

CALS Safety Committee Meeting

April 12, 2012

Agricultural Sciences Room 62

CALS Safety Committee Members: X indicates in Attendance

	Drew Dalgetty		Carol Hoffman		Gordon Murdoch
X	Kelvin Daniels		Tom Karsky		Roy Patten
X	Chris Darby		Thom Koehler		Craig Robinson
X	Kathy DeVoe		Bob Mahler		Cherryl Sodorff
X	Randy Gamble		Mary Matlock	X	Donn Thill
	Dave Hoadley		Sandy McCurdy		Mike Thornton
	Dan Henningsen	X	Caleb Nindo	X	Rhonda Tyacke
	Tom Hess		Sam Minnich		
X	Ronda Hirnyck		Don Morishita		

The meeting convened at 8:05 a.m.

1. Review of Minutes: Minutes from the March 8, 2012 meeting were approved as distributed.
2. University Safety Committee Meeting Update: Kelvin Daniels reported that there have been 15 accidents at the University so far this year. Only two accidents occurred in the past month; neither of them occurred in CALS areas. A new call for safety proposals will likely go out this summer since approximately \$25,000-\$30,000 is still available. This money has been refunded to the University by the state Worker's Compensation Insurance Fund because our employees are working more safely, which is resulting in fewer accidents. Therefore, the funds are being returned to the employees by way of projects that deal with employee safety or apply to employee-only areas. Even requests for small items that will benefit employees in their workspace are appropriate, such as stepladders for labs, shelf lips for lab shelving and guards for moving equipment parts. When the call goes out, funding requests should be emailed to Tom Karsky; Donn Thill should be copied.

3. CALS Emergency Coordinator Training: Kathy Devoe is continuing to work on arrangements for an emergency coordinator training session. Apparently, Matt Dorschel, who is now splitting his time between EHS and HR, is the person who needs to do this training. Unfortunately, his schedule is full for the next couple of months. In the meantime, we'll work on identifying someone who can provide our training in the future, someone Matt can train to be our trainer. Kathy has been given the approval to purchase brightly-colored, inexpensive vests to be worn by the CALS emergency coordinators, once they have all been identified and trained.
4. CALS Incident Report: As Kelvin stated earlier, there were no incident reports in CALS areas in the past month.
5. Other, Training Needs: Kathy spoke briefly on how the CALS Safety Committee has become more involved and done an excellent job of making sure that any discrepancy received by CALS is resolved as soon as possible. This is also a high priority of the CALS administration. Our response to the December 15 discrepancy that CALS received is nearly finished and will be submitted shortly. Kathy noted that such responses are not provided as quickly by the R & E Centers or any other off-campus locations. Kelvin will check to see if any responses had been sent directly to EHS.

There was a brief discussion concerning discrepancies mentioned by Caleb Nindo that relate to extension cord/surge protection issues occurring in Food Science. Kelvin explained what the inspectors are looking for and why having one extension cord plugged into another one is deemed unsafe. Apparently, this type of situation was noticed in a small study area in Food Science.

Randy Gamble indicated they have used NetLearning training for most of their training needs, and that they have been satisfied with the online training system.

Donn mentioned that it's the time of year when people will be in the field more, around equipment more and working longer days. We should remind everyone to be careful and to follow our safety procedures. Kelvin will send pertinent safety tips to Rhonda Tyacke for distribution to CALS personnel; i.e., the importance of staying hydrated, preventing back injury by picking up items properly, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m. The next meeting will be held in Ag Science 62 on Thursday, May 10, 2012.