

Safety Committee minutes: Wednesday, August 14, 2:00 PM, 279M PLSH

Attendees: Nathan Palmer, Betsy Howe, Christian Stephenson, Aldi Airori, Kay McClure, Mike Livingston

1) Updated SOP's from EHS and current Listserv topics -Betsy Howe

Betsy Howe encouraged all to read the latest EHS listserv that contains numerous updated and new SOP's. She also recommended retaking modules 2 and 3 of the chemical safety modules which have significant updates. See the UNL EHS website for all the updates.

2) Old business

The committee reviewed the safety document provided to all new employees in the Department. This document is provided by the Agronomy and Horticulture human resources team. This document has been revised to include after hours University contact information for building issues that may arise during non-working hours.

3) Upcoming trainings: Field safety and building/lab safety

Mike proposed the week after the Labor Day break for a field safety presentation and the week after that will be a lab safety presentation. Week of 9/3 and week of 9/9.

4) Review building ADA accessibility signage

The committee reviewed slightly revised signage near the two ADA accessible entrances to our building complex. This signage indicates access to different areas of our building from the two different entrances, one in Keim Hall and one Plant Sciences hall with wheel chair ramp access.

5) Workplace Accidents: Reporting and contact information. New hire document. Svetlana

Mike shared the information on the action to take and the reporting of student and employee accidents and near misses. This information can be found on the Department's Safety website. He indicated that some were hesitant to seek medical attention as they thought a cost would be incurred by them, which is not the case.

6) Review locations of building AED's, fire extinguishers, and first aid kits.

Mike shared the maps of Plant Sciences Hall and Keim Hall to raise awareness of locations of the first aid kits, AED's, fire extinguishers and tornado shelter locations. He pointed out that all these maps are found on the Department's Safety website which also includes the Emergency Action Plan.

7) New business

No new business was brought to the attention of the committee.

8) Next Meeting time

November 20, 279M Plant Sciences Hall at 2:00 PM

Note: These are not verbatim minutes. They are a summary of the discussions at the Safety Committee meeting and as corrected by those participating.