Chancellor’s University Safety Committee (CUSC) Meeting
May 17, 2022 - 3:00-4:00 p.m.
EHS Training Room & Zoom

AGENDA

1. Introductions & Welcome (Zoom mute) (3:00 – 3:05 p.m.) Michael Straatmann

2. Old Business
   A. Heads Up! Yard sign update (3:05 – 3:10 p.m.) Jody Wood
   B. Other Old Business (3:10 – 3:15 p.m.)

3. New Business
   A. Election: Vice Chair (3:15 – 3:20 p.m.) Mark Robertson
   B. Emergency planning & preparedness (3:20 – 3:25 p.m.) Brenda Osthus
   C. Review meeting dates (3:25 – 3:30 p.m.) Kyle Hansen
   D. Stormwater Management Plan (3:30 – 3:35 p.m.)
   E. Resource (3:35 – 3:50 p.m.)
   F. Other new business (3:50 – 3:55 p.m.)

4. Injury Incidents 3rd Quarter 2022 (3:55 – 4:00 p.m.) Aaron Araiza

5. Adjourn Michael Straatmann

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

- July 19, 2022 - (Injury/Illness & Safety Audit reports April-June 2022)
- September 20, 2022
- November 15, 2022 - (Injury/Illness & Safety Audit reports July-Sept 2022)
- January 17, 2023 - (Injury/Illness & Safety Audit reports Oct-Dec 2022)
- March 21, 2023 (not spring break)
- May 16, 2023- (Injury/Illness & Safety Audit reports Jan-Mar 2023)
- July 19, 2023

Goal FY 2022-2023:

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

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Members In Attendance: Martha Morton (Chemistry), Jacob Sharrer (Utilities), Mike Livingston (Agronomy & Horticulture), Beth Whitaker (School of Biological Sciences), Ron Bacon (Custodial Services), Rick Campos (Facilities, Planning & Capital Programs), Eileen Bergt (Landscape Services), Marla Nissen (UNOPA), Ian Dunbar (Nebraska Unions), Jeff Witkowski (Ag Research Greenhouse), Sandi Christofferson (Ag Research Project Manager), Alan Boldt (BSE), Aaron Araiza (EHS injury reporting), and Elizabeth (Betsy) Howe (EHS support).

Safety Committee Chairs: Kyle Broderick (Plant Pathology) and Adam Eakin (University Museum).

Guest. Patrick Boulas (EHS)

OLD BUSINESS

Heads Up! Yard Signs. No report was available at meeting time.

Other Old Business

There was no other old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Election Results - Vice Chair

Michael Straatmann thanked both Martha Morton and Sandra Christofferson for agreeing to stand for the position of Vice Chair. Michael announced that, after a vote using the google forms tool, effective immediately Martha Morton will be the new Vice Chair of the CUSC.

Emergency Planning & Preparedness

No report was available at meeting time.
Review of Meeting Dates

Dates submitted were approved by the group. All meetings in the fiscal year 2022-2023 will be held on the third Tuesday every two months at the EHS Training Room and by Zoom for those who are not in Lincoln or otherwise cannot attend in person.

A couple members said they did not have this meeting on their Outlook calendar. Betsy stated that situation was likely due to a separate invitation for the May & July meetings being sent because the March meeting was not on the third Tuesday of March. Betsy will resend an Outlook calendar invite for the July 2022 meeting right away. After the July meeting Betsy will send Outlook calendar invites for the CUSC meetings from September 2022 through July 2023.

Stormwater Management Plan

Patrick Boulas, EHS staff person who manages the UNL Stormwater Program, informed the group that the annual Stormwater Management Plan is now online (https://ehs.unl.edu/stormwater-management-unl), and comments are requested.

Jeff Witkowski asked if EHS is part of the Deadman’s Run channel-widening project as he would like to be looped into planning. The project may impact greenhouse operations in the area of Deadman’s Run. Patrick noted EHS is not part of the Army Corps of Engineers project but provided another UNL contact that might be able to assist Jeff.

Resource

The planned resource by Kyle Hansen will be presented at the July meeting due to an unanticipated work conflict that prevented Kyle from attending this meeting.

New Business

Jeff Witkowski called the group’s attention to the recent theft of personal property from an Agronomy & Horticulture office. He reminded the group to share within their spheres of influence a reminder to keep valuables out of site, to keep doors closed when leaving their workspace even for a short time, and to be vigilant in noting people in their work area.

There was no other new business.

Injury Incident Report

Aaron Araiza gave a brief review of items in the Injury Incident Report Overview document provided in advance of the meeting. He also noted that a listing of OSHA-Recordable incidents was provided prior to the meeting.
Aaron noted that for the 3rd quarter of fiscal year 2021-2022 there were forty-two First Reports of Injury. Twenty-three or 55% were classified as OSHA-Recordable, potentially more serious. This is one more than in the previous reporting period.

There were no questions about the reports during the meeting.

CLOSING REMARKS

Michael Straatmann noted that new Chair, Michael Livingston’s term, is effective immediately. Michael told the group he appreciated working with CUSC members the past four years and thanked Betsy Howe for the support she provided over his term as Chair.

Michael adjourned the meeting at 3:21 pm. The next meeting will be on July 19, 2022.
CUSC Workers Compensation Incident Report (January - March 2022)

As of March 31, 2022, forty-two (42) FRIs were received for injuries occurring between January 1 and March 31, 2022.

- Sixteen (16) or 38% were “report only” (no medical treatment sought)
- Three (3) or 7% were not OSHA recordable, meaning they were minor in nature (requiring only one visit to the clinic without prescription medication).
- Twenty-three (23) or 55% were classified as OSHA recordable and are considered potentially more serious. Three (3) or 7% of the OSHA recordables are “lost time” incidents that require the employee to be away from work or have restricted work.

Severity (Total: 42)
Start Date: 1/1/2022 - Stop Date: 3/31/2022
Event/Exposure By Worker Type (Total: 42)
Start Date: 1/1/2022 - Stop Date: 3/31/2022

- Caught In / Crushed By
- Slip, Trip, Loss of Balance without Fall
- Struck Against or By
- Other contact w/ objects or equip
- Fall
- Bending, climbing, crawling, reaching, twisting
- Overexertion in lifting
- Other bodily reaction
- Exposure to harmful substance or environment
- Assaul.ts & violent acts (animals or persons)

Legend:
- Custodial Housing
- Maintenance Worker
- PERMIT HOLDER
- Staff
- Custodial Services
- Food Handler, Dining Services
- Graduate Student
- Faculty (Emeriti included here)
- Staff
- Lab Worker
- Temporary, part time
- UNLPD w/ override keys
- Research Technician