

CAHNRS SAFETY MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2008
Hulbert 409; 11:10 a.m.

Attended by: Sheila Brooks	Ag Research Center
Bruce Davitt	Natural Resource Sciences
Sally Hasher	Entomology
Tina Eads	AMDT
William Luna	USDA/ARS
Jon Mathison	CSS
Dan Dreesmann	Plant Growth Facilities
Rich Villa	Animal Science
Mike Costa	IBC
Jerry Weber	AS
Sheri McGrew	USDA/ARS
Scott Mattinson	Hort & LA
Tatum Weed	Statistics
Dennis Gransbery	USDA/ARS
Karen Hansen	USDA/ARS

Dan Dreesmann, Chair called the meeting to order at 11:10.

The Oct. 14, 2008 meeting minutes were approved.

1. Ralph Cavalieri addressed the CAHNRS Safety committee. He is now the primary person in charge of safety for the CAHNRS College. His intent on visiting the committee was to gain feedback on safety issues and to thank them for doing a good and often thankless job. He also reminded the committee to focus on safety issues as in preventing accidents for students and employees. He stated the CAHNRS committee's job was not focused on emergency response or similar plans but to remain focused on ensuring the way we operate is at the highest standard of professional safety to educate the next generation and to prepare them for safety in professional environments. Individual departments may ask their safety committees to become involved with the departmental emergency plans, but this is not the charge of the college committee.

While the safety record of WSU is well below the national average it has been noted some labs have food and drink in them, offices in the labs, or when entering are not asked to put on the proper personal protection equipment.

CAHNRS list of accidents for 2005-2007 listed more accidents with cattle and strained backs than lack of training. However questions surrounding the above issues were discussed as the following problems:

- a. PI's can only make suggestions and there are not teeth to enforce it.
- b. There are not any rooms for lunches (i.e. Johnson Hall) or offices for the grad students to eat or work. Spatial issues result in tables in hall way which is a fire hazard and not allowed to be there.
- c. Too much heat in some labs, not enough ventilation.
- d. The SPPM's leave much to the discretion of the PI's.
- e. Not enough staff to oversee weekend work.
- f. Generational understandings of safety; foreign students understanding of safety.
- g. Some hoods are centrally controlled and been found off when they needed to be on; budget issues for operational funds not there to replace broken controls.
- h. State cuts to operational funds.
- i. Cell phone/I-Pod usage issues.
- j. Continual change of personnel of those responsible to train, or those that will not respond to training.
- k. Budget issues for proper storage, infrastructure, or room.

If anyone has any further issues of similar nature, or suggestions of solutions feel free to call Ralph's office at: 335-4487 or email sbrooks@wsu.edu .

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.