Safety Committee Minutes 8/28/18

375 Plant Science, 2:02 p.m. Call to order

Attendees: Kyle Broderick, Betsy Howe, Dan Olson, Robert Harrison, Kay, McClure-Kelly, Pam Sutton, Amit Jhala, Mike Livingston

1) Update on CUSC activities from Elizabeth Howe-EHS

Betsy updated the committee on the Chancellors University Safety Committee “Heads Up” campaign and provided the group with a handout on protective eye and face PPE. She announced that the safety colloquium would be held on October 24th. The topic will be ladder safety and more information to follow on locations and times.

2) Overview of 2018 EHS laboratory safety audits -Dan Olsen EHS

Dan presented to the committee the compiled results of the laboratory safety audits for our Department. He indicated the Department was headed in the right direction and as a whole the Department had a good “Safety Culture”. All personnel that were surveyed during the audit knew how to access SDS sheets. No citations for improper laboratory attire or failure to wear PPE. Items to address were improper labeling or no labelling on waste and product vessels, personnel training and chemical spill kits not present or inadequate.

3) Making committee and Department aware of EHS List Serv http://ehs.unl.edu/listserv

Mike indicated he would include the above link in the “Safety Highlights” to the Department. The EHS listserv includes timely topics related to safety, whether seasonal weather information to avoid trips, slips or falls in icy conditions or information related to heat illness. The listserv also includes information on accidents that have occurred so that others can be proactive, thus reducing the chance for similar accidents to occur.

4) Safety Talks: “Stop the Bleed Campaign” Schedule for December http://www.ncbb.org/BLEED

This presentation has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 18th at 10:30 in 150 Keim Hall. This presentation is provided by Bryan Hospital personnel and is a national campaign to train the general public to provide immediate care in the event of a bleeding emergency. RSVP required for this event as

5) Old Business: Recognizing safety in our Department, safety highlights, meeting minutes

After discussion at the last meeting the committee agreed to archive the meeting minutes on the Department’s Safety committee webpage. An overview of actionable items will be sent to the Department via email titled “Safety Highlights.” Mike solicited input for ways to recognize those individuals in our Department that exhibit and promote safe work practices.
6) New Business:

   Mike discussed the Department fire drill and the after action report from Shannon McVaney. This report detailed the strengths and areas for improvement. This report was shared with the Department in the days following the drill.

7) Next Meeting time Wednesday, November 7th, 2:00 pm, 375 Plant science Hall

   Meeting adjourned at 3:10