

CAS Safety Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2015 (rescheduled from Nov 19)

In attendance: Kevin Buch, Jim Ervin, Jennifer Cohen, Seth Spencer, Dan Curry, Carrie Burkholder, Mike Sreniawski, Gretchen Cuevas

Updates

- **Lab Safety Assessments** – Discussion of process and hang ups regarding chemical inventories and lab assessments. This year, EH&S did a building by building approach but will try to do a unit by unit approach next year as this makes more sense. The EH&S website is being updated to become more user-friendly. Lance Jones continues to be the person to contact for setup assistance with the chemical inventory system.
- **Clery Act Compliance** – OSU was audited and fined heavily due to non-compliance. The process will now be handled by the Office of Human Resources and we should see changes to training and tracking this coming year.

Review UHSC meeting and accident reports

- **Chainsaw accident and improved policy & training:** A student was injured by a chainsaw in September out at an Animal Science facility. CAS will implement more stringent requirements surrounding chainsaw use and training requirements and then educate all of our units on the new requirements. These will be posted on the CAS safety training website when completed.

Action item follow-up/Old business

- **Canvas Training Site:** The Plant Farms Ag Safety Training site is being migrated over to Canvas to be used in the spring. This platform does not allow use by non-OSU employees but the college will continue to work on this. Once the plant farm site is up and running we will work on building a site for animal farms safety training.
- **Emergency Operations Plan:** The college plan that has been developed by Mike Bamberger and college administration will be rolled out to our units at the first of the year. Each unit's plan will need to be modified to fit the hazards and resources for each unit. A presentation will be made at the next CAS Administrators' Meeting.
- **Field Work Safety:** The policy document that was developed by the field work safety workgroup is now sitting with EH&S Personnel for their review and approval. The next steps are to present the policy to the University Health and Safety Committee for their review and then forward to University administration for their approval. Since this process can take time the college will consider adopting the policy earlier. The field work safety workgroup will meet again to start pulling together the procedures and resources to support the policy.

New Business

- **New WPS Standard:** The Worker Protection Standard for workers involved with pesticides has been revised by the EPA. The major changes that will affect our units are a new requirement for annual retraining for all personnel, changed from the old requirement of every 5 years. There will now be no grace period for new workers. They must be trained before they begin work. There will also be new requirements surrounding the training. Jim Ervin, the Greenhouse Manager, and the College will be

working on resources and information to ensure that these new rules are followed and that there is a smooth transition. The College will also keep EH&S in the loop as we move forward.

- **CAS Safety Flyer:** The College is developing a safety flyer that will inform CAS employees of how safety works at OSU and provide a quick access to resources available. This came from a request by unit heads and will utilize a format developed by the Office of Research Integrity.

CAS SCC Meeting Schedule for 2016 – Strand 168

January 21, 2016

March 17, 2016

May 19, 2016

July 21, 2016

September 15, 2016