Safety Committee Minutes: Wednesday 8/8/20, 2:00 PM 375 Zoom

Attendees: Mike Livingston, Dave Hyten, TJ McAndrew, Betsy Howe, Heidi Hillhouse, Katelyn Rife, Kyle Broderick, Nathan Palmer, Robert Harrison, Shawn McDonald, Martha Rowe, Kay McClure-Kelly

1) Introduction of new members—Martha Rowe, Heidi Hillhouse, and Katelyn Fife

Mike introduced new committee members; Martha Rowe, Heidi Hillhouse and Katelyn Rife. Nathan Palmer will be replacing Robert Harrison representing USDA.

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

Betsy updated our committee on the recent CUSC meeting which included that Mike Livingston was elected as the new vice chair for Chancellor’s Safety Committee and will become the chairperson in two years. EHS will perform lab compliance audits and will be spot checking for issues. PIs can do their own checks by utilizing the lab safety survey on EHS website.

3) Safety committee webpage and its “Suggestion Box” Open dialogue about safety concerns.

The committee discussed the possibility of holding an open meeting similar to a staff meeting where personnel could address issues in an open forum. Will discuss further with committee before our scheduled November meeting. The suggestion box on the Safety Committee page has had two “suggestions” since our last meeting that were addressed.

4) Upcoming Safety training: New laboratory users and new to UNL laboratories

On Wednesday September 16 from 1-2 pm and then again on Monday September 21 from 2-3 pm in 199 Plant Science Hall, Mike will present training for new laboratory users and those who are new to laboratories at UNL. Waiting on approval from registrar’s office for classroom.

5) EHS COvid-19 training module. Departmental participation percentages-Katelyn Rife

Katelyn reported that about 61% of department has taken the Covid-19 training module. This training is critical for people that are currently in the buildings on a regular basis.

6) Building Covid-19 signage and other precautions: Observations, improvements, where do we go next.

Covid-19 signage is in the buildings. People not always compliant with directional indicators, but so far the low density of people it is working. Cleaning supplies in common use areas are staying put and being utilized by occupants. Face covering use is universal and few compliance issues.

7) New business, ideas to be addressed

8) Next Meeting time

   November 18th at 2:00 pm

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