vice Chair**

Colleen Huls’ transition into the Chair position left vacant the position of Vice Chair. Nominations from the floor, followed by a vote of members in attendance, led to the election of Beth Whitaker as Vice Chair for the coming year.

**CUSC Guidelines**

The committee decided that the CUSC Guidelines should be sent by email to all members for review of the charter components. If anyone has questions or comments after review, those will be addressed at the next regular meeting.

**Budget Cut Proposal**

It was brought up that, within the proposed budget cuts to be finalized by mid-May, was a provision that sidewalks no longer be treated for ice within 30 feet of a building. This would save in the cost of treatment materials, but more significantly reduce the frequency of cleaning certain building areas.
The committee members present reviewed the budget cut proposal online. There was discussion about the current and historical levels of injury incidents due to ice. The committee voted (with three members abstaining) to draft a letter for immediate delivery to the Academic Planning Committee. The CUSC respectfully submits that moving ice treatment further away from UNL buildings should be reconsidered due to historical levels of injuries from falls by faculty, staff and visitors resulting from icy conditions. Those members voting espoused the recommendation that the savings proposed be weighed against the increased potential for injury, with a resultant expenditure for Workmen’s Comp claims.

Due to time constraints, Chair Colleen Huls will submit a letter to the Academic Planning Committee on behalf of the CUSC.

CLOSING REMARKS
Discussion on whether to continue the Open Forum will be moved to the next meeting.

The next meeting will be at the UNLPD Conference Room on July 19, 2011. A call-in number provided by EHS will be furnished to committee members for remote attendance.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chair Colleen Huls.