

Annual CHS Committee Report

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CHS Safety Committee

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Approximate number of meetings held:

Nine meetings were held this academic year with subgroups meeting as needed. We will continue to meet this summer as we will be planning what will be presented at the CHS Fall Convocation.

Major Accomplishments:

Emergency evacuation maps were updated, printed, laminated and posted in the appropriate areas

Severe Weather shelter areas were posted.

Discussed what each department needs for Non-Lab and Laboratory safety training which will be placed on the CHS Safety web site.

Safety committee reviewed university response to behavior in the classroom or workplace and violence prevention.

We updated the Emergency Plan for each department to correctly reflect the current personnel.

Significant challenges confronted and how they were addressed:

Weather Coordinator list for each building needed to be updated and discussion occurred about the best method to inform everyone of the danger as we are spread over six buildings. We are having a challenge getting this coordinated because LeBaron does not have support staff that is employed full time so we are trying to arrange for the notification of the building occupants with the staff that are present full time. We are also grappling with the problem of safety for those who are staying by the phones/computers in the attempt to notify everyone. We are still working on this and should finish it in May.

Next steps and future plans:

We are developing a CHS safety website that will apply to all faculty, staff and students in CHS. We will post information relevant to the college, each department, and links to EH&S.

We will make a presentation on the CHS Fall Convocation about the web site and the necessity to read the information before needing it so that the researcher knows what to do in an emergency.

Additional comments:

This is a group of people who are passionate about the safety of all faculty, staff, students and visitors. They are great to work with.

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