

Agenda – November 23rd, 2022
Group 9 (College of Engineering) Health and Safety Committee

1. Attending

Derrick Van Kirk or Niyousha Rahimi, AA
 Colleen Irvin or Robbie Wong, BioE
 Ted Hanson, CEE
 Michael Pomfret, CEI
 Benjamin Rutz, ChemE
 Tatyana Galenko or Michael Glidden, DO
 Alexander Lefort or Selest Nashef, CSE
 Tai Chen or Kyle Dickison, ECE

Sonia Honeydew or Erin McKeown, EH&S
 Sarah Coppola or Stacia Green, HCDE
 Sheila Prusa or Kelly Foong, ISE
 Kameron Harmon, ME
 John Young or M. Weaver, MoIES/NanoES
 Hanson Fong, MSE
 N. Shane Patrick or Maria Huffman, WNF

2. Previous Meeting Minutes (5 Minutes)

- September 2022 – approve? Corrections/additions?
- Minutes posted at <https://www.engr.washington.edu/mycoe/safety#> and safety boards.

3. Department Incident Reports (25 minutes; use “5 Why’s” analysis for one report)

- All OARS reports may also be found on Tableau while on the UW network via this link: <https://bitools.uw.edu/#/site/Transitional/projects/573>.

OARS #	Supervisor's Dept	Incident Location	Incident Summary
2022-07-051	SL: HFS Res Life: MILL JM Student	MCCARTY HALL	Camp participant burned finger(s) with hot glue gun.
2022-08-072	ENG: Materials Science and Engineering	NANOENGINEERING BLDG	Employee's eyes may have been exposed to 532 nm laser when they removed eyewear to see beam spot; employee noticed an increase in floaters and general eye fatigue.
2022-08-097	ENG: Materials Science and Engineering	WILCOX HALL	Student employee sliced off tip of left index finger while using paper cutter.
2022-09-035		BOWMAN BUILDING	A vacuum chamber imploded, making a loud noise and aerosolizing electrolyte solutions.
2022-09-064	ENG: Deans Office-Academic Center	LOEW HALL	Employee tested positive for COVID and suspects workplace transmission.
2022-09-077	ENG: Deans Office-Academic Affairs	McCarty Hall MILL Makerspace	There was a small fire in a makerspace laser cutter. A fire extinguisher was used to put out the fire. *images included*
2022-09-101		ALLEN CENTER FOR Loading dock ramp	Student was navigating via cell phone and took a shortcut over a wall, and fell 15'. *Images included*
2022-10-027	ENG: Bioengineering	W.H. FOEGE BIOENG	Employee noticed a rash on their right cheek that may have been caused by exposure to PEG-DA resin.
2022-10-034	ENG: Bioengineering	W.H. FOEGE BIOENG	An employee noticed respiratory irritation over several days and suspects solvent exposure in the lab.
2022-10-042	ENG: Bioengineering	MAG H.S.C./I	Near miss NHP exposure while chairing an animal.
2022-10-046	PROV: College of Engineering	ALLEN CENTER FOR	Employee descending exterior stairs missed the last step and fell, bruising their hip and head.
2022-10-061	ENG: Electrical & Computer Engineering	ALLEN CENTER FOR	An employee rolled their ankle as they entered their office, fell, and twisted their ankle and knee.

2022-10-081	ENG: Collaboration Core - WNF Managers	FLUKE HALL	While moving a ladder, an employee accidentally knocked a box off a table, breaking small vials of unidentified liquid.
2022-10-083	ENG: Deans Office-Academic Affairs	MCMAHON HALL The 8	An employee was replacing batteries in equipment locker keypads and got battery acid on their hands.
2022-10-086	ENG: Mechanical Engineering	JOHN M WALLACE HALL	An unidentified member of the public walked quickly into the lab and occupied the restroom for 20-25 minutes without response, then left angrily.

4. Group Business (10 minutes)

- Clarification on EH&S Training Records
- Read through the UW Accident Prevention Plan & prepare any potential changes to present at next meeting.

5. UW-Wide Meeting (5 minutes)

- September meeting minutes attached.
- October agenda attached. Meeting highlights will be presented by Alex Lefort:
 - Sally Clark, Head of Campus Safety & Security, gave a presentation on safety around campus:
 - Spoke on U-District Ambassadors & safety in general around UW
 - For more information about U-District Ambassadors, see link: <https://udistrictpartnership.org/safe/ambassadors/>
 - Working with REACH at the UW Central Parking Lot to work with people camping in these spaces; UWPD will work directly with REACH.
 - Seattle City might offer free Stop the Bleed trainings. Check this site for more info, as well as contact City Hall: <https://hiprc.org/outreach/stop-the-bleed/>
 - There have been larger issues with gun violence in the U-District recently.
 - Steve Charvat, Director of Emergency Management, gave a presentation on emergency preparedness:
 - Provided general readiness information for various potential emergencies, provided info as to how the team is structured currently, and what their plan for the future is.
 - Presentation available upon request.
 - In response to our Group 9 updates:
 - Katia Harb confirmed that the Inclement Weather Group will now be handling wildfire smoke and heat. They are currently working on messaging during these events and how to better send it out.
 - Katia Harb also clarified that the EH&S training records access should not change for lab managers; UW-IT is changing some items on the back-end to ensure that the database is secure enough. As lab managers, we are considered need-to-know employees for these records and so will not lose access.
- Brief COVID-19 update: State of emergency orders have expired as of the end of October, but UW is keeping policies in place until at least January. Some groups removed from requirements for vaccines (contractors & volunteers), but employees and students are still required to have at least the initial vaccine course.

- L&I updated one of their required employee safety bulletin posters. Replace the said poster on all employee safety boards. See the link for more information:
https://www.lni.wa.gov/forms-publications/search?group-translations=true&index=Forms_Pubs&pg=1&limit=20&query=F416-081-909
- EH&S is still hiring for several positions!

6. Member Updates (10 minutes)

Next Meeting: December 28th, at 1:30 PM, via Zoom

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Meeting Date: October 26th, 2022 (via Zoom)

Attended

Derrick Van Kirk, AA

Colleen Irvin, BioE

Robbie Wong, BioE

Benjamin Rutz, ChemE

Michael Glidden, CoE Deans Office

Tatyana Galenko, CoE Deans Office

Alexander Lefort, CSE

Kyle Dickison, ECE

Sonia Honeydew, EH&S

Sheila Prusa, ISE

Kameron Harmon, ME

John Young, MoES/NanoES

N. Shane Patrick, WNF

Absent

Ted Hanson, CEE

Michael Pomfret, CEI

Sarah Coppola, HCDE

Hanson Fong, MSE

Previous Meeting Minutes

- September 2022 – minutes approved as is.
- Previous meeting minutes are at: <https://www.engr.washington.edu/mycoe/safety#>. EH&S recommends each department/group post paper copies on their safety board and inform employees of the name of their rep.

Incident Reports

- HFS Res Life (#2022-07-051) – Still investigating this incident. Michael Glidden asked that this be tabled to next meeting in the interest of time and finding more information to report back.
- MSE (#2022-08-072) – Alex is working with MSE and Michael Glidden to hold a new election to fill the elected representative position, as Tatyana Galenko has been hired by CoE Dean's Office! Congratulations Tatyana! Hanson Fong, as the appointed proxy by Tatyana, has a teaching schedule that now conflicts with the meetings, as well. It should be noted that there are still no supervisor comments on this report. This incident has been tabled to next meeting due to no representative.

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- MSE (#2022-08-097) – This incident has been tabled to next meeting due to no representative present.
- ChemE (#2022-08-118) – Ben was able to interview the students who had found the issue. At the time of entering the space, the smell was quite minor and it wasn't immediately identified due to the proximity to a fume hood. Once noticed, they left and shut the door and looked online as to who to contact. They were not able to find emergency contact information specific to the space, so they contacted UWPD. They unfortunately left the area after reporting the issue. There was no further follow-up from UWPD. Ben noted there was a small error on the report: The check-out sheet to ensure everything is secure at the end of the day is for each day, not just before weekends. Ben also noted that the issue likely occurred due to the close proximity between the gas and compressed air valves in the space. These have now been more clearly labeled. Alex asked if emergency contact information is readily available somewhere in the room and if the students just missed it. Ben noted that there is, but the person listed is currently on sabbatical. Sonia stated that if the person is not available, the lab should update the signs with someone who is available. Ben will let the lab know. This incident report has been closed.
- BioE (#2022-07-034) – Colleen noted that this was just due to poor management of the study initially. There were too many people all at once, which overwhelmed the staff. They've since separated the spaces, retrained the staff, and limited the number of people coming in. They've also increased the time for each session and increased the distance between materials to avoid further mix-ups. No further issues have occurred. This incident report has been closed.
- BioE (#2022-09-027) – Colleen noted that the group has since switched to luer lock syringes, are using hemostats to increase the distance between hands and needles, as well as reinforcing training on proper removal technique which should assist in mitigating this in the future. This incident report has been closed.
- WCET (#2022-09-035) – No representative present. Tabled to next meeting.
- WNF (#2022-09-041, A, B) – sub-reports are listed for each person involved in the incident. The bunker in which these chemicals are stored is partially underground; While exhausted, they are not climate controlled, so temperatures fluctuate. This can cause caps to loosen and some lighter acids could penetrate through bottles. This is one of the reasons the lab always makes sure people assume contamination on the outside of bottles. Very thick butyl gloves, Tyvec 2000 chemical aprons, and full face shields are donned whenever retrieving these materials. Shane noted that making it climate controlled may not fully resolve the issue; There are other reasons that they would like to assume potential contamination on the outside of these bottles. Fire department code does not require climate control of the locations. Since they are fully concrete rooms, it would require a lot of drilling to retrofit the space. This incident report has been closed.

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- BioE (#2022-09-062) – Colleen noted that the wire brush should never have been in the room in the first place. This was left by a member of the lab who shares the space. There is some sensitivity in complaining to the lab due to the PI being the new director of the space. This wasn't the first time where rules were not followed by the sharing lab. The affected person and their lab followed all SOPs and rules. The problem seems to be getting the other lab to follow the same rules; There is some political hesitation in communications. Michael Glidden asked if both labs report to the same Dean or CoE equivalent, to which Colleen noted that all users in the space report to the Primate Center when in the space. Michael stated that the unit responsible for the structure of that space is not CoE, so it's hard for our committee to enact anything. Sonia noted that both groups have reviewed to ensure that everyone is aware of the issue and address it. Michael expressed concerns that members of BioE/Group 9 aren't empowered to ask Primate Center to do anything about it; They can only connect with the group and let them know who they might be able to connect with. Colleen noted that this would be the perfect opportunity for the group to meet with the other lab, introduce themselves, and make sure they're both on the same foot and mutually agree how to manage the room. This incident report has been closed.
- Dean's Office Academic Center (#2022-09-064) – In the interest of time, this incident report has been tabled to next meeting.
- Dean's Office Academic Affairs (#2022-09-077) – In the interest of time, this incident report has been tabled to next meeting.
- Department-unknown (#2022-09-101) – In the interest of time, this incident report has been tabled to next meeting, though Alex noted that CSE is already working to ensure even clearer warning signs to those that were already present.

Group Business

- Guest Speakers: Sonia Honeydew & Tracy Harvey on "How to Surplus Items Safely."
 - Many of OARS reports from Surplus during the 2019 – 2022 years were due to hazards found after items were moved to Surplus warehouse.
 - Departments & individuals may not sell, give, or throw away University property, even if broken. Surplus relieves departments of accountability.
 - 99% of materials surplused are diverted from landfill.
 - Basics of how to remove items destined for surplus:
 1. Schedule to surplus items using UW Facilities Surplus Request Form.
 - At this point, will have the ability to add potentially hazardous item decontamination forms; Affix to items when complete.

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2. Prepare items: Empty, clean, and make safe to handle; Attach needed documentation.
 3. Drop off items at UW surplus or have moving services pick up.
 - It is recommended you have someone on-site and available when items are picked up or dropped off to handle any hazards that may appear.
- Items requiring decon form:
 - Temp-controlled devices
 - Ventilation devices
 - Bio-safety cabinets
 - Glove boxes
 - Lab furniture, fixtures, cabinets
 - Mixture & separation devices
 - Other instruments & equipment: i.e. balances, scales, bench instruments, glassware, meters, microscopes, pipets, tweezers, etc.
 - Anything with a star next to it may need further agency reviews.
 - Prohibited Items:
 - Contaminated/dirty lab or patient care items.
 - Hazards: chemical, bio, radiation, physical.
 - Lab tubing! Cut this off before surplus.
 - Hazard warning labels & signage (deface before surplus).
 - Items inside equipment/furniture; All storage must be empty.
 - Many others; check on form or with UW Moving/Surplus.
 - Contact Environmental Programs with any questions on disposing of hazardous materials.
 - Contact EH&S Bio with any questions about bio hazard autoclaving
 - Radiation Safety may assist with radiation hazards.
 - Class 3B & 4 lasers must be disabled before surplus.
 - NEVER submit sharps to Surplus (incl. syringes & glass slides).
 - Saw blades count as physical hazards.
 - Ensure that any potential asbestos items are checked out!
 - Even if forms are submitted, may sure your hazard signs are removed!
 - Slides will be sent out when received from EH&S.
- Discuss changes in meeting packet structure.
 - Alex stated that this would be discussed via email in the interest of time, but requested that members review the new format and let him know if they have any worries.
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UW-Wide Meeting

- Alex asked if anyone had any questions/comments on notes from the U-Wide:
 - COVID-19 Updates:
 - Case numbers did increase as people came back to campus, but within manageable numbers. King County community levels remain in the low category and counts are starting to fall again.
 - Most new cases happened between students.
 - BA.4 and BA.5 are still most prevalent strains.
 - Emergency orders for state and Seattle have stopped, though this does not affect UW.
 - The UW Presidential COVID-19 emergency will stay in place through at least winter and will be reassessed at that time.
 - L&I requirements for employers remains in place until at least 3/1/2023, which is what UW bases standards on.
 - No changes to vaccination policies currently; A task-force is evaluating and will have info out in the coming months.
 - Booster clinics had record turn-out. Additional ones have been scheduled: 10/17, 11/3, 11/4 (Red Square, HUB 337, Health Sciences 3rd floor lobby).
 - EH&S encourages everyone to get their flu vaccines, as well!
 - Monkey Pox:
 - Rate of new infection is low, though EH&S reminds everyone to report exposures and infection.
 - Vaccine eligibility criteria recently updated: See EH&S webpage for updates.
 - Health officials do not recommend vaccine for people not at high risk.
 - The committee voted to change COVID-19 and Monkey Pox updates to quarterly with as-needed information communicated earlier. Motion passed.
 - Biosafety Month presentation presented by Lesley and Haris of the Biosafety Team:
 - Some acids also count as biohazards due to their environmental hazards.
 - Some animals are intrinsically considered biohazards.
 - Currently 400 Bio Use Authorizations with 22 clinical trial BUAs.
 - National Bio Safety Month started 2014 due to several very large issues that popped up all at once, prompting the government to call a cease of work to have all bio labs do a full inventory and review. It has since been used as a time to focus attention on practices, policies, procedures, and inventory.
 - Labs should know what ALL of the specimens in their freezers are. If not, contact EH&S.
 - This year, Biosafety is looking at substitution in the Hierarchy of Controls – Effective substitution is able to accomplish all goals of research while being safer than the initial choice.
 - For questions, ehsbio@uw.edu.
 - Workday will officially be phased in as an employee training platform. University will be moving away from Bridge platform.
 - EH&S has a lot of positions open currently: Asst. Director, Shops Safety Specialist, and more.

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- Currently using contractors to fill certain needed tasks temporarily, such as mask fitting.
- There were several claims against the UW involving: A primate tooth cut on someone's hands who only had partial PPE on; A major fall off of a ladder at the stadium, and one more.
- A stroke that happened at UW Bothell very early in the morning prompted discussion of safety when working alone: Working Alone Safety Focus Sheet was promoted.
 - A reminder was given to always call 9-1-1 for a professional diagnoses when unsure; The affected person can always decline service if they want afterward.
 - Always err on side of caution and report these incidents to EH&S.
- Transportation Services received funding for project to secure Central Plaza Garage. They are now building out the official plan.
- Speed pillows added to Walla Walla behind stadium.
- Botanical Gardens in talks with risk management confirmed that it is OK to stock single-dose Benedryl so long as it is self-administered and there is a cause for concern of allergic reactions.
- A worry was noted about how someone with hearing impairments might know when an active shooter incident is in progress and how they're assisted. It was recommended that the person connects with ADA services to build out custom emergency responses with the person for these events. Contact Ian S. Campbell campain@uw.edu.

Department Updates

- BioE – Air supply motor has been replaced! Temperatures throughout the building are stabilized.
- CoE Dean's Office – Tatyana has arrived back to the College of Engineering and will be assisting the College to navigate safety items!
- HCDE – Ongoing concerns about COVID and other viruses, as well as the heat and smoke that happened in October. Students don't know to report COVID cases to EH&S. There was no guidance about teaching and working with the high smoke days and a few employees had smoke symptoms but were unclear if that's something that should be reported. Alex will bring this to the U-Wide meeting. Sarah has met with Aileen in College of Engineering HR and shared concerns about local rules for COVID and increased workload leading to high rates of burnout.

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- WNF – Shane wanted to ensure more people are aware: UW-IT and the Privacy Office noted student training records should be seen as student privacy records and should potentially not have access to EH&S and others without express permission: Shane has shared concerns about this with EH&S and others. These records should be available to properly protected people. Alex agrees with this. Shane noted this might make it an issue for students to have to take EH&S trainings for each lab individually, if lab managers are unable to confirm which trainings they've done. This has been forwarded to WNS partners and AG's office. Shane said we're welcome to share his message if it's fine with EH&S. Sonia will look into this email to see if we're fine to share the rest of the info. Michael stated that, as he understands it, this information is protected, but that the UW is aware that it is needed information for us to keep users safe. We should have shared access to this information in some way. A proposed idea: If items are covered under academic business, we are not allowed to share it, but people who work with the information can see it. Michael asked if this might work for everyone. Alex will add this as a discussion point next meeting after connecting with the U-Wide for more information.

Adjournment

- Adjourned at 2:38 PM.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be November 30th, 2022 at 1:30 PM via Zoom.



U-WIDE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

10/12/2022 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 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"/>	David Zuckerman (10)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Colleen Irvin (9)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tony Colinares (3)			<input type="checkbox"/>	Andrea Chateaubriand (10)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Christine Aker (4)			<input type="checkbox"/>	Christy Cherrier (7)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mary Ann Valentine (4)			Labor Union Member*	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ansley Roman (5)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paula Lukaszek, WFSE 1488
<input checked="" 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)			Senate Member*	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephen Costanti (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			
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"/>	Eleanor Wade
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steve Charvat, UWEM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nancy Gwin, AGO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Erin McKeown
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Barry Morgan, UWEM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ken Nielsen, Risk Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sonia Honeydew
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lt. Chris Jaross, UWPD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Susan Wagshul-Golden, UWT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lorilyn A. H. Ignao
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seth Greenfest, UWHR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brett Konzek, UWB	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tracy Harvey
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Johnson, UW Transp Svcs			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Allyson Long
Guests					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lesley Decker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Haris Malik	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Esther Pellham

1. Attendance/Quorum

Sonia Honeydew announced that the meeting attendance reached quorum.

2. Call to Order and Welcome

Carmen Parisi opened the meeting with a welcome and land acknowledgement and gave expectations for the meeting.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Carmen asked for any edits to the September 2022 U-Wide meeting minutes. No points or questions were brought up. Carmen then asked for a motion to accept meeting minutes. Ansley Roman motioned and Stephen Costanti seconded.

4. National Biosafety Month

[EH&S Biosafety](#) team members Haris Malik and Lesley Decker presented on National Biosafety Month. What is biosafety? Biosafety is the framework for containment of biohazards. Contain biological hazards by upholding safe practices such as: washing hands, using safety equipment, working within biosafety cabinets to protect the individual and the environment from the biohazards. Major work of the team includes Biological Use Authorizations (four hundred done in the past year), biosafety inspections and online trainings.

The biosafety team works with groups across campus, and with all groups that work with animals, to review research plans for adherence to guidelines. National Biosafety Month started in 2014 to focus attention on biosafety practices, policies, procedures, and inventory in response to two incidents. We celebrate National Biosafety Month with a new focus each year. Previous themes have been exposure response, sharps safety, standard operating procedures, freezer inventory, and lab coats. The theme for 2022 is substitutions to reduce hazard exposures in the lab, for example sharps usage, less hazardous practices, and using safer chemicals for biological research.

In addition to sharing this information with the U-Wide, the biosafety team will share [this message](#) with lab managers, PIs, and will place information in newsletters, the EH&S website, and the Office of Research website.

5. Organizational Group Reports

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

HSC-1

Ryan Hawkinson reported that at the Odegaard stairwell to Central Parking Garage and other areas occupied by homeless individuals, there are continuing issues affecting facilities workers, such as drug smoke exposure.

HSC-2

Nigel Horton reported HSC-2 discussed bee/wasp sting incidents for landscapers and suggested precautionary practices as these insects are dying off and have become more aggressive.

HSC-3

Kurt Oglesby: nothing to report

HSC-4

Christine Aker announced that the new [Health Sciences Education Building](#) is open.

HSC-5

David Manley reported they had presentations on sharps injuries and BBP exposures, as well as an Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) presentation by Brandon Kemperman, EHS.

HSC-6

Sarah O'Hara: nothing to report

HSC-7

Alaron Lewis described two interesting incidents. The first was a Bothell faculty member who had a needlestick on Seattle campus. The second incident involved a night shift employee who wasn't feeling well, and their supervisor questioned when to call 911. Tracey Mosier, UW Facilities, indicated they empower their supervisors to call 911 and have EMTs come evaluate the employee.

Laura H. asked whether employees should report hospitalizations for personal medical conditions or when it's unclear whether the incident occurred at work. Sonia recommended erring on the side of caution; if there is any chance an illness is work related, it should be [reported to EH&S](#). Katia reminded us that EH&S must report to L&I within eight hours when an employee is admitted to a hospital.

HSC-8

Stephen Costanti: Nothing to report

HSC-9

Alexander Lefort reported that his committee discussed multiple units' COVID-19 concerns, particularly limits on individual units' ability to enforce additional COVID controls/precautions, and the serious consequence of the risk of long term COVID. They recognize the need for consistent guidelines across campus but wonder how to make sure people feel safe. Units are interested in continuing the discussion and individuals from other HSCs are welcome to join the discussion.

HSC-10

David Zuckerman reported on a UCar accident off a forest road, for which they are still reviewing policy and responses.

David also reported that First Aid kits can have single-dose non-prescription drugs such as benadryl that can only be self-administered. Good Samaritan law covers Narcan administration. Katia asked whether they consulted Risk Management. EH&S will look into this further and provide updated guidance to this group and update the [APP](#) and [First Aid Plan Guidelines](#). Once guidance is updated, ensure items in First Aid kits address hazards specific to the location.

6. Union & Senate Reports

GPSS

Not present

WFSE 1488

Paula Lukaszek reported that UWF SW Zone old warehouse office needs better ventilation. EH&S follow up in progress including an [Indoor Air Quality](#) assessment.

SEIU 925

Nothing to report

UAW 4121

Not present

Faculty Senate

Not present

7. Ex Officio Reports

UW Facilities

Chris Pennington: nothing to report

UWPD

No longer present.

Emergency Management

Barry Morgan and Steve Charvat reminded the group of the great shakeout on Thursday at 9am and reminded all to review earthquake and evacuation plans for a voluntary practice of “drop, cover, hold.”

DEOHS

Rick Gleason: nothing to report

UWHR

Seth Greenfest: nothing to report

AGO

Nancy Gwin: nothing to report

Claim Services

Ken Nielsen: nothing to report

Transportation Services

Eric Johnson reported last week they finished safety road improvements for lot E-19 behind the stadium. Improvements include a raised ADA sidewalk to help with pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Arrows on speed pillows and gaps in pillows are meant to accommodate bicyclists.

Earlier Eric also described, in response to HSC-1 concerns about Central Parking Garage (CPG) safety, that UW Transportation Services put together a safety and security improvement project for CPG. It has been funded and is now in the design stage. Chris Jaross, UWPD is aware of the CPG safety/security concerns and says UWPD responds to concerns, but find people move to another spot, but then return because it is warm. Chris said it is tough to limit access to CPG, because we need to maintain evacuation egress routes.

UW Bothell

Brett Konzek is the new EH&S Manager at Bothell.

UW Tacoma

Susan Wagshul-Golden discussed that UWT is participating in the Great Shakeout to test out the UW Alert systems and have voluntary practice for “stop, drop, and hold.” City construction has been impacting how people are navigating campus.

8. COVID-19 & Monkeypox Update

Eleanor Wade described that currently, King County community COVID-19 levels are Low. UW had the expected uptick with the return to campus, but it has been a manageable number of COVID-19 cases. The current demand is being well-handled by healthcare systems. The Husky Coronavirus

Testing Program has seen an uptick in testing and distributed antigen tests for move-in and at vaccination clinics. Tests still show mostly BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants in positive cases. Changes for autumn quarter include an updated COVID quarantine flow chart. Booster shots are available, and Governor Inslee will be rescinding COVID-19 emergency orders at the end of the month. Presidential COVID-19 emergency orders remain in place, probably through March. After the first two weeks of the quarter, face coverings went from “strongly recommended” to “recommended” since county community levels are low. L&I requirements (which affect compensation and days away, as well as outbreak reporting) will remain until at least March 1, 2023. No changes to UW vaccination policy currently. The Seattle campus will have additional COVID-19 booster clinics. Eleanor reminded everyone to get their flu shot.

Washington State is continuing to see a low rate of new monkeypox infections. EH&S only follows cases in residence halls or if related to workplace spread. Vaccine eligibility criteria was updated recently; vaccines not recommended for those not at high risk for exposure.

Eleanor proposed transitioning the U-Wide COVID-19/Monkeypox updates to quarterly or “as needed”. She said the dashboards and our website would remain updated with information and immediate concerns would still be shared. Carmen took a vote and U-Wide members agreed to quarterly plus the “as needed” updates.

9. EH&S Updates

Erin McKeown offered the following notes on L&I and general EH&S activities:

WA Labor and Industries will be holding a stakeholder meeting on October 13 regarding a [Wildfire Smoke Safety Rulemaking](#). EH&S will be in attendance to represent the UW.

Erin, Sonia, Tracey Mosier, Chris Pennington, Rick Gleason, and others from UW attended the Governor’s Industrial Safety & Health Conference a few weeks ago. Erin indicated that Rick Gleason gave a wonderful keynote speech on L&I’s 100 birthday and Worker’s Compensation in Washington State. There were many good exhibits and presentations. She recommended people consider attending this annual event. The purpose of this event is to educate and share the latest ideas / technologies in the fields for preventing workplace injury and illness.

There were over 400 new incoming graduate students who attended the Graduate Student Safety Seminar.

The UW will implement a new centralized learning management system using Workday. EH&S looks forward to participating in the new system when it becomes available.

EH&S is hiring:

- Laboratory Safety Specialist to do lab inspections
- Occupational Health and Safety Manager- to support our research, teaching, healthcare, and service units
- Safety Professional 1- for our Biosafety Cabinet program
- Business and Finance Specialist

EH&S is working with the Executive Office to fill three vacant positions in our Occupational Safety and Health unit including the assistant director, manager, and a specialist position. We learned that our training program specialist is retiring Nov 1. So, we are short staffed but managing with a few temporary changes. Erin is currently acting as the interim assistant director for the unit. Katia is helping prioritize work. Denise Bender has graciously agreed to assist the unit with technical matters on a part-time basis. Eleanor Wade is assisting with the respirator program. EH&S is utilizing contractors for certain tasks. EH&S expects to see our job openings posted in the next month or two on UW Hires.

Congratulations to Brett, UW Bothell's new Health and Safety Manager and U-Wide Ex Officio. EH&S welcomes Rick Busselle, who was hired as a Fire and Life Safety Specialist.

There are three open Labor and Industries investigations:

- The UW appealed and is in negotiations for two serious violations at the School of Dentistry Oral and Maxillofacial Clinic for improper management of sharps.
- L&I is holding a closing conference for serious accident where an employee fell from a fixed ladder at Husky Stadium and was hospitalized with serious injuries.
- L&I closed an investigation having to do with a researcher who was hospitalized after sustaining a bite from a non-human primate. UW received one serious violation for not requiring the worker to use cut-resistant gloves on both hands.

10. Good of the Order

Carmen asked for anything for the good of the order. Kurt asked about accommodations for deaf/hard of hearing employee to handle active shooter protocols. Katia referred Kurt to the Disability Services Office and Erin recommended Ian Campbell.

11. Adjourn

Carmen asked for a motion to adjourn. Alexander Lefort motioned and was seconded.

Meeting adjourned: 2:13pm

**University-Wide (U-Wide) Health and Safety Committee
Meeting Agenda**

November 9, 2022

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Zoom (screen required)

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Agenda Item	Lead	Process	Time
Attendance/Quorum (13)	Sonia Honeydew	Verify quorum per Zoom gallery count	3 min
Call to Order and Welcome	Carmen Parisi	Robert's Rules of Order	2 min
Approval of Meeting Minutes	Carmen Parisi	Discussion	5 min
U-District Safety	Sally Clark, Campus Community Safety	Presentation	15 min
UW Emergency Preparedness Update	Steve Charvat, Emergency Management	Presentation	15 min
Organizational Group Reports*	Committee members	Discussion	15 min
Union & Senate Reports	Union & Senate members	Discussion	5 min
Ex Officio Reports	Ex-Officio members	Discussion	10 min
EH&S Updates L&I Update General Updates	Erin McKeown	Discussion	10 min
Good of the Order	Carmen Parisi	Discussion	5 min
Adjourn	Carmen Parisi	Robert's Rules of Order	

*Organizational Group Reports comprise only novel topics covered at their most recent meeting.

Please send ideas for agenda items to Carmen Parisi and Christine Aker at least 2 weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.