

## CAS Safety Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes

January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 (rescheduled from 1/17/2024)

Attendees: David Bohnert, Carrie Burkholder, Rachel Jones, Lydia Graber, Selby Boerman, Dan Curry, Hilary Gunn, Dan Kermoyin, Meghan Heineman

Absent: Pete Loschl

#### Updates:

- Replacing SAC member from our marine units.
  - The committee agreed that it would be helpful to have a representative from one of our marine units. Carrie will reach out to the MMI safety contact with interest.
- Emergency Management in classrooms.
  - OSU Emergency Management sent a script to building managers to place in classrooms. Following this, an email will go out to faculty explaining how to use the flyer to improve classroom safety.
  - Carrie shared a document from Extension that could be used similarly to the classroom document at our off-campus locations. It is a quick guide reference for emergency procedures.
- What we learned from the recent ice storm.
  - It seemed that the university struggled with making decisions on closing the university.
  - We discussed units providing traction devices to essential workers.
  - We need to remind units to have a plan in place for similar events.
  - Specific concern with units that have animals. Is there help outside the unit if people can't get in? Carrie and Selby will look at the IACUC plan and talk with the AV. Maybe focus on housing so that someone can be present.
- CAS Land Use Statement
  - Developed by CAS as an internal document for our units that have off-campus properties that may be accessed by the public.
  - The committee felt that we should include a more powerful statement on our properties being restricted that would be in sync with our signage that is clear about not allowing public access.
  - Carrie will send the document out to affected units.
- Field Safety Workgroup
  - Carrie and Pete sit on a university-wide work group trying to improve the safety of our field workers.
  - The group spent last year analyzing the needs, listening to experts, and hearing concerns from faculty within this group.
  - Next up will be an outreach event targeted to all fieldworkers in April.