

Safety Committee Minutes: Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM, 279M PLSH

Attendees: Betsy Howe, Syed Naeem, TJ McAndrew, Kay McClure Kelly, Chris Anuo, Martha Rowe, Kyle Broderick, Nathan Palmer, Mike Livingston

- 1) New UNL Safety Website <https://safety.unl.edu/> -Betsy Howe

Betsy gave the committee an overview of UNL's new Safety Page. The new format is very easy to navigate. The new page has four main subheadings which are:

Personal Safety, Campus Safety, Public & Visitor Safety, and Emergency Response.

- 2) New A & H Safety Website- <https://agronomy.unl.edu/safety-committee-test-page>

Mike previewed the new Agronomy and Horticulture safety page with the committee. Additional input from the committee included revisions to the page, and after these revisions are completed, the committee will again be given the opportunity to review the page before it is integrated into the Department's page.

- 3) Updated Building Emergency Action Plan(EAP) / Email with building area coordinators

Mike has sent an email to all program/floor coordinators who are engaged in the EAP and he has sought two new representatives from recent vacancies. Both positions have now been filled and we welcome Hannah Pinneo and Martha Rhoades.

- 4) Chancellors University Safety Committee(CUSC): Open forum 9/20/22 3:00 PM Bring Safety concerns or issues you may have about the University to this meeting to be held at the EHS training room, 3630 East Campus Loop, or attend via Zoom

<https://unl.zoom.us/j/91209612015?pwd=LzFpTGgwZitSWE1pd2huZFRlVkdXQT09>

Mike shared this agenda item with the committee members present and encouraged any attendees to share this information with anyone who may have a safety concern that needed to be addressed within the University system.

- 5) New building alarm system- Alertus and receiving desktop notifications

<https://services.unl.edu/service/alertus>

The summary provided in the link and post meeting note to the Department was intended to inform those in classrooms and labs who shared computers of the possibility for this alert to appear on their screens during class time. The link provided allows users to install this App. UNL Alert via text message and email is still recommended, but Alertus could alert those engaged in teaching while their phones are silenced.

6) Harvest Safety reminder

Mike sought input from the committee for the post meeting note sent to the Department. Driving defensively and continued vigilance in equipment operation were two items shared by the committee. An additional reminder of being aware of your rural location and the nearest 911 address associated with that location if one needed to summon emergency services.

7) New Business

Kyle Broderick made an inquiry as to whether a protocol was in place for solitary workers in field situations and whether some type of monitoring device could be employed. He indicated he would send information to committee members on a personal monitoring device he had knowledge of. Nathan Palmer brought to the attention of the committee the new hydraulic lift installed at Filley Hall. He indicated the power switch for the lift was accessible 24/7 and had reports of it being used by the public for purposes other than what it is intended for. TJ McAndrew indicated he would follow up with Chris Tran from UNL Risk Management.

8) Next Meeting time Tuesday December 13, 2:00 PM, 375 PLSH