

U-WIDE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

6/8/2022 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Susan Wagshul-Golden (8)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Colleen Irvin (9)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tony Colinares (3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Zuckerman (10)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Andrea Chateaubriand (10)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Christine Aker (4)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Ann Valentine (4)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ansley Roman (5)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paula Lukaszek, WFSE 1488
<input 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)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alexander Lefort (9)			<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty Senate – TBD
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sarah Coppola (9)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = attended meeting * = voting members 13 = voting members for quorum		<input type="checkbox"/>	GPSS – Gabby Rivera
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Warren (10)				
Ex-Officio Member		Ex-Officio Member		Env. Health & Safety Member	
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Denise Bender
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steve Charvat, UWEM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nancy Gwin, AGO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brandon Kemperman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Barry Morgan, UWEM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ken Nielsen, Risk Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Erin McKeown
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lt. Chris Jaross, UWPD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Susan Wagshul-Golden, UWT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sonia Honeydew
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seth Greenfest, UWHR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kam Chao, UWB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lorilyn A. H. Ignao
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Johnson, UW Transp Svcs			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tracy Harvey
Guests				<input type="checkbox"/>	Jenna Gravley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sally Clark, External Affairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Judi Nelson, ROS Lab Surveys		

Agenda

1. Attendance/Quorum

Sonia Honeydew announced the group met quorum.

2. Call to Order and Welcome

Carmen Parisi opened up the meeting with a land and water acknowledgement, welcomed attendees, and explained voting procedures for the meeting.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Carmen asked for any corrections to the May meeting minutes. Chris Pennington asked for corrections. Corrections offered were accepted. Norman Kwasinski motioned to accept May meeting minutes. Tony Colinares seconded. Carmen announced May meeting minutes were approved with proposed changes.

4. Personnel Change & Appreciation

Katia Harb announced that Denise Bender will be retiring on July 1st. Katia also gave acknowledgements of Denise's accomplishments and announced that Brandon Kemperman will be serving as the interim assistant director.

5. COVID-19 Update

Katia presented the monthly COVID-19 community update and opened with King County statistics. Testing rates on campus have remained steady. King County rates community risk levels at medium. Hospitalization rates continue to shift with the trends. BA.2 subvariant remains the dominant strain. Community members have begun attending larger gatherings and returning to normal life. The University still strongly recommends wearing masks. Positive cases within the UW community mostly report experiencing mild symptoms. Home antigen tests are being used more. Position for the '22-'23 academic year will continue to be highly recommended masking. Masks will continue to be required in healthcare settings, on UW shuttles serving healthcare facilities, and when returning to campus after testing positive.

Husky Coronavirus Testing Program will continue to offer PCR tests and antigen test kits. EH&S continues to encourage testing before attending social gatherings, as well as considering testing 3-5 days after events. Outbreak investigations have been related to social activities, such as student groups hosting gatherings. EH&S COVID-19 Response and Prevention Team has secured federal funding for another year. Protocols and updates are in review and will be broadcasted before autumn quarter. A question was brought up regarding validity of testing kits on newer subvariants, and it was confirmed that they can detect the current subvariants.

6. Reimagining Safety at UW

Sally Clark from UW Office of External Affairs presented on a project called [Reimagining Safety at UW](#). The scope of the project involves reorganizing three units into one new division that will report up through a vice president-level position. This project was announced in December 2021 by President Cause. Sally Clark is leading the project and indicated there will be monthly updates and a comment box available for community members to express their concerns.

President Cause was looking for a more holistic approach to safety and well-being. The project will determine if current practices are the best use of available resources, and if there may be better

ways to divide workloads and improve advocacy. Summer 2020 caused a general shift in feelings about campus safety. At this time only three units are involved in the reorganization and they are UW Emergency Management, UWPD, and SafeCampus, but that this an ongoing discussion about how other units will associate with this new entity. The new unit will go live in September, and communications will be sent out prior to the implementation.

Sally shared the goals of the Campus Community Safety Division. This Division has many goals, including to serve as the office to check minimum standards of the University, local laws and contracts, answer security calls around campus, create better approaches than armed responses to mental health crises, and look into alternative interventions. This unit will have two advisory committees: the Campus Community Safety Advisory Committee (including students, staff, and faculty) and the Preparedness Oversight Committee (replacing the Emergency Readiness Committee, with a new charge). These committees will offer a town hall approach for the general UW community to express feelings about campus safety. There is no clear proposal for individuals to get involved with this project, though there may be select individuals and units who will be required to participate.

A question was brought up about how the U-Wide Committee fits into the restructure. Sally answered that UWIDE does not have to be involved at the moment, though there are opportunities to advise and collaborate. Committee member asked about Bothell and Tacoma's involvement in the reorganization. Sally answered that the two other campuses are on different paths and this project is not meant to interfere with their advisory work.

UWPD is presently using a search firm to find and hire a new police chief. The search for potential candidates has been difficult, but interviews are finally occurring this week. A committee member asked if there will be an increase in the number of police officers/security to address safety concerns. The answer is UWPD is currently understaffed, and recruitment is tough. Sally mentioned UWPD has Campus safety responders positioned around campus who use radios to communicate in case of emergencies.

Sally Clark can be reached at salclark@uw.edu.

7. Organizational Group Reports

Carmen requested groups present reports on anything new, interesting presentations, or updates.

HSC-1

Ryan Hawkinson, meeting attendance light due to graduation activities.

HSC-2

Norman Kwasinski, nothing to report.

HSC-3

Kurt Oglesby, nothing to report.

HSC-4

Christine Aker, nothing to report.

HSC-5

David Manley, meeting discussion highlighted patient handling, COVID, and public safety concerns.

HSC-6

Laura Harrington, nothing to share from committee, but shared a report on Clark Hall. She reported about a brick thrown with such force that it both shattered a window and left a hole in the wall. Reported to UWPD. OARS report encouraged. Laura would like to see campus safety responders in areas like Clark Hall and animal research areas.

HSC-7

Aaron Lewis reported on an incident where a student fainted then refused medical attention after regaining consciousness. Aaron posed the question of when should we be calling 911? Do we have the authority to do that? Committee member answered that they receive multiple calls a day regarding incidents like this one. Ultimately, it is up to the patient if they want to receive medical care and sometimes people say no. There is no harm in calling 911, especially if the person in question is unconscious. Individuals who have passed out or may have a concussion should not be working around hazardous materials or heavy equipment and should be informed with the [concussion focus sheet](#).

HSC-8

Susan Wagshul-Golden reported that the former chair, Hannah, has left UW Tacoma and is working for the Seattle Public Libraries. Susan is serving as acting chair. She indicated issues with meeting attendance and noted there seemed to be an increase in student lab incidents.

HSC-9

Alex Lefort reported that there has been a repeat trespasser in the College of Engineering. Individual appears to want internet access but has also reportedly stolen items. Dan Ratner, Assistant Dean of Engineering, spoke to HSC-9 regarding how CoE will manage engineering Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) with higher risks. Dan is also in contact with Risk Management and EH&S.

HSC-10

David Zuckerman expressed concerns that the W-35 parking lot has been taken over by the medical school. This is an issue as it is an evacuation assembly point for the adjacent buildings. Scott Nelson from EH&S is the best contact for this issue.

8. Union & Senate Reports

GPSS

Not present.

WFSE 1488

Paula Lukaszek reported on concerns and complaints from custodians about having to manage human waste and potentially hazardous materials related to encampments and things left by people without homes. There are daily cleanups and the volume of materials can be overwhelming. Custodians were concerned about their safety and mentioned NARCAN. UW Facilities and EH&S are meeting to discuss solutions to these concerns. There was discussion about adding cameras, securing parking garages, using contract help where possible, and increasing security personnel who oversee the areas.

SEIU 925

Ann Aumann, nothing to report.

UAW 4121

Not present.

Faculty Senate

Not present.

9. Ex Officio Reports

UW Facilities

Nothing to report.

UWPD

Chris Jaross mentioned that in-person commencements are coming and UWPD is really understaffed. A few members are planning to retire soon and promotions are also coming up.

Emergency Management

Steve Charvat reported on winter and pre-summer biannual training of the weather status assessment group to discuss the inclement weather plan and to train individuals for potential activation in the case of extreme heat. Previously, the University did not have much prepared other than suspending operations for heat waves and excessive wildfire smoke. The group is working to create matrices for summer events and their work will need to align with L&I policies and procedures. It is evident that excessive smoke and heat happen on a regular basis and the University will need to be prepared.

DEOHS

Rick Gleason, nothing to report.

AGO

Nancy Gwin, nothing to report

Claim Services

Ken Nielsen, nothing to report

Transportation Services

Eric Johnson reported on funding approval for additional coverage beginning in April for another campus safety responder. Their schedule will be 8:30pm-4:00am M-F with duties including: patrolling housing, student parking areas, parking lots, garages, bike facilities, other vehicle locations.

He updated the committee on the E-12 lighting study which would hopefully replace temporary lighting with permanent solutions. Other goals for Transportation Services include dedicated funding to better secure the Central Parking Garage much like the Triangle Parking Garage with one-way entrances, increased cellular coverage, and increased security cameras.

Fleet Services has reported more than 60 vandalized vehicles, 9 stolen, and other tampering, totaling up to \$80k in repairs. Weekly reminders are sent out to vehicle owners to park in secure areas and remove valuables from your cars. Larger vehicles have steering wheel locks.

UW Tacoma

Susan Wagshul-Golden, nothing to report.

UW Bothell

Not present to report.

UWHR

Seth Greenfest reported on a newly published page to centralize mental health support for staff as well as an option for confidential feedback on the CareLink website.

10. EH&S Updates

L&I

Erin McKeown indicated that the UW received a Corrective Notice of Redetermination following an informal conference with Labor & Industries regarding a COVID outbreak at the HMC Anesthesia Care/Operating room. LNI has agreed to lower the violation from Serious to General and the fine amount was lowered from \$6000 to \$3000.

General

Tracy Harvey introduced Judi Nelson, the department's newest lab safety specialist.

Brandon Kemperman updated the committee that the revised lead safety manual is now live on the EH&S website. Washington L&I implemented emergency standards on extreme heat and wildfire smoke that take effect June through September. EH&S webpages and training modules will be updated to reflect the new guidance.

Brandon reported that MyChem was updated and will require users to select a Safety Data Sheet or upload one when users enter new chemicals into the inventory system.

Staffing changes include Ellen Gunderson and Denise Bender retiring at the end of the month and Natalie Thiel will be leaving for medical school. New positions still to be filled.

11. Good of the Order

Carmen asked if anyone had anything to offer for the good of the order. No points were brought up.

12. Adjourn

Carmen asked for a motion to adjourn. Christine Aker motioned to adjourn. Tracy Harvey seconded.

Meeting adjourned: 2:25pm

Links/Resources:

<https://hr.uw.edu/policies/mental-health-supports/>
<https://hr.uw.edu/benefits/uw-carelink/>