

Chancellor's University Safety Committee (CUSC) Meeting
January 18, 2022 - 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Zoom ONLY

AGENDA

1. Introductions & Welcome (Zoom mute) (3:00 – 3:10 p.m.) Michael Straatmann
2. Old Business
 - A. Heads Up! Yard sign update (3:10 – 3:15 p.m.) Jody Wood
 - B. Plan Ahead project update (3:15 – 3:20 p.m.) Betsy Howe
 - C. Other Old Business
3. New Business
 - A. Emergency planning & preparedness (3:20 – 3:25 p.m.) Mark Robertson
 - B. Resource (3:25 – 3:40 p.m.) Lynn Doser
 - C. Other new business
4. EHS Reports
 - A. Injury Incidents 2nd Quarter 2022 (3:40 – 3:50 p.m.) Betsy Howe
5. Adjourn Michael Straatmann

Meeting Schedule (EHS training room, Warehouse 1, East Campus and Zoom)

- March 22, 2022 (NOTE changed to 4th week) – Open Forum
- May 17, 2022 (Injury/Illness & Safety Audit reports January-March 2022)
- July 19, 2022 - (Injury/Illness & Safety Audit reports April-June 2022)

Goal FY 2021-2022:

Develop, review, maintain lines of safety communication with the purpose of engaging the campus community, in particular by encouraging all to recognize and report “near misses” or potentially unsafe practices with this information to be used for educational purposes university-wide.

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The meeting was convened at 3:00 p.m. by Chair, Michael Straatmann (Libraries).

INTRODUCTIONS

All attendees provided the name of the department/facility they represent.

Members In Attendance: Sandi Meyer (ARD), Martha Morton (Chemistry), Deb Royal (VDC), Anthony Delaney (Nutrition & Health Sciences), Jacob Sharrer (Utilities), Kyle Hansen (CREC), Mike Livingston (Agronomy & Horticulture), Jeremy Hiller (SNR), Beth Whitaker (School of Biological Sciences), Mark Robertson (University Police), Alan Boldt (BSE), Sharleen Roth (Housing), Jo Bialas (Risk Management), Eileen Bergt (Landscape Services), Barb McCain (Dining Services) and Elizabeth (Betsy) Howe (EHS support).

Safety Committee Chairs: Erin Bauer (Entomology), Brent Morgan (Libraries), Randi Houghtelling (NCTA) and Adam Eakin (University Museum).

OLD BUSINESS

Heads Up! Yard Signs.

Jody Wood, Chair, could not attend but sent word that there was no update.

Plan Ahead Campaign

Betsy Howe recently met with two UCOMM staff members to clarify the poster/digital sign request for this project. UCOMM anticipates deliverables available by mid- to late February at the March CUSC meeting.

Other Old Business

There was no other new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Emergency Planning & Preparedness

Mark Robertson stated that the Public Health Advocacy Team he serves on has been extremely busy with contact tracing. The covid-19 dashboard (<https://covid19.unl.edu/unl-covid-19-dashboard>) provides information on positivity

rates and more. There is a great deal of testing occurring at UNL for faculty and staff with student testing scheduled for the following week.

There are new guidelines about isolation. To clarify a point of confusion, Day Zero is the day a person receives a positive test or develops symptoms. Then Day 1 is the next day. The new guidance can be found at <https://covid19.unl.edu/isolation-information> with a handy graphic that can be printed available at <https://covid19.unl.edu/docs/2022-COVID-Isolation-Guidance3.pdf>.

There is forward progress with getting Alertus Beacons. Some buildings that were alerted for tornado warnings by operators needed a solution, given the UNL reduction in telephone operators. Those buildings will use UNL Alertus Beacons to set off the voice notifications in buildings. Alertus beacons flash and display UNL Alert text messages.

Resource

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Lynn Doser was not able to attend.

Other New Business

There was a question posed about getting icy spots around buildings sanded/salted. Tony Delaney noted that each building should have a bucket with material to cover icy spots, but if not or if the container needs refilled, personnel can contact the Facilities Service Desk, 2-1550 from a campus phone or email servicedesk@unl.edu.

Sandi Meyer told the group about a couple of phone apps for general safety while traveling. The Nebraska 511 app provides up-to-date road condition information on a phone, the same information is also accessible from the online 511 website. Another useful app Sandi recommended is Travel Weather which gives the weather all along a designated route to help travelers avoid areas of potential severe weather. Both apps are available for free download at the Google and Apple app stores.

Injury Incident Reports

Betsy Howe reviewed the items in the Injury Incident Report Overview document provided in advance of the meeting along with injury incident information.

Reporting has changed to provide more information while still providing the information the committee is used to seeing, however in a different format. To help you understand the new quarterly reporting, following is an overview of what is being provided moving forward:

- All injury illness information in the provided reports is based on “date of incident.”
- The Severity report shows the levels of severity and also the percentage of total injury incidents for each level of severity, not just OSHA Recordable.
- Lost Time numbers on the Severity report are a subset of OSHA Recordable incidents. Reminder: The Lost Time category encompasses Job Transfer, Days Away from Work and Days of Restricted Work.
- The Event/Exposure by Worker Type report includes information on all levels of Severity not just OSHA Recordable.
- The report “Unit Safety Committee Incident Report by Employee Type,” run for OSHA Recordable incidents, provides further information on OSHA Recordable injuries and Lost Time incidents, including Causal Factor, Event/Exposure, Department and Nature of Injury, as well as Description of the incident.
- It is important that departments encourage their workers to promptly report injury incidents and not wait weeks or months to turn in a First Report of Alleged Occupational Injury/Illness.

Betsy reminded the group to also use the Near Miss Reporting Tool available through the EHS website (<https://ehs.unl.edu/near-missclose-call-incident-reporting-form>) when there is a near miss/close call.

There were no questions about the reports during the meeting. Betsy advised attendees that questions the attendees think of later could be sent to Aaron Araiza.

CLOSING REMARKS

The CUSC is always looking for volunteers to share something at a CUSC meeting related to safety. Let Betsy know if you are willing to volunteer for a future meeting.

Michael Straatmann adjourned the meeting at 3:19 p.m. The next meeting will be on March 22, 2022, from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the EHS Training Room, Warehouse 1, 3630 East Campus Loop if covid protocols allow and via Zoom.

CUSC Workers Compensation Incident Report (October- December 2021)

As of December 31, 2021, thirty-four (34) FRIs were received for injuries occurring between October 1 and December 31, 2021.

- Seventeen (17) or 50% were “report only” (no medical treatment sought)
- Five (5) or 14.7% were not OSHA recordable, meaning they were minor in nature (requiring only one visit to the clinic without prescription medication).
- Eleven (11) or 32.3% were classified as OSHA recordable and are considered potentially more serious. Five (5) or 14.7% of the OSHA recordables are “lost time” incidents that require the employee to be away from work or have restricted work.



