# U-WIDE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

12/9/2020 Meeting Minutes | 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. |

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Quorum is 12 or more of voting members
X - attended meeting
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Agenda

1. Call to Order
   Sonia Honeydew called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

2. Attendance/Quorum
   Sonia conducted attendance and quorum was met.

3. Approval of November meeting minutes
   November meeting minutes were approved.

4. COVID-19 Update
   Katia Harb provided the following COVID-19 updates.

   Katia showed the online COVID-19 Dashboard and said there has been an exponential increase in the number of COVID-19 cases across the state. The UW rate for COVID-19 cases is 1%, which is well below the King County level of positive cases over the last seven days.

   Katia said there has been an increase in number of COVID-19 positive cases among UW employees. She reminded everyone to be extra cautious during the winter surge.

   She said that the new WA COVID-19 exposure notification application (WA Notify App) is live and sending out notifications if you have close contact with a COVID-19 positive person. She said you
have to activate your phones notification settings. Persons who test positive with COVID-19 are provided with a verification code and asked to voluntarily enter it into the WA Notify application.

Katia announced that UW Medicine expects to be providing COVID-19 Vaccines to healthcare workers by next week.

She also said that the Husky Coronavirus Testing Program began doing ‘baseline’ testing for UW employees who are on-site at least once a week, and that they opened two new testing kiosks at South Lake Union and Odegaard Library. Katia encouraged everyone to sign up for the Husky Coronavirus Testing Program.

Katia announced that the University has extended the work from home option through the 2020-2021 academic year.

She said that the quarantine guidance has been recently updated and EH&S will align with King County Public Health guidelines.

Katia indicated that EH&S is working with UW HR to add ‘fatigue’ as a symptom to the daily symptom attestation.

Due to reduced density of people on campus, EH&S has published a guidance document on working alone safely.

Katia reminded everyone that Governor Inslee has extended travel restrictions to January 4, 2021 and continues to advise against non-essential travel.

The EH&S December Newsletter will be published in the next few weeks and will include a link to the EH&S FY20 Fiscal Year Annual Report.

5. Organizational Group Reports

**HSC 1** – Ryan Hawkinson said that HSC-1 met this morning. They reviewed OARS reports from the last two months and discussed the U-Wide meeting minutes.

**HSC 2** – Mark Pekarek said that HSC-2 met on November 12 but did not meet quorum. Mark said that the Transportation Services reported that the skateboard use in the parking garages has been on the rise. Tracey Mosier updated the committee on the cumulative nature of close contact.

**HSC 3** – Kurt Oglesby said that HSC-3 didn’t meet in November and will be meeting on December 16.

**HSC 4** – Beth Hammermeister said that HSC-4 met on November 24. She said they have a new executive sponsor, Kim Dinh. They reviewed OARS reports and the Accident Prevention Plan. They
discussed the rise in parking fees, and impact on staff with lower salaries. HSC-4 also discussed ADA buttons on doors and how they're timed inconsistently across the campus.

Beth said Officer Bergon from UWPD talked about encountering homeless people on campus.

Christine Aker added that there has been a rise in OARS reports related to staff dealing with suspicious packages and wondered if the rest of the health and safety committees are encountering the same problem. Christine asked if EH&S has guidance on such issues, and who investigates. Erin Mckeown confirmed that UWPD does the initial investigation and EH&S completes follow-up as needed. Denise Bender referred the committees to the EH&S website article on suspicious packages.

**HSC 5** – Liz Kindred said that HSC-5 met at the end of November before the Thanksgiving break. They discussed the holiday break and the travel restrictions. Liz reported that there is decrease in the number of incidents involving workplace violence, blood borne pathogen exposure, and patient handling, but that incidents involving COVID-19 exposures took their place.

Liz also said that the flu shot compliance across UW campuses is 96% this year.

HSC-5 also discussed the new UW Medicine alert system called, ‘STAT|INFO’ which will alert the employees across the UW Medicine facilities and hospitals if there is a security or lockdown alert.

Michael Sage added that there have been several eye irritation and smell issues complaints regarding a cleaning product called Hypercide. Michael said that Airlift Northwest has been notified and advised not use the cleaning product in an enclosed space. Liz added that the Hypercide disposable cleaning wipes were used by HMC on a trial basis and that they usually use a quaternary ammonia cleaning product called Super Sani Wipes.

**HSC 6** – Eric Camp said that HSC-6 met on November 19. They reviewed the Accident Prevention Plan and sent some suggestions to Erin McKeown.

**HSC 7** – Martin Arroyo said that HSC-7 met on December 8 and discussed avoiding slips, trips and falls during wet weather.

**HSC 8** – Chris Barrett said that HSC-8 met on November 19 and reviewed the Accident Prevention Plan. Their next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, December 10.

**HSC 9** – Sonia Honeydew said that HSC-9 met on November 24. They reviewed the Accident Prevention Plan and the U-Wide Meeting notes.

They also discussed available resources for caregivers.
The committee was particularly interested in HSC-10’s safety suggestion box with the cash incentive.

Sonia also said that HSC-9 departments have been sharing testing and quarantine guides and have been encouraged to contact EH&S in case the guidelines need to be vetted. Sonia added that the school of Computer Science and Engineering finished their AED program.

**HSC 10** – David Warren and David Zuckerman said HSC-10 had not met yet since the last U-Wide meeting and had no new updates.

6. **Faculty Senate Reports:** Ian Bennett was not present.

7. **Union Reports:**

   Paula Lukaszek had concerns about quarantine guidance being accessible in different languages. Katia confirmed that EH&S uses interpreter services and sends out information from local public health agencies in 30 plus languages.

   Christine Kang, Amanda Clouser, and Ann Aumann were present at the meeting, but had no updates.

8. **Ex-Officio Reports:**

   **UW Facilities:** Tracey Mosier reminded everyone to refrain from having work potlucks and holiday parties where food is shared as that is a potential source of COVID-19 infection.

   **Emergency Management:** Steve Charvat said the UW Emergency Committee had an election in November for their new Chair and Vice-Chair positions.

   Scott Nelson from EH&S will continue as the Chair and the new Vice-Chair is Danica Little from UW Medicine.

   The operations response group is monitoring PPE supplies and the weather. The Weather Assessment Group will meet soon to discuss the upcoming winter season and the inclement weather procedures for the University.

   **UWPD:** Lt. Chris Jaross was not present.

   **DEOHS:** Rick Gleason was present, but had to leave to teach a course.

   **Attorney General's Office:** Nancy Gwin had no updates.

   **Claims Services:** Ken Nielsen had no updates.
9. **L&I updates & EH&S updates:**

   Erin McKeown reported that there are no new L&I updates. EH&S is waiting to hear back on several on-going investigations.

   Erin demonstrated the new training report tool on the [UW EH&S Training webpage](#). She said this tool can be used to find specific training records for multiple staff by organization code, manager's UWNetID, or by searches for one or more individual UWNetIDs.

   Erin also announced that EH&S is recruiting for an ‘Accident Prevention Specialist’ position.

10. **Good of the Order:** Nothing additional was discussed.

11. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 2 pm