Chancellor’s University Safety Committee (CUSC) Meeting
November 16, 2021   -   3:00-4:00 p.m.
EHS Training Room & Zoom

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.)  Martha Morton
   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 1st 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)

- January 18, 2022 - (Injury/Illness & Safety Audit reports October-December 2021)
- March 22, 2022 (NOTE change 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.*
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: 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), Stacie Ray (School of Education & Human Sciences), Barb McCain (Dining Services), Brenda Osthus (EHS), Aaron Araiza (EHS support), and Elizabeth (Betsy) Howe (EHS support).

Safety Committee Chairs: Zach Sun (NCMN), Brent Morgan (Libraries), and Adam Eakin (University Museum).

OLD BUSINESS

Heads Up! Yard Signs. Jody Wood, Chair, submitted a report by email. Jody stated that she is working on the process for sign location and approval. The goal is to have signs posted at the beginning of the next semester.

Plan Ahead Campaign

Martha Morton, Chair, reported that there is no update at this time.

Other Old Business

There was no other old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Emergency Planning & Preparedness

Mark Robertson was not able to attend.

Resource

Lynn Doser was not able to attend.

Other New Business
Beth Whitaker noted that the pedestrian crosswalk from the City Campus stadium loop into the large parking lot needs new paint to make it readily visible. Vehicles are sometimes parked in this crosswalk. Beth asked for guidance on reporting this issue. Brenda Osthus indicated she would report this situation to the appropriate personnel in Parking and Transit.

**EHS Reports**

Betsy Howe conveyed the numbers and breakdown of First Reports of Injury for the quarter ending September 20, 2021. Of the 54 reports received between July 1 and September 30, 2021, 43% were “report only.” 48% of the injury incidents reported were OSHA recordable, considered potentially more serious.

Tony Delaney told the group he had put up the EHS “Safe Walking” posters in his area but is concerned about additional slips, trips, and falls with winter weather approaching. He asked for other suggestions to raise worker awareness of the need to take special precautions to avoid slips, trips and falls when there is snow and ice. Suggestions provided:

- Betsy reminded the group about the safe walking article in the November listserv. EHS listservs can be shared, either in whole or in part through departmental listservs, department-wide emails or within smaller groups. Beth Whitaker indicated she would initiate a plan for EHS listserv distribution to the School of Biological Sciences.
- CUSC members who chair their local safety committee may sign up others in their safety committees by sending to ehs@unl.edu the email address/es for those to be subscribed.
- Brent Morgan noted that icy spots can be reported to Service Desk, 21550 or servicedesk@unl.edu any time such are noted.
- Sandra Meyer suggested that departments could conduct their own short training on winter prevention of slips, trips and falls using resources provided in the recent EHS listserv. The Resources listed at the end of the November listserv article even include short videos which many find engaging/easy to share.

Discussion occurred about the possibility of pursuing a short informational article in Nebraska Today. Since an article on winter walking injuries and prevention would be applicable over a long time period, Nebraska Today might be willing to consider such an article for inclusion as “filler.” This suggestion will be discussed with Brenda and University Communications.

**CLOSING REMARKS**
Michael Straatmann adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m. The next meeting will be on January 18, 2022, from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the EHS Training Room, Warehouse 1, 3630 East Campus Loop and via Zoom.
CUSC Workers Compensation Incident Report (July - September 2021)

As of September 30, 2021, fifty-four (54) FRIs were received for injuries occurring between July 1 and September 30, 2021.

- Twenty-three (23) or 43% were “report only” (no medical treatment sought).
- Five (5) or 9% were not OSHA-recordable, meaning they were minor in nature (requiring only one visit to clinic without prescription medication).
- Twenty-six (26) or 48% were classified as OSHA recordable and are considered potentially more serious. Of those recordable incidents, fifteen (15) or 28% were lost time incidents that required the employees to be off work, to be transferred to a different job or to be under restricted duties.

### Age (OSHA Recordable Cases) July - September 2021

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