

U-WIDE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

1/11/2023 Meeting Minutes | 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. |

Elected Member*		Appointed Member*		Proxy*	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ryan Hawkinson (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kurt Oglesby (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sulgi Lotze (1)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carmen Parisi, Chair (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Manley (5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brett Magnuson (2)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nigel Horton (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Andrew Abian (7)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Martin Arroyo (7)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Norm Kwasinski (2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Zuckerman (10)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Colleen Irvin (9)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tony Colinares (3)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Andrea Chateaubriand (10)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Christine Aker (4)			<input type="checkbox"/>	Kelly Carter-Lynn (7)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Desi Schatz (4)				Labor Union Member*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ansley Roman (5)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paula Lukaszek, WFSE 1488
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sarah O'Hara (6)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ann Aumann, SEIU 925
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Laura Harrington (6)			<input type="checkbox"/>	Antonio Vasquez, UAW 4121
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alaron Lewis (7)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Michelle Miller (8)				Senate Member*
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephen Costanti (8)			<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty Senate - TBD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alexander Lefort (9)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = attended meeting * = voting members 13 = voting members for quorum		<input type="checkbox"/>	GPSS - Gabby Rivera
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sarah Coppola (9)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	David Warren (10)				
Ex-Officio Member		Ex-Officio Member		Env. Health & Safety Member	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tracey Mosier, UWF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rick Gleason, DEOHS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Katia Harb
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chris Pennington, UWF	<input type="checkbox"/>	TBD, AGO	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eleanor Wade
<input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Charvat, UWEM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nancy Gwin, AGO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Erin McKeown
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Barry Morgan, UWEM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ken Nielsen, Risk Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sonia Honeydew
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lt. Chris Jaross, UWPD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Susan Wagshul-Golden, UWT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lorilyn A. H. Ignao
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seth Greenfest, UWHR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brett Konzek, UWB	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tracy Harvey
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Johnson, UW Transp Svcs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nicholas Monica, UW Transp	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Guests					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Julie Skene, EH&S	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alexa Yadama, EH&S	<input type="checkbox"/>	

1. Attendance/Quorum

Sonia Honeydew announced the group reached quorum.

2. Call to Order and Welcome

Carmen Parisi began the meeting with a land and water acknowledgement and explained the meeting expectations.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Carmen asked for any corrections to the December meeting minutes. Sarah O'Hara motioned, and Andrea Chateaubriand seconded to accept the minutes as is. Motion passed without abstentions.

4. Quarterly COVID and MPX Update

Julie Skene gave the quarterly COVID-19 and Monkeypox (Mpox) Update. WHO recommended use of the term "mpox" and are no longer using the previous name. Washington State's mpox levels have flattened. The state has had 658 total cases to date, with no reports of transmission on campus. Vaccinations are available in the community, for those who have been exposed or who are high risk.

COVID-19 community levels across the county and PNW remain low, but this is not true across the country. This may be due to the presence of different variants. Washington and the PNW region have an infection rate of less than ten percent, and do not expect a rapid rise in hospitalizations.

Local community infection levels remain low. On campus, 128 cases were reported in the last ten days. This rise is expected when returning from break.

Multiple respiratory viruses are co-circulating. Many individuals on campus show symptoms but are testing negative for COVID-19. We recommend staying home until symptoms improve.

Husky Coronavirus Testing (HCT) now offers trivalent testing for three respiratory viruses: COVID-19, influenza, and RSV. The program is closing Tacoma and Bothell staffed kiosks and replacing the service with a swab-and-send program. Free antigen tests are available on all three campuses.

Vaccination pop-up clinics will continue on campus. The next one is tentatively planned for February 7th and will offer mpox, flu, and COVID-19 vaccines free to community members. Masks are strongly recommended indoors the first two weeks of the quarter and are required in healthcare facilities and on shuttles. The national emergency declaration may expire at the end of February 2023.

5. Organizational Group Reports

Carmen asked for organizational group reports, as well as anything new to share.

HSC-1

Ryan Hawkinson: nothing new to report.

HSC-2

Nigel Horton: nothing to report.

HSC-3

Kurt Oglesby: nothing to report.

HSC-4

Christine Aker: we have a new U-Wide rep, Desi Schatz. HSC-4 is seeing a recurring theme of people injuring themselves moving things. This is likely due to the long wait for surplus removals. We discussed the challenge of getting deliveries to the right areas when buildings are locked. Remember to include the box number in shipping addresses.

HSC-5

David Manley: Sonia gave the office ergonomics presentation. HSC-5 had an overview of the public safety notifications system. We huddled on ideas for topics in 2023.

HSC-6

Sarah O'Hara: nothing to report.

HSC-7

Alaron Lewis: we continued our December conversation on how to disseminate information across the campus.

HSC-8

Stephen Costanti: nothing to report.

HSC-9

Alex Lefort: a potential hydrofluoric acid (HF) exposure showed that emergency rooms locally do not know much about treating HF exposure. HSC-9 is working with EH&S to prepare a guidance sheet on HF protocols that employees can take to show healthcare providers. Some departments have confusion over mask recommendations. Some members of HCDE are still experiencing burnout from supporting COVID restrictions. Erin asked that Alex ensure the team working on the HF guidance is using the EH&S [HF training](#), [HF focus sheet](#), and [HF standard operating procedures](#).

HSC-10

David Zuckerman: we gathered questions for Sally Clark ahead of her presentation in January.

6. Union & Senate Reports

GPSS

Not present.

WFSE 1488

Paula Lukaszek: there is open drug use on campus every day, and employees are encountering it. We continue conversations with Labor Relations regarding cleanup duties.

SEIU 925

Ann Aumann: nothing to report.

UAW 4121

Not present.

Faculty Senate

Not present.

7. Ex Officio Reports

UW Facilities

Chris Pennington: nothing to report.

UWPD

Lt. Chris Jaross: nothing to report.

Emergency Management

Barry Morgan: our new BARC manager for all three campuses, Jim Tritten, started this week. We hope he can attend the U-Wide next month. Steve Charvat announced he is stepping down from his position; the search for a replacement begins immediately. We are working with EHS regarding air quality notifications. We need to reprioritize projects moving forward.

DEOHS

Rick Gleason: nothing to report.

UWHR

Seth Greenfest: nothing to report.

AGO

Nancy Gwin: nothing to report. Thank you to everyone on the committee.

Claim Services

Ken Nielsen: nothing to report.

Transportation Services

Eric Johnson: nothing to report.

UW Bothell

Brett Konzek: in two weeks we'll do a night walk with the Chancellor to review lighting levels for safety.

UW Tacoma

Susan Wagshul-Golden: nothing to report.

8. EH&S Updates

Erin offered the following updates to the U-Wide:

Sonia and I are working on summarizing the 2022 data to comply with the OSHA recordkeeping requirements. We will email the signed summaries to you in the next 2 weeks. [Please post your summary](#) on your departmental safety bulletin board. Please notify the departments you represent to take care of this posting as it is an L&I requirement. Because of this workload, we will not be able to attend organizational HSC meetings this month.

The UW [Fall Protection Safety Manual](#) has been updated to reflect the recent regulatory changes and better align with OSHA's fall protection requirements. One specific change is that roofing work or leading-edge work on low slope roofs at heights above 6 feet (used to be 10 feet) require fall protection. Another change is the restrictions around the use of a Safety Watch when doing work that requires the use of fall protection equipment. A Safety Watch is now only allowed when performing temporary and infrequent non-construction activities on a low slope roof. The details of the revised requirements can be found in the UW [Fall Protection Safety Manual](#) and associated documents on the UW EH&S [Fall Protection Webpage](#).

EH&S has been interviewing for an instructional designer/training manager position and a physical safety lead position.

There are no new L&I investigations to report. UW continues to work closely with the School of Dentistry on sharps and reusable sharps management in compliance with an L&I settlement agreement.

Katia offered updates as well: the UW Clean and Safe storefront that supplies COVID-19 PPE has excess inventory of expired hand sanitizer and wipes; these cannot be used in healthcare settings but can be used at other sites. Contact Jacob Dobner at dobner@uw.edu if your department is interested in these free supplies.

We are still in the process of hiring for Industrial Hygiene & Safety positions. We did hire a new Assistant Director for Occupational Safety & Health, and Manager for Occupational Health & Safety. We are in various stages of recruitment for the other positions. We are struggling with the staffing model, with key positions remaining vacant.

Article in [EHS newsletter](#) coming out in February.

9. Good of the Order

Carmen asked for anything for the good of the order. No points were brought up.

10. Adjourn

Carmen asked for motion to adjourn. Paula motioned; Andrea seconded.

Meeting adjourned: 1:34pm