

UNIVERSITY SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 2, 2011

Members Present: Lorriane Alexander, Gena Carter for Brenda Malone, Carolyn Elfland, Steve Kenny, Mary Beth Koza, Robert Lowman, Jeff McCracken, Richard Mann, John Olsen, Chris Payne, Michael Picker, Mike Rolleri, Dalton Sawyer for Cindy Taylor, Will Tricomi

Members Absent: Robert Adams, Leslie Marson, David Kaufman, Steve Kenny, Bruce Runberg

Guests: Mary Crabtree, Deb Howard, Cathy Brennan

1. 2011 EHS Goals

Mary Beth Koza presented the EHS goals for 2011. The goals cover four areas: productivity, training, compliance, and growth. For productivity, a study will be undertaken of the new USEPA Subpart K hazardous waste regulations to determine whether they are a better fit for our operations. These guidelines were designed for the college and university environment. The web-based training system will be revised to indicate training each person needs to complete in addition to training that has been completed. Compliance will focus on Homeland Security regulations and formaldehyde exposures. Two new cyclotrons for the School of Medicine and the opening of a limited access lab in Kannapolis are important goals in the growth area.

2. Biological Safety Policies

Deb Howard presented two biological safety policies, the Laboratory Ventilation Policy and the Medical Surveillance Policy for Containment Lab. The Laboratory Ventilation Policy requires permission from the Directors of EHS and Facilities Services before any ducted biological safety cabinet, snorkel unit, or ducted fumehood can be purchased. The policy is being modified to include ductless fumehoods and low flow chemical fumehoods. The Medical Surveillance Policy is a new policy applying to all University and non-University employees who work in Biosafety Level 3 laboratories, including visiting scientists. Medical evaluations will be required before beginning work, annually after beginning work, and upon exit. At present about 95 employees will be covered by this policy. The Committee approved both policies.

3. Serious Incident at Yale University

Cathy Brennan described a serious incident that took place at Yale. An undergraduate student was working alone at night in a machine shop, her hair was caught in a lathe, and she was asphyxiated. EHS has sent an alert to all UNC machine shops, including a student shop in the Physics Department.

4. NC Department of Labor Safety Award

Mary Crabtree informed the Committee that the University has received the Gold Award from the Department of Labor. It will be presented on June 10. This award is earned if an employer has a rate of days away from work, job transfer, or other transfer restriction that is at least 50% below the industry rate. This is quite an achievement. Factors that contribute to the University's workers compensation successes include the on-campus University Employee Occupational Health Clinic, inspection and education programs, proactive management of workers comp claims, and support for the program from senior University leadership.

5. Campus Security Update

Jeff McCracken presented an update on a variety of campus security matters. The semi-annual spring lighting tour was completed on May 5. The group traveled by bus this year so a larger area could be toured. The new LED lights at Rams Head were found to be very effective. Areas that need more lighting or repairs to existing lighting were identified and work is underway. A siren has been ordered for the Friday Center area. Shell space in the EHS building is being upfit as a back-up Emergency Operations Center, with work scheduled to be complete by June. A tabletop exercise in the fall will be held in the new EOC and also will utilize Go-to-meeting software.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.