

Chancellor's University Safety Committee (CUSC) Meeting
May 21, 2024 - 3:00-4:00 p.m.
EHS Training Room & Zoom

AGENDA

1. Introductions & Welcome (3:00 – 3:05 p.m.) Michael Livingston
2. Old Business
 - A. Any Old Business (3:05 – 3:10 p.m.)
3. New Business
 - A. Results of vote for new Vice Chair (3:10 – 3:15 p.m.)
 - B. Emergency planning & preparedness (3:15 – 3:20 p.m.) Marty Fehringer
 - C. Resource: Game Day (3:20 – 3:35 p.m.) Marty Fehringer
 - D. Stormwater Management Plan online (3:35 – 3:40 p.m.) Brenda Osthus
 - E. 3rd Qtr. Injury Incidents/Near Misses (3:40 – 3:45 p.m.) Elizabeth Howe
 - F. Other new business (3:45 – 3:50 p.m.)
4. Reminder of next meeting & Adjourn Michael Livingston

Meeting Schedule for 2024-2025 (EHS training room, Warehouse 1, East Campus and Zoom)

- July 16, 2024 (Injury/Illness report April-June 2024)
- September 17, 2024 - Open Forum
- November 19, 2024 (kept on 3rd Tues as date does not fall Thanksgiving Week)
(Injury/Illness report July-September 2024)
- January 21, 2025 (Injury/Illness report October-December 2024)
- March 25, 2025 (4th Tuesday to avoid spring break) - Open Forum
- May 20, 2025 (Injury/Illness report January-March 2025)
- July 15, 2025 (Injury/Illness report April-June 2025)

Goal FY 2024-2025:

Develop, review, and maintain lines of safety communication while fostering a culture of safety awareness, where everyone is encouraged to report "near misses" and unsafe practices. Use safety reports as lessons learned to share anonymously throughout the university to prevent reoccurrences/similar incidents.

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3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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

INTRODUCTIONS

All attendees introduced themselves by name and the department/facility they represent.

Members In Attendance: Martha Morton (Chemistry), Ron Bacon (Custodial Services), Eileen Bergt (Landscape Services), Alan Boldt (BSE), Rick Campos (FP&C Fire Inspector), Marty Fehringer (UNLPD), Brent Morgan (Libraries), Barb McCain (Dining Services), Samantha Link (ARD Greenhouse), Deb Royal (Vet Diagnostic), Jingjie Hao (Nutrition & Health Science), Sharleen Roth (Housing), Diane Pinkerton (The Sheldon Museum of Art), and Brenda Osthus (EHS).

Safety Committee Chairs/Contacts: Darren Johnson (ENREEC-Mead), Kyle Broderick (Plant Pathology), Xiaoshan Xu (Physics), and Zhiguang (Zach) Sun (NCMN)

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Results of Vote for New Vice Chair

Michael thanked all CUSC members who participated in the vote for the new Vice Chair. Rick Campos was elected as the new Vice Chair to serve in that capacity from now through the May 2026 meeting, at which time Rick will assume the position of CUSC Chair. Michael thanked Martha Morton for her service the past two years as Vice Chair and her willingness to now move into the position of Chair.

Emergency Planning & Preparedness

There was some discussion about the Alertus notification re: the recent tornado warning. Assistant Chief Fehringer indicated that there were new “buttons” to activate Alertus tornado and active shooter warnings had a glitch which has since been resolved. All other systems of notification worked just fine.

Marty Fehringer let the group know that a new Emergency Management Director, Abby Schletzbaum, was hired. Abby will attend the next CUSC meeting.

A question arose as to how personnel sheltering as advised for a tornado would know when it is safe to leave the tornado shelter. There is no notification from UNL when it is no longer necessary to remain in the tornado shelter. Those sheltering should either watch radar maps online to see that there is no longer a concern or monitor notices from the National Weather Service to determine when a tornado watch has expired. It is up to each department/area as to when workers sheltering can leave shelter.

Discussion ensued about the importance of departments/areas talking to their workers about expectations regarding actions to take in the event of various types of emergency situations. On the "Safety At Nebraska" website Emergency Response area (<https://safety.unl.edu/emergency-response/weather-emergenciesnatural-disasters/>)

personnel are directed as to what actions to take for weather emergencies. It is up to managers to raise awareness of these procedures and convey the department's expectations.

Rick Campos indicated he is working with Marty Fehringer and Justus Foged to encourage fire drills across the UNL campuses. Having such events will raise awareness with the hope for increase in level of compliance.

Resource: Game Day Safety – Marty Fehringer

Marty Fehringer talked about the planning that goes into development of an incident/action plan for any event that occurs on campus. After development the document is shared with everyone involved.

Basic information is included, such as weather information, as well as more complex. The potential for medical emergencies is evaluated so the medical personnel can be prepared. Planning documentation includes all areas of responsibility for the complex operations. A few areas represented are Athletics, Lincoln Police Department, Midwest Medical, Star Tran (buses can serve as cooling stations), Lincoln Fire and Rescue, Lancaster County Emergency Management as well as Public Works.

Within the documentation there are breakdowns related to area of responsibility, for example, there is a law enforcement branch that oversees all law enforcement, including Nebraska State Patrol and Sheriff's Department. As a high-level overview, there are dedicated dispatchers for the event (medical, athletics, law enforcement). Emergency medical services have their own radio system and command center. There is an IT component monitoring the cameras throughout the Stadium which helps speed up medical response. Every incident gets plotted using GIS to evaluate whether resources need to be deployed differently moving forward. There are a number of other areas such as security, concessions, processing, aid stations and traffic control are staffed. Canine units and threat assessment people continually monitor the Stadium and surrounding areas.

After each event and again at the end of the season there are evaluation meetings to determine how the next event/next year of events coverage can be made safer and more efficient.

Stormwater Awareness

Brenda Osthus advised the group that the Stormwater Management Plan Annual Report is available online (https://ehs.unl.edu/SW_Annual_Report_2023.pdf). Members are encouraged to review and provide any feedback or comments to stormwater@unl.edu.

Injury Incident Reporting for 3rd Quarter 2023-2024

Elizabeth Howe noted that from January 1, 2023, through March 31, 2023, there were forty-eight (48) First Reports of Injury (FRIs). 14.3% were classified as OSHA-Recordable, considered more serious injury incidents. 4.1% of the injury incidents required workers to be off work or resulted in restricted duty for the worker.

30.6% of the injury incidents this past quarter were Report Only (no medical treatment sought). There were four near misses reported during this reporting period. Report Only and Near Miss reports are used to raise awareness of potential hazards across the university.

These reports were sent to CUSC membership for review prior to the meeting. Elizabeth Howe asked those in attendance if there were any questions. There were none.

Other New Business

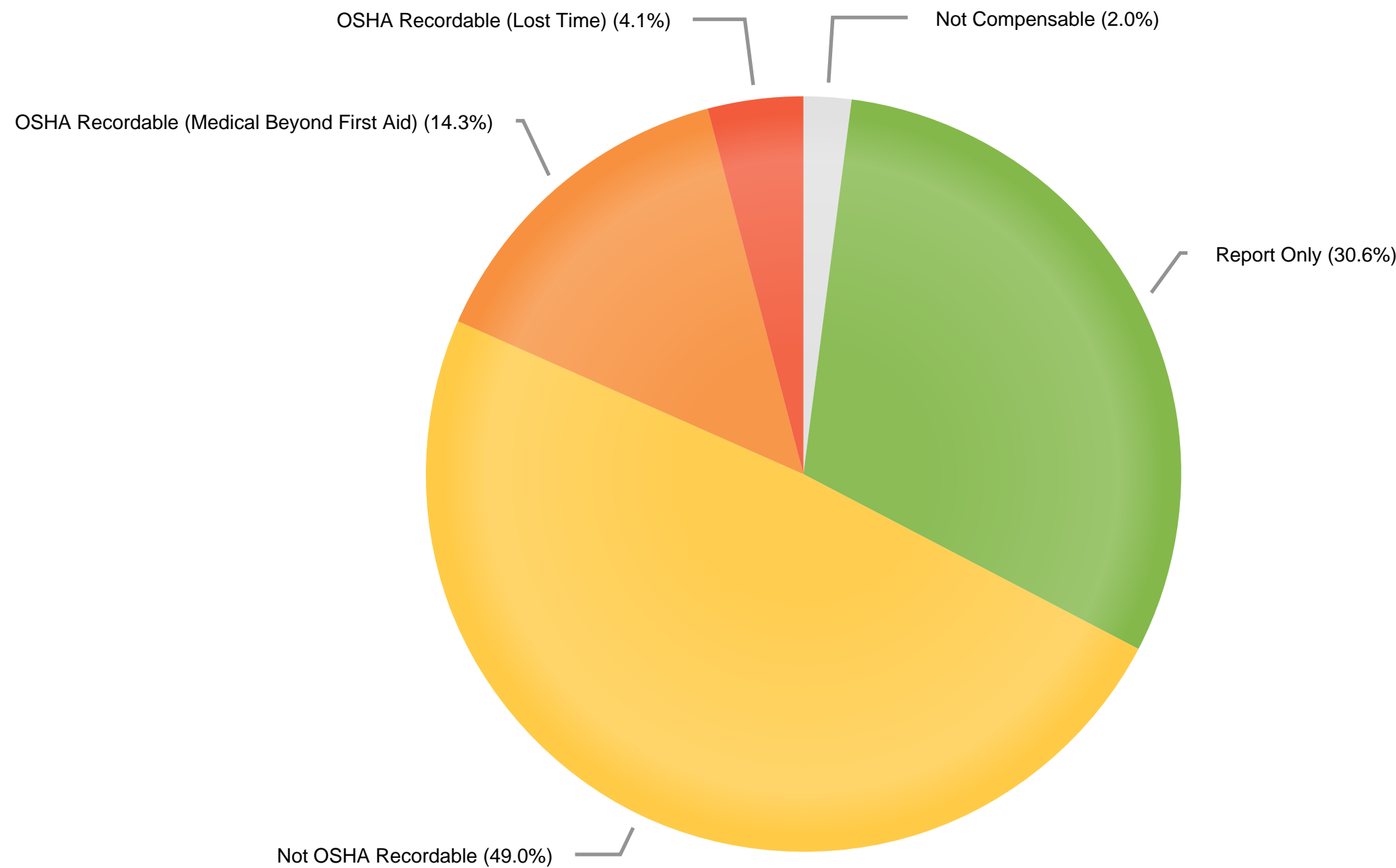
There was no other new business.

CLOSING REMARKS

Michael Livingston, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:25 pm. The next meeting will be on July 16, 2024. The July meeting will be led by the new Chair, Martha Morton.

Severity (Total : 49)
Start Date: 1/1/2024 - Stop Date: 3/31/2024

- 1 Not Compensable
- 15 Report Only
- 24 Not OSHA Recordable
- 7 OSHA Recordable (Medical Beyond First Aid)
- 2 OSHA Recordable (Lost Time)



Event/Exposure By Employment Type (Total : 48)
 Start Date: 1/1/2024 - Stop Date: 3/31/2024

