Safety Committee Minutes: Wednesday 8/28/19 2:00 PM 375 Plant Science

Attendees: Kay McClure-Kelly, Robert Harrison, John Guretzky, Mike Livingston, Larry Harisis

Call to order 2:05 PM

1) Introduction of Larry Harisis – EHS and overview of laboratory audits.

Larry will be the new Senior Safety Specialist from EHS and the lead for the Keim hall and Plant Science complex. Larry will oversee the technicians that perform the audits for our buildings as well as perform some of these audits himself. Larry indicated Keim has 19 laboratories and we saw a slight increase in deficiencies this year, from 26 to 28.

2) Update from Chancellor’s University Safety Committee Elizabeth (Betsy) Howe-EHS

Betsy was not able to attend and indicated she would bring new safety specific handouts to our next meeting. You can sign up for the Listserv here https://listserv.unl.edu/cgi-bin/wa?SUBED1=ehsinfo&A=1 Also hands on ATV training in addition to EHS SOP is available this September at the Sarpy County fairground https://atvsafety.org/atv-ridercourse/

3) Onboarding new employees; specific trainings required and information they should receive.

Mike indicated he met with all new employees and gave them an overview of the pertinent safety resources in the Department and the University. The Safety Committee webpage has links to the Departments Emergency Action Plan, EHS training needs assessment website, and building maps for the Keim/Plant Sciences complex indicating the location of First Aid kits, AED’s, Fire extinguishers and tornado shelter areas.

4) New Worker Protection Standard (pesticide) training via Zoom- Jeff Witkowski

Jeff was unable to attend this meeting but provided a handout on upcoming worker protection standard training. These will occur in September and one session will be able to be viewed via Zoom. You can register here at https://go.unl.edu/wpsgreenhousefall2019

4) Upcoming safety message: Field and harvest safety

Mike shared with the group the harvest safety message he will send out after the Labor Day Holiday that stresses vigilance and situational awareness while operating machinery.

6) New Business

Robert Harrison indicated some fire extinguishers were found to be out of inspection date. He contacted BSM, which in turn contacted the company that that handles these inspections. Larry Harisis shared that he had a Troxler neutron probe that needed a new home, he indicated that it was moved from SCAL to the EHS office at UNL.
7) Next Meeting time

   Wednesday December 4 at 2:00 pm 375 Plant Sciences Hall