

U-WIDE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

9/13/2023 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 checked="" 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"/>	Colleen Irvin (9)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tony Colinares (3)			<input type="checkbox"/>	Andrea Chateaubriand (10)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Christine Aker (4)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Desi Schatz (4)				
Labor Union Member*					
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Donna Braboy (8)			<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty Senate – TBD
<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	Jimmy Spencer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kelley Biastock, UWEM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ken Nielsen, Claim Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Calnan (for Tracy Harvey)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lt. Chris Jaross, UWPD	<input type="checkbox"/>	Susan Wagshul-Golden, UWT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Erin McKeown
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brett Konzek, UWB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sonia Honeydew
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lorilyn A. H. Ignao
Guests					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Carroll, UW Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
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1. Attendance/Quorum

Sonia Honeydew announced the group reached quorum.

2. Call to Order and Welcome

Carmen Parisi welcomed the committee to the hybrid meeting and shared a land acknowledgement.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Carmen asked for a review of the August 2023 meeting minutes and asked if there were any changes. Sarah O'Hara motioned to approve the minutes as is. Laura Harrington seconded. The motion passed; the committee approved the August 2023 meeting minutes without changes.

4. Organizational Group Reports

Carmen asked the chairs to share novel topics, interesting trends, or other updates from their last committee meeting.

HSC-1

Ryan Hawkinson: While reviewing reports, the committee found a COVID case that involved a minor from a summer program and requested that everyone remember to include the Youth Coordinator whenever minors are involved. Do complete OARS reports for minors.

HSC-2

Nigel and Norm: nothing to report.

HSC-3

Kurt Oglesby: nothing to report.

HSC-4

Christine Aker: nothing to report, just a large number of OARS reports to review.

HSC-5

David Manley: Ken Nielsen presented on worker's compensation statistics. We're anticipating COVID and flu season, now a "tridemic" with RSV. Next meeting we'll be focused on the flu.

HSC-6:

Sarah O'Hara: nothing to report.

HSC-7

Alaron Lewis: nothing to report.

HSC-8

Donna Braboy: nothing to report.

HSC-9

Alexander Lefort: HCDE wanted to reiterate concerns about transparency and violence in the workplace related to an incident from a few months ago.

HSC-10

David Warren: Watch out for hornets and wasps; baking soda can help with stings. Make a paste with water and apply directly. It helps because the sting is acidic.

5. Union & Senate Reports

GPSS

Not present.

WFSE 1488

Paula Lukaszek: as temperatures cool, more campers are bringing drug activities into buildings.

SEIU 925

Not present.

UAW 4121

Not present.

Faculty Senate

Not present.

6. Ex Officio Reports

UW Facilities

Chris Pennington: Nothing to report.

Transportation Services

Eric Johnson: Nothing to report.

Emergency Management

Kelley Biastock: new Emergency Management Director and a new member shared brief introduction with committee. Nothing to report.

UWPD

Lt. Chris Jaross: nothing new to report.

DEOHS

Marty Cohen: found SafeZone app and will be working with Chris Jaross and someone from SafeZone to test it, will share findings with DEOHS faculty, staff, and students -- they have been concerned about safety in various locations, students in particular while doing field work.

UWHR

Trista Truemper: nothing to report.

AGO

Jo Hill: nothing to report.

Claim Services

Ken Nielsen: nothing to report.

UW Bothell

Brett Konzek: UW Chancellor safety walk taking place this Friday, now an annual event. This year will be a daytime walk. Episodic waste collection event today and tomorrow will allow us to get rid of expired hand sanitizer.

UW Tacoma

Not present.

7. EH&S Updates

General

- a) The UW workplace [Accident Prevention Plan \(APP\) document and the Supplemental Accident Prevention Plan \(Supplemental APP\) template](#) have been updated and published on the EH&S website. A log of changes for the APP is available there as well.
- b) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) were on campus August 16 – 17 for an unannounced [Select Agent Program](#) verification inspection. The CDC commented on the strong UW Program including strong records management, well maintained facilities, and professionalism of program personnel.

- c) The UW [Pre-Entry Assessment Team](#) (PEAT) and Research Assessment Team (RAT) conducted a drill at vacant Haggett Hall on September 7th.
- d) EH&S coordinated the removal of a radioactive source as part of the Department of Energy's (DOE) [Off-Site Source Recovery Program](#) (OSRP) on September 10th. The OSRP recovers unwanted or no longer used radioactive sources that may pose a potential risk to national security, health, and safety. This project involved coordination between many governmental agencies and UW entities, including UW Facilities, Emergency Management, UWPD, UW Medicine, HSB building management, AAG, DOE, Idaho National Lab, Washington State Department of Health, emergency responders, and others. The source was loaded into a large shipping container in the area between the Ocean Sciences building and HSB K-Wing. Access was restricted in the area during the removal. At no time was the source removed from the original device shield. Radiation levels were continuously monitored to verify that they remained below background levels.
- e) The 2023 [Graduate Student Safety Seminar](#) will be hosted by EH&S on September 25th. This year's guest speakers are Shar Samy, from DEOHS, and National Medal of Science honoree Mary-Claire King, from the Medical Genetics department. Wes Cochran, Alex Hagen, Tracy Harvey, and Esther Pelham from EH&S will also be presenting at the seminar.
- f) EH&S has updated the [rabies information for field work](#) in areas where rabies is endemic.
- g) The [University COVID training](#) was updated on 9/1/2023 and has been posted on the EH&S training site. Taking the updated training is not required, but it is highly recommended.
- h) WA Labor and Industries (L&I) has not yet released its final rule on [Wildfire Smoke](#). They still plan to release it in "late summer." Once the final rule is released, EH&S will update the annual training and program documents to reflect it and advise the UW community.
- i) The [Cranes, Hoists and Rigging Safety webpage](#) and [program manual](#) have been published on our website. You will find Word templates to create a department/unit-specific:
 - i. [Supplemental Crane, Hoist and Rigging Program](#)
 - ii. [Crane/Hoist and Rigging Critical Lift Plan](#)
 - iii. [Overhead Cranes/Hoists Inspection Checklist](#)
 - iv. [Crane Operator Assessment Form](#)

L&I

Labor & Industries issued a Citation and Notice to the UW Facilities Building Services Department including one serious violation for not having a compliant eyewash when there was a potential for exposure to a serious eye irritant used in a janitorial cleaning machine. The department discontinued use of the chemical product and paid \$1,400.00. The other two violations were general with no monetary penalty and included improper container labeling and ineffective information and training about the need for appropriate access to an eyewash when handling an eye irritant.

L&I closed the compliance inspection at Harborview Medical Center with no violations. This inspection was related to a specific room in West Hospital and concerns related to indoor air quality, lighting, electrical safety, and office chairs.

HSC Elections

Update skipped to make time for speaker. HSC's address election status at organizational HSC meetings. EH&S approves the decision of some HSCs to delay voting until personnel are back on campus at the start of Autumn quarter, if elections are still completed by December 1st.

8. Portable Air Cleaners and Preparing for Wildfire Smoke

John Carroll of UW Facilities (UWF) presented "Portable Air Cleaners (PACs) and Preparing for Wildfire Smoke." UWF and EHS worked together to determine what areas warranted use of PACs. After data logging of air exchange rates, over 2,000 units were deployed around campus.

The [Advisory Committee on Communicable Diseases](#) (ACCD) convened in June 2023 to discuss decreasing COVID-19 concerns. They decided UWF will maintain the PACs in formal classrooms and instructional spaces such as theaters and performing arts spaces, and other areas that lack mechanical ventilation. Starting September 1st, UWF is removing units that do not fall under any of these categories. If departments request that such units remain in the space, the maintenance costs will be the direct responsibility of the department. Filter changes cost about \$160/unit and must be scheduled twice yearly via UWF work order, or performed properly by the department.

A question was raised regarding wildfire smoke. If PACs are a recommended mitigation, why would they be removed? This is based on ACCD recommendations, and it is safe to do so. UWF is attempting to move these units before the school year begins, when it will be more crowded. Facilities staff have been given the directive that when in doubt, leave the unit where it is. If a department is advised that they will oversee future maintenance and agree to that, then the unit can be left. PACs will not be sent to surplus but stored for later use.

Building coordinators asked if filters for those remaining in place will be replaced before the school year begins. John answered yes, UWF is proceeding to do so building by building. They are currently creating a schedule for filter replacement.

A committee member asked whether the teams collecting PACs can connect with building coordinators. UWF is attempting to do so and appreciates feedback on the best way to reach Building Coordinators. UWF is challenged by the fact that some of these units, though assigned asset numbers, have been moved to other rooms. Contact John Carroll at carroll1@uw.edu or the UWF Customer Care Team with inquiries.

UWB asked if they are included in these PAC unit plans. Tony Guerrero is the contact person for these questions for Bothell. Bothell is ahead of schedule on this project.

UWF has reduced the threat of wildfire smoke entering buildings by upgrading to MERV 13 filters in building HVAC systems. During a wildfire smoke event, the percentage of outside air brought into buildings will be reduced to increase filter life. MERV-13 filters do not reduce smoke *smell* but they do reduce PM2.5 *particulate* in the indoor air. To assist, personnel are asked to keep windows closed during a smoke event, even on warm days. If your space does not have a PAC, during a smoke event you may request one from UWF's supply.

EH&S recommends that departments develop building-specific wildfire smoke procedures as part of departmental business continuity plans. Recommended actions include closing windows, making sure external doors are closed, relocating PACs, wearing N95 masks, and wiping surfaces. For assistance regarding [indoor air quality](#), contact ehsdept@uw.edu.

9. Adjourn

Sarah O'Hara motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ryan Hawkinson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 1:43pm.