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DRAFT UNIVERSITY-WIDE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2009 1:00-2:30 pm – UW Club Conference Room

In Attendance

Leslie Anderson (1)
Connie Bartlett (1)
Barbara Lovseth (4)
Rich Lee (4)
Chuck Treser (4)
Susie Sargent (5)
Sherri Huber (6)
Ken Jones (7)
Stephen Costanti (8)
Michael McMillan (8)
Michael Glidden (9)

In Attendance

Jack Herndon (9)
David Zuckerman (10)
Rick Gleason (Faculty Senate)
Laura Davenport (SEIU - 925)
Elizabeth Dahl (Ex-O, AGO)
Carol Garing (Crtv Com)
Jude Van Buren (EH&S)
Denis Sapiro (EH&S)
David Leonard (EH&S)
Michael Merrill (EH&S)
Wendy Winslow-Nason (Ex-O, RM)
Bradley Gong (EH&S Guest)
Warren Bresko (UWPD Guest)

Not Present

Ron Fouty (2)
Diane Hanks (3)
Paul Zuchowski (3)
Bob Ennes (4)
Megan Amen (5)
Tracy Harvey (6)
Deborah Conley Staerk (7)
Margery Cooper (10)
Ray Hartman (11)
Kristian Haapa-aho (11)
John Freudenthal (UAW Local 4121)
Pete Federici (2)
Bill Armstrong (Ex-O, FS)
Steve Charvat (UWEM)
Paul Bentson (WFSE 1488)

Agenda

1. Call to order
 2. Crime Prevention Presentation
 3. Minutes for June
 4. Group and Union Reports
 5. EH&S Report – L&I inspections
 6. Adjournment
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Recorded: by Michael Merrill

1. Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Jack Herndon.

2. Warren Bresko was introduced by Denis Sapiro. Warren and Arne Belton, who make up the 2-member Crime Prevention Unit of the UWPD, do surveys, security assessments, and other projects to prevent crime.

Phones:

Warren first told us not to be afraid to call 911. We don't use this number very often and it can be a bit scary. The UWPD has its own dispatch center so contact is successful even if you don't talk and just hang up. (The non-emergency phone number is 685-UWPD (8973); the internet address is uwpolice@uw.edu).

Calling 911 on a pay phone is free. Be aware that calls from a cell phone have a less exact GPS function, a 2-3 block radius. This can include a lot of businesses or homes that take time to check. Also, since the UW doesn't have its own tower, cell phone calls automatically go the Seattle Police Dept. It is important to tell the dispatcher immediately that you want the **UWPD**. Blue Phones have a push button for direct dispatch and loudspeakers on top.

When to call 911?

- Report crimes in progress.
- Don't assume someone else has called.
- Report suspicious activity or persons.

"Crimes of Opportunity":

This is theft by people who didn't plan to steal - but an unlocked car with keys in the ignition was just too good to pass up. 90% of the crimes at the UW are crimes of opportunity.

2008 Statistics:

- 433 thefts
- 75 burglaries
- 19 motor vehicle thefts
- 41 simple assaults (no one went to the hospital)
- 1 aggravated assault
- 2 sex crimes (date rape)
- 6 robberies
- 55 liquor law arrests
- 47 drug law arrests (misdemeanors)

All of these are generally on UW property.

Q: How does the UW compare to other universities.

A: We are pretty safe. The Clery Act requires notification of crimes in educational institutions. In our home neighborhoods, we don't know if a crime occurs next door – notification is not required.

“Malicious Mischief” - bicycle theft/vandalism:

Whatever you do, use a U-shaped lock – not a cheap cable lock. Always secure your bike to a rack. Register your bike with the UWPD. Engrave your driver’s license number on your bike (not your social security number!). Report suspicious activity near bike racks. To register your bike or electronics on the UW go to <http://www.washington.edu/admin/police> where you can access the bike and electronic portion at the bottom of the page.

Walking through campus:

- Always be aware of your surroundings
- Travel with friends
- Carry a whistle on your keychain (we each received one)
- If you can’t whistle, yell “help!” or “fire!”
- Keep personal belongings close by

Escort Services:

- Especially valuable during the winter months
- 206-685-WALK (9255) for Husky NightWalk (6 pm to 2 am, 7 days/week)
- Night Ride (shuttle) 206-624-6349, during business hours

Notifications:

- *After an incident:* The Clery Act requires notification within 48 hours
- *During an incident:* UW Alert (www.uwalert.org)

Weapons on campus:

- Prohibited by WAC 478-120-020(3)(f)
- Tasers are legal – one is available for citizens for about \$1,000
- Bothell and Tacoma campuses work with local jurisdictions
- UW Tower goes directly to UWPD
- Roosevelt Clinic also goes directly to UWPD
- 11th and 45th Bldg. still goes to Seattle PD

UWPD Organization:

- Seattle campus is divided into 4 sections
 - 2 for main campus
 - 1 for west campus
 - 1 for UWMC to eastside athletics
- Software is being researched to keep track of these local areas
 - The University is about the population of Yakima, even though small geographically
 - Response must be prioritized in addition to being quick
 - There have been more bank robberies recently than historically, although weapons aren’t necessarily involved
 - Police also do “welfare checks” on the homeless in case they need help

3. Minutes for June were approved as corrected.

4. Group Reports – Union Reports

Group 1, Administration/Other Academic Programs: Leslie Anderson reported having a lively discussion regarding accident reports. There have been member changes – some new, some lost. Dave Girts delivered his “Active Shooter” presentation.

Group 2, Finance and Facilities: Carol Garing reported reviewing OARS reports – they have been less severe and the reporting has been better.

Group 3, Student Affairs: not present

Group 4, Health Sciences/Hospitals: Rich Lee reported reviewing the previous minutes and discussing the power failure in the Health Sciences Building. They discovered that half of the 137 exterior doors function only with Prox Cards which need electricity to work (keys were abandoned with these locks.) The result was that a power failure without backup allowed building access at only 2 doors because there wasn't enough power to open the doors! As a result, some doors are being automated. In May, HMC had 86 OARS reports. Also discussed was concern over the excessive length of time (20 minutes) it took for medical response for a student who fainted. This is being investigated.

Group 5, Built Environments: Susie Sargent reported throwing a safety “block party.” Staff from nearby buildings were invited so they could learn what each other looks like. Personal recognition can be important in an emergency. She advised offering free food to get more people to show up.

Group 6, Arts & Sciences: Sherri Huber reported not meeting last month.

Group 7, UW Bothell: Ken Jones reported they are scheduled to meet next week.

Group 8, UW Tacoma: Stephen Costanti reported they will meet tomorrow.

Group 9, Engineering: Jack Herndon reported discussing recombinant DNA safety. Additional training is required.

Group 10, Forest Resources: Dave Zuckerman reported they are no longer the “College” of Forest Resources – they are now the “School” of Forest Resources (within the College of the Environment). Fire extinguisher training and Lockout training are being scheduled. Darren and Jay are helping. They are also trying to make sure that all labs have appropriate training. Darren will be at the July meeting.

Group 11, Ocean & Fishery Science: not present.

WFSE 1488: Paul Bentson not present.

UAW 4121: John Freudenthal not present.

Faculty Senate: Rick Gleason reported having a fire drill today at 4225 Roosevelt Way. He grabbed his safety class signup sheet to account for students once outside the building. The drill took 5 minutes and students made good recommendations afterward. The alarm was only a mal-function but made for a good exercise.

SEIU 925: Laura Davenport said she is looking for SEIU members that would like to serve as reps on a safety committee.

5. EH&S Report – L&I Inspections:

Denis Sapiro reported:

- UW requested L&I consultation on asbestos release in McMahon, June 15-26. A carpet contractor didn't follow asbestos requirements. Remember that installation contracts must be under a construction contract with the UW to ensure that regulations are followed.
- Risk Management requested L&I advice on Workers' Compensation costs.
- UW requested an L&I variance for the stairwell in the Old Firehouse at HMC because head clearance is less than code. The Firehouse is an historical building with restrictions on modifications.

EH&S is revising three Administrative Policy Statements (APS) – handouts provided:

- Food Safety, APS 11.5
- Accident Reporting, APS 10.8
- Chemical Hazard Communication, APS 12.5

Committee Chairs will be sent electronic copies.

Members were asked to send comments to Denis at: sapirod@u.washington.edu.

Denis introduced Brad Gong, hired by EH&S with stimulus money to work with chemical and engineering laboratory safety. Horace Lee has also been hired to work with building and fire safety with fume hoods and biological safety cabinets and to coordinate laboratory safety surveys.

6. Vice Chair, Jack Herndon, adjourned the meeting.