

U-WIDE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

11/8/2023 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Andrew Abian (7)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Martin Arroyo (7)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Norm Kwasinski (2)			<input type="checkbox"/>	Colleen Irvin (9)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tony Colinares (3)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Andrea Chateaubriand (10)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Christine Aker (4)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Desi Schatz (4)				
Labor Union Member*					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Herber (5)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paula Lukaszek, WFSE 1488
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sarah O'Hara (6)			<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephen Lundgren, SEIU 925
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Laura Harrington (6)			<input type="checkbox"/>	Antonio Vasquez, UAW 4121
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alaron Lewis (7)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephen Costanti (8)				
Senate Member*					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Donna Braboy (8)			<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty Senate – TBD
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alexander Lefort (9)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	= attended meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	GPSS – Gabby Rivera
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sarah Coppola (9)	*	= voting members		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Warren (10)	13	= voting members for quorum		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jon Wittouck (10)				
Ex Officio Member		Ex Officio Member		Env. Health & Safety Member	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tracey Mosier, UWF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marty Cohen, DEOHS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Katia Harb
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chris Pennington, UWF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trista Treumper, UWHR	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eleanor Wade
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Johnson, UWF TS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jo Hill, AGO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jimmy Spencer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kelley Biastock, UWEM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ken Nielsen, Claim Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Erin McKeown
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lt. Chris Jaross, UWPD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Susan Wagshul-Golden, UWT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sonia Honeydew
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brett Konzek, UWB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lorilyn A. H. Ignao
Guests					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ron Fouty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tracy Harvey	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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1. Call to Order and Welcome

Carmen Parisi welcomed the committee with a land acknowledgement and shared meeting expectations.

2. Cranes, Hoists, and Rigging Safety Program

Jimmy Spencer, Environmental Health & Safety Assistant Director, presented on EH&S' new Cranes, Hoists, and Rigging Safety program. The program addresses roles and responsibilities for operators, departments, and EH&S to prevent injuries and protect facilities. Cranes are machines used for lifting, moving, and lowering heavy loads. Hoists are components of cranes that raise and lower loads vertically. Rigging refers to all components used to attach loads below the hoist hook, such as slings and attachment hardware.

This program is applicable across all areas of UW, for example UW Facilities, engineering, drama/theater, and boating. The program is important because cranes, hoists, and rigging can present potentially significant physical hazards and electrical hazards. Injuries or near misses are decreasing but still occur about once a year. The program also helps us remain in compliance with Labor & Industries and OSHA regulations.

The program describes roles and responsibilities for three tiers of personnel. (1) At the top are third party *qualified* crane/hoist/rigging company/persons who design, install, maintain, and test equipment. (2) Next are crane/hoist *competent* person(s), UW employees trained by qualified company/persons, who oversee the unit/department's program and train operators or revoke their authorization. (3) Finally, there are crane/hoist *operators* designated by the unit/department who perform pre-use and monthly inspections.

Units and departments using overhead cranes and hoists are required to regularly inspect and maintain the equipment, train each operator on specific equipment, and develop and enforce safe procedures. They also must keep records for all inspections (monthly and annual), maintenance, and testing. Operator training includes Overhead and Gantry Crane Safety, Rigging Safety, and may include Lockout-Tagout training. There are a variety of scenarios that necessitate refresher training.

Links to the program manual, reference files, safety alerts, and FAQs can be found on the EH&S [Cranes, Hoists and Rigging Safety](#) page. The program is managed by Brian Allinger, EHS OSH. If you have any questions, please contact Brian at ba058@uw.edu.

A committee member asked how departments were adjusting to the new program and taking on their defined responsibilities. Jimmy responded that EH&S invited known affected departments to help review and develop the program and manual. For any other departments/units, all program information is online including templates, and Brian is available to answer questions.

3. Attendance/Quorum

Carmen announced the group reached quorum.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Carmen asked for any corrections to the October meeting minutes. There were none. Sarah O'Hara motioned to accept the minutes, and Christine Aker seconded. Minutes were approved.

5. E12 Lighting Improvements

Eric Johnson, of UWF Transportation Services, presented on the E12 parking lot lighting improvements. This project was initiated to address safety concerns raised by many hospital staff members who work late evening shifts, as well as a carjacking. Lighting improvements are meant to increase visibility and safety, minimize maintenance needs, meet energy code requirements, and mitigate light pollution.

In 2022 the lighting study began evaluating existing conditions. Project scope includes replacement of existing poles and light fixtures with extended arms at the same footing locations, replacement of SE corner lighting with improved adjacent lighting, and additional lighting at NW corner. Design development chose from twelve options and made sure to anticipate further canopy growth. The selected option includes 15' double truss upgrades and a new light fixture on a public corner. Light pollution mitigations have been made to comply with Dark Sky Compliance and reduce impact on neighbors across the Montlake cut. The bid will be awarded this month; preconstruction and procurement begin in December with construction expected to complete by Labor Day 2024 (before football season).

A member of the committee asked whether there are plans for landscaping changes. Eric responded that the trees grew bigger than expected (which contributed to old lighting deficiency) and there will be some tree trimming but no plans for tree removal. Pruning on the slope between the parking lot and Montlake is not part of the scope of this project.

Another committee member described needles found by parents and children in a UW parking structure and asked whether there is signage for non-UW personnel to know who to call. Eric said there aren't a lot of signs but parking lot and garage issues should be directed to Transportation Services via Customer Care with clear communication about location; within UWF they will hash out where Grounds takes over. Eric knows contact(s) at the Haring Center and reached out to them directly regarding protocol. UWF personnel are trained in cleaning up sharps and solid waste, and UWF can contract out for big cleanups.

There is a TS Maintenance Hotline listed on the Transportation website, operating Mon-Fri 4am-8:30pm and Sat/Sun 4am-2:30pm: 206-276-9279.

6. Organizational Group Reports

Carmen asked the chairs to share novel topics, interesting trends, or updates related to their election status.

HSC-1

Ryan Hawkinson: we are in the middle of election nominations.

HSC-2

Nigel Horton: we have filled almost all our elected roles for next term.

HSC-3

Kurt Oglesby: Our nomination emails went out this morning.

HSC-4

Christine Aker: Various groups are in the midst of elections, though not all have begun. Christine will touch base with Election Coordinator. EH&S met with the Executive Sponsor to provide support.

HSC-5

David Manley: Elections are moving forward, with some groups done and some still verifying positions.

HSC-6:

Laura Harrington: nominations have been completed and the election ballot is out; voting closes on 11/20.

HSC-7

Alaron Lewis: nomination phase has been completed and voting has begun. The committee discussed a need for increased faculty representation on HSC-7. They have seen OARS reports about cranes/hoists incidents with contractors not following safety protocols at UW Bothell. The solution seems to be reactive rather than proactive.

HSC-8

Stephen Costanti: nominations are done, and elections were opened on Monday. Voters were given two weeks to vote.

HSC-9

Not present.

HSC-10

Andrea Chateaubriand: nothing to report.

David Warren: Nominations are done and some departments are done, some still voting.

7. Union & Senate Reports**GPSS**

Not present.

WFSE 1488

Paula Lukaszek: more people have been found sleeping in the By George stairwells. A custodian recently reported 17-20 individuals sleeping in stairwells. Ongoing issue with elevators in Kane and By George only working sporadically. This is a high priority as it is an ADA issue.

SEIU 925

Not present.

UAW 4121

Not present.

Faculty Senate

Not present.

8. Ex Officio Reports**UW Facilities**

Tracey Mosier: nothing to report.

Transportation Services

Eric Johnson: nothing to report.

Emergency Management

Kelley Biastock: nothing to report.

UWPD

Not present.

DEOHS

Marty Cohen: nothing to report.

UWHR

Trista Truemper: nothing to report.

AGO

Jo Hill: nothing to report.

Claim Services

Ken Nielsen: nothing to report.

UW Tacoma

Susan Wagshul-Golden: reported that the Great Shakeout was successful! People practiced navigating out of their buildings and we will learn from that to improve upcoming winter evacuation drills.

UW Bothell

Brett Konzek: elections finished Friday and HSC-7 is verifying winners are still willing to serve. New STEM building "Innovation Hall" is opening this month. Brett has been working with art departments who are not considered to be labs or shop space, to develop a studio safety plan (including addressing chemicals) to meet their needs.

9. EH&S Updates**General**

Jimmy Spencer announced that the 2023 Lab Safety Innovation Awards event will be held in the HUB on December 8th. The City of Tacoma has been identified as a potential liable party for the UWT campus location groundwater contamination, due to a leaking sewer line. This means the City of Tacoma will be one of the parties responsible for assisting UW with remediation. The replacement of Haggett Hall has begun; full demolition to begin in December.

L&I

Erin McKeown reported that EH&S responded to L&I request for information regarding how UW was addressing the prevention of workplace violence at the Sieg Building. L&I is reviewing UW's response.

10. Good of the Order

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

11. Adjourn

Carmen asked for a motion to adjourn. Paula Lukaszek motioned to adjourn. Sarah O'Hara seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.