

**Agenda – February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**  
**Group 9 (College of Engineering) Health and Safety Committee**

**1. Attending**

Carter Beamish or Niyousha Rahimi, AA  
 Colleen Irvin or Robbie Wong, BioE  
 Jonathan Emard or Virginia Engel, CEE  
 Michael Pomfret, CEI  
 Ben Rutz or Ben Hornberg, 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)**

- January 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
2022-10-086	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.
2022-12-004	PROV: ENG: College of Engineering	MCMAHON HALL	A student was using a laser cutter in McMahon when cardboard caught fire.
2022-12-029	PROV: ENG: College of Engineering	MCMAHON HALL, ENGR RSO SPACE	Student used fire extinguisher when another student's project caused small (<3") fire in laser cutter.
2022-12-037	ENG: Computer Science & Eng - Advising	PARKING LOT C-12	Employee slipped on litter near loading dock and fell on head, sustaining cuts and bruises to head, shoulders, hands, and knees, and mild concussion.
2023-01-054	ENG: Human Centered Design and Engineering	SIEG BUILDING	An unnamed person set fire to posters on two doors, setting off the fire alarm and damaging doors and carpet.
2023-01-081	ENG: Aeronautics and Astronautics-Administrative	KIRSTEN WIND TUNNEL	A bathroom stall door fell off and crushed a student employee's finger, cutting and spraining her finger.
2023-01-092	ENG: Collaboration Core - WNF Staff	FLUKE HALL	Slightly acidic unknown liquid leaked onto floor of clean room, apparently from floor above.
2023-01-102	ENG: Collaboration Core - WNF Staff	FLUKE HALL	An industrial user used the acid bench sink with bare hand despite PPE requirements.
2023-01-103	ENG: Collaboration Core - WNF Staff	FLUKE HALL	Industrial user reached into "PPE required" chemical fume hood without PPE, multiple times.
2023-01-111	PROV: ENG: College of Engineering	SIEG BUILDING	Employee cornered for some time in their office one day, threatened by email three days later, and the next day their office door was burned.

#### **4. Group Business (10 minutes)**

- Reminder to ensure that all OSHA 300A forms are up on safety boards.
- March introduction to new EH&S Asst. Director and L&I Representative: Jimmy Spencer

#### **5. UW-Wide Meeting (5 minutes)**

- January meeting minutes attached.
- February agenda attached. Meeting highlights will be presented by Alex Lefort:
  - A lab safety presentation was given:
    - New hands-on training for chemical hygiene officers launched! These trainings happen quarterly and are open to all experience levels, with exercises in SOP creation, risk assessment, chemical storage and care, chemical waste collection, and incident analysis.
    - Full escalation process in partnership with ICAPS committee has been initiated.
    - New processes and dashboard tools for communicating inspection report findings and responses to department chairs.
    - 2022 Field Operations Safety Manual published.
    - 2022 Lab Safety Manual published.
    - Conducted lab safety survey of UW labs.
    - Lab Safety Escalation Process Hazard Identification sheet created: This is available via the EH&S website.
    - New portal for chairs to see where all of their labs are at with respect to inspections.
    - Lab Safety Awareness Week: Has a bingo event with potential awards to be given out for labs who participate and complete the sheet based on safety standards!
  - If you are feeling in danger, call 9-1-1 first before other groups.

#### **6. Member Updates (10 minutes)**

***Next Meeting: March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 1:30 PM, via Zoom***

**DRAFT Meeting Minutes**  
**Health and Safety Committee for Group 9 (College of Engineering)**

**Meeting Date: January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (via Zoom)**

**Attended**

*Carter Beamish, AA*

*Colleen Irvine, BioE*

*Robbie Wong, BioE*

*Virginia Engel, CEE*

*Michael Pomfret, CEI*

*Benjamin Hornburg, ChemE*

*Tatyana Galenko, CoE Deans Office*

*Alexander Lefort, CSE*

*Kyle Dickison, ECE*

*Sarah Coppola, HCDE*

*Sheila Prusa, ISE*

*Kameron Harmon, ME*

*John Young, MoIES/NanoES*

*N. Shane Patrick, WNF*

**Absent**

*Sonia Honeydew, EH&S*

*Hanson Fong, MSE*

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

- December 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**

- ME (#2022-10-086) – Kameron has just come back from leave and will gather more information on this. Tabled to next meeting.
- ME (#2022-11-040) – The supervisor provided notes and recommendations looked appropriate to the group. This incident report is closed.

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- Collab Core – Shared Staff Managers (#2022-11-057) – The SOP for the synthesis was approved by a prior PI who had left the UW before this incident had occurred. However, it does seem that a risk analysis was missed on the procedures. These muffler furnaces do usually have pressure release valves and this one was the same, but due to the age the release valve had corroded shut. This was not discovered until after the incident. The lab has suspended all reactions with flammable or explosive potentials and reminded all users to get updated approvals from staff and go through an EH&S Risk Assessment Tool Form, which has been newly implemented in place of the previous in-house form. The lab has actually already denied one recent request via this new form due to inadequate risk mitigation procedures, so the form is working. Colleen asked if equipment is now reviewed as it comes in. Michael Pomfret stated that the lab does its best to review equipment during the RAT formation to review equipment being used. Tatyana noted that years ago in MSE they had someone synthesizing Prussian Blue and seemed to remember that the reaction can release cyanide gas when under pressure; This is likely why the muffler furnace was in a fume hood and likely should continue to be. Michael will look further into this to confirm. This incident report has been closed.
- ME (#2022-11-072) – This was a case of potential COVID exposure on the UW, though there is nothing that the group can suggest outside of following the guidelines of the University. This incident report has been closed.
- CoE (#2022-12-004) – Alex noted that this seems to be the third incident to have happened in the space with the laser cutters. He still thinks there might be issues with the speeds and powers that students are using on these projects, but also wonders if the focus of the laser is also off. This could cause incorrect cutting and potentially fires, such as in these cases and might happen due to lack of maintenance. Tatyana will meet with Michael Glidden to discuss further and will send an email to Alex to join the meeting if able. This incident has been tabled to next meeting for more information.
- CoE (#2022-12-029) – This incident concerns the same instrument and will be tabled to next meeting pending further information about the incidents.

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- AA (#2022-12-032) – Carter noted that there is a standing procedure to ensure that edge protectors are in place for props that are not currently in use to protect against this exact type of incident. It seems that this was something that had been flouted in the interest of time. Colleen asked if these props are typically housed on the floor while they're waiting to be fitted in the test section. Carter stated that yes, there is a time between delivery and install into the wind tunnel when the equipment rests on the floor, which is why they have a policy for the edge protectors. The person who was cut was actively working with the model when they were hurt. Alex proposed that, if a prop must spend a bit of time on the floor waiting for install, it might not be a bad idea to mark off a staging area with caution floor tape to better warn people of the hazards, even if edge protectors are in place. This incident report has been closed.
- BioE (#2022-12-035) – Colleen noted that the affected was all enflamed, was coughing, and her nose was visibly running. When she went to check on a potential source, she only briefly caught the smell at the site, but no starkly obvious source. She did, on the way back, spot a delivery person who was somewhat odiferous, but no allergic reaction was provoked from Colleen. Robbie mentioned that there are cases of people being particularly sensitive to perfumes, food smells, etc. Colleen noted that the affected did mention issues with dust, as well. When asked about policies for scents in the space, Colleen stated that staff do not wear fragrance due to the health setting of the location, but that delivery drivers are harder to control. Alex asked if there is an easy way to navigate someone who is suffering from an allergic reaction to be evacuated to fresh air. Colleen noted that this office is on the first floor and so it should be easy to do so when needed. If the symptoms did not improve, Colleen was going to escort the affected outside, but they seemed to lighten within a few minutes. Shane noted that EH&S does have a form for people to use to track smells in buildings that might cause symptoms in employees/users. He asked if Colleen and the group might have been aware of this form. Colleen isn't sure if the affected was aware of this and will ask if a form may be sent to the affected. Shane provided a link to the form: <https://www.ehs.washington.edu/system/files/resources/IAQ-occupant-diary.docx> and <https://www.ehs.washington.edu/environmental/indoor-air-quality>. Sarah noted that there was a time in the past with something similar where it ended up being potentially mercury exposure. There was a closet in the area, but no directly visible bulbs or otherwise noticed. Colleen stated that the affected might bring Benadryl or similar countermeasures in the event of a future incident. This incident has been closed.

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- CSE (#2022-12-037) – Alex stated that this seems to be an issue with the tidiness of the loading dock area outside of the Gates Center for CSE, which is shared with CEE. CEE usually keeps it quite clean, but this time it seems that there were quite a few materials that were strewn about. As the notes stated, it was asked that these be picked up afterward. Virginia asked what type of plastic this was and if it might have been blown out of the dumpster area and onto the walkway instead. Alex stated that he's not sure and will connect with the supervisor of the affected to see if he might be able to get more information on this. This is tabled to next meeting.
- CSE (#2022-12-088) – Alex noted that CSE was unfortunately not able to find the perpetrator who lit the trashcan on fire, nor was Custodial Services able to identify anyone suspicious. This incident report has been closed.
- CSE (#2022-12-091) – Alex noted that this was just after the snow storm that happened and likely was a bit of leftover ice from this. He does, however, agree with the report recommendation of sending out an announcement to the Allen School to avoid the stairs during inclement weather and use the slightly longer route around with no stairs. Shane mentioned that, when looking at the date of the report, this looks like it might actually have happened several days before the snow storm. Alex concurred and noted that this should still be caught in the announcement around inclement weather, as this should ideally go out several days before the expected weather. Ed Lazowska, the supervisor, is part of Allen School leadership and works very closely with the Asst. Director of Facilities for the Allen School, so this will certainly have follow-through. This incident report has been closed.

### **Group Business**

- Alex informed the group that EH&S will be sending out the OSHA 300A accident reports shortly and to watch for an email with them attached. The form must be posted before February 1<sup>st</sup> and through the end of March.

### **UW-Wide Meeting**

- Alex asked if anyone had any questions/comments on notes from the U-Wide:
  - Julie Skene did the quarterly COVID-19 and MPox updates:
  - EH&S website has been updated to reflect the change in name of Monkeypox to MPox.
  - MPox numbers have leveled out. A total of 658 cases to day with no reports of transmission on the campus to date.

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- XBB.1.5 Coronavirus variant is growing rapidly as the primary transmitted strain on the east coast, but currently only around 10% of transmission in WA and west coast. Likely to see an uptick here as it gains hold here, but EH&S does not foresee a larger spike in overall cases. They are still observing the situation.
- Current community level is low in King County, though there has been an uptick in hospitalizations recently.
- As expected, there was an increase in cases overall after winter break.
- Last quarter we saw the "triple-demic" where FluA, RSV, and COVID-19 were all present, though COVID remained fairly low overall.
- COVID-19 testing is now doing trivalent testing of PCR swabs testing for RSV, Flu, and COVID-19.
- Free antigen tests continue to be available on all three campuses.
- Pop-up DOH vaccine clinics were a huge success; February 7th, they are hoping to have another pop-up clinic at the UW Club offering MPox, Flu, and COVID-19 vaccines.
- Face coverings are strongly recommended indoors during the first two weeks of winter quarter. They will be downgraded to recommended afterward if the community level remains low.
- The national emergency declaration may expire at the end of February. There has not been any news on an extension.
- Starting January 5th, all air passengers two years and older originating from China are required to get COVID-19 tested and show negative no more than two days before departure.
- King County no longer offering the COVID-19 information hotline.
- The unions are noting the continued and open use of fentanyl all around campus.
- Steve Charvat is stepping down as the director of UW Emergency Management. They are searching for someone to replace him, but this does mean they'll be booked up for a while.
- EH&S is working on getting the annual incident report out to departments. Ensure that your department has posted these by February first.
- The Fall Protection Rules & Manual have been updated.

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- UW Clean & Safe Storefront has an excess in hand sanitizer and other materials that are expired. They can't be used for medical due to this, but are still perfectly viable for other settings. They are providing these to departments free of charge at request. If you are interested, contact Jacob Dobner about sanitizing supplies at [dobner@uw.edu](mailto:dobner@uw.edu).
- There are still many EH&S position openings available. Please check UW Jobs for more information.

### Department Updates

- AA – Carter stated that AA is updating the way for students and other users access safety info in the labs: They are connecting with EH&S on recommendations. They ultimately want to set up kiosks where students may access all of this information, but currently they do not have enough money for the computers. In the meantime, they are thinking about setting up QR codes instead. Asking EH&S if this is sufficient. Shane noted that he makes WNF's information available through their website and pointed out that EH&S has said that as long as users know how to access it, this should be fine. Shane doesn't have it located on devices in the clean room due to the requirements of the devices, so users need to use their own devices or read the information prior to entering the room. Colleen is also looking for more savvy ways to get this info to users and asked to be kept up to day with what EH&S says.
- BioE – BioE has had serious problems with elevators being down. Since the building is five stories tall, there are many labs that can't get autoclave services, can't get mail, and can't have animals moved, among other issues. These elevators finally came back up at 7:00 AM the day prior to this meeting, but there is still more work to be done. There are ways that they can work somewhat around these issues, but not for every floor. Sarah asked if Colleen has connected with the ADA office. Colleen notified the ADA office yesterday to see if there was anything that they could do, but hasn't heard back from them yet. She's worried that the elevators might go offline again at any time. Kameron noted that Benton Hall once had elevators offline for about two or three months. Elevator techs did provide a way to use the elevators in a limited fashion during this time. Facilities does have a stair climber available in limited fashion for needed items, as well. Shane noted that Facilities is also extremely understaffed and wanted to make it noted that the staffing and hiring issues are starting to become larger safety and operational issues.



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- HCDE – Sarah brought up a very recent workplace violence issue within HCDE and had some points she wanted to raise to the committee and to the U-Wide:

HCDE has had some concerning safety incidents. Before I start I just want to give a warning that this involves workplace violence and might be upsetting. I also want to say that the situation is complex and ongoing, and there are details I cannot share yet. I am reading this because I am very close to the situation, but there are some points I would like to raise with this committee.

We learned that there is no protocol for threats that come from community members. We also learned that safe campus is either under resourced or under prepared to handle threats from inside the community. I hope this committee can raise this issue to U-wide.

We also experienced an issue of staffing when there was only one building marshall available to clear an entire building during a fire. We need the entire campus community to be prepared for cases of emergency.

We also have learned that the university lacks resources and preparedness to take workplace violence and violence against women seriously. There were 481 workplace homicides in 2021 and more than 20,000 injuries. We all have a right to a safe workplace free from violence, and this situation has confirmed our worst fears about how the university cares for health and safety.

#### **Adjournment**

- Adjourned at 2:24 PM.

#### **Next Meeting**

- Next meeting will be February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 at 1:30 PM via Zoom.

# U-WIDE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

1/11/2023 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Andrea Chateaubriand (10)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Christine Aker (4)			<input type="checkbox"/>	Kelly Carter-Lynn (7)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Desi Schatz (4)				<b>Labor Union Member*</b>
<input 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)				<b>Senate Member*</b>
<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 * = voting members 13 = voting members for quorum		<input type="checkbox"/>	GPSS – Gabby Rivera
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sarah Coppola (9)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	David Warren (10)				
Ex-Officio Member		Ex-Officio Member		Env. Health & Safety Member	
<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	Eleanor Wade
<input 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"/>	Nicholas Monica, UW Transp	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Guests					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Julie Skene, EH&S	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alexa Yadama, EH&S	<input type="checkbox"/>	

## 1. Attendance/Quorum

Sonia Honeydew announced the group reached quorum.

## 2. Call to Order and Welcome

Carmen Parisi began the meeting with a land and water acknowledgement and explained the meeting expectations.

## 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Carmen asked for any corrections to the December meeting minutes. Sarah O'Hara motioned, and Andrea Chateaubriand seconded to accept the minutes as is. Motion passed without abstentions.

## 4. Quarterly COVID and MPX Update

Julie Skene gave the quarterly COVID-19 and Monkeypox (Mpox) Update. WHO recommended use of the term "mpox" and are no longer using the previous name. Washington State's mpox levels have flattened. The state has had 658 total cases to date, with no reports of transmission on campus. Vaccinations are available in the community, for those who have been exposed or who are high risk.

COVID-19 community levels across the county and PNW remain low, but this is not true across the country. This may be due to the presence of different variants. Washington and the PNW region have an infection rate of less than ten percent, and do not expect a rapid rise in hospitalizations.

Local community infection levels remain low. On campus, 128 cases were reported in the last ten days. This rise is expected when returning from break.

Multiple respiratory viruses are co-circulating. Many individuals on campus show symptoms but are testing negative for COVID-19. We recommend staying home until symptoms improve.

Husky Coronavirus Testing (HCT) now offers trivalent testing for three respiratory viruses: COVID-19, influenza, and RSV. The program is closing Tacoma and Bothell staffed kiosks and replacing the service with a swab-and-send program. Free antigen tests are available on all three campuses.

Vaccination pop-up clinics will continue on campus. The next one is tentatively planned for February 7<sup>th</sup> and will offer mpox, flu, and COVID-19 vaccines free to community members. Masks are strongly recommended indoors the first two weeks of the quarter and are required in healthcare facilities and on shuttles. The national emergency declaration may expire at the end of February 2023.

## 5. Organizational Group Reports

Carmen asked for organizational group reports, as well as anything new to share.

### HSC-1

Ryan Hawkinson: nothing new to report.

### HSC-2

Nigel Horton: nothing to report.

### **HSC-3**

Kurt Oglesby: nothing to report.

### **HSC-4**

Christine Aker: we have a new U-Wide rep, Desi Schatz. HSC-4 is seeing a recurring theme of people injuring themselves moving things. This is likely due to the long wait for surplus removals. We discussed the challenge of getting deliveries to the right areas when buildings are locked. Remember to include the box number in shipping addresses.

### **HSC-5**

David Manley: Sonia gave the office ergonomics presentation. HSC-5 had an overview of the public safety notifications system. We huddled on ideas for topics in 2023.

### **HSC-6**

Sarah O'Hara: nothing to report.

### **HSC-7**

Alaron Lewis: we continued our December conversation on how to disseminate information across the campus.

### **HSC-8**

Stephen Costanti: nothing to report.

### **HSC-9**

Alex Lefort: a potential hydrofluoric acid (HF) exposure showed that emergency rooms locally do not know much about treating HF exposure. HSC-9 is working with EH&S to prepare a guidance sheet on HF protocols that employees can take to show healthcare providers. Some departments have confusion over mask recommendations. Some members of HCDE are still experiencing burnout from supporting COVID restrictions. Erin asked that Alex ensure the team working on the HF guidance is using the EH&S [HF training](#), [HF focus sheet](#), and [HF standard operating procedures](#).

### **HSC-10**

David Zuckerman: we gathered questions for Sally Clark ahead of her presentation in January.

## **6. Union & Senate Reports**

### **GPSS**

Not present.

### **WFSE 1488**

Paula Lukaszek: there is open drug use on campus every day, and employees are encountering it. We continue conversations with Labor Relations regarding cleanup duties.

### **SEIU 925**

Ann Aumann: nothing to report.

### **UAW 4121**

Not present.

### **Faculty Senate**

Not present.

## **7. Ex Officio Reports**

### **UW Facilities**

Chris Pennington: nothing to report.

## **UWPD**

Lt. Chris Jaross: nothing to report.

## **Emergency Management**

Barry Morgan: our new BARC manager for all three campuses, Jim Tritten, started this week. We hope he can attend the U-Wide next month. Steve Charvat announced he is stepping down from his position; the search for a replacement begins immediately. We are working with EHS regarding air quality notifications. We need to reprioritize projects moving forward.

## **DEOHS**

Rick Gleason: nothing to report.

## **UWHR**

Seth Greenfest: nothing to report.

## **AGO**

Nancy Gwin: nothing to report. Thank you to everyone on the committee.

## **Claim Services**

Ken Nielsen: nothing to report.

## **Transportation Services**

Eric Johnson: nothing to report.

## **UW Bothell**

Brett Konzek: in two weeks we'll do a night walk with the Chancellor to review lighting levels for safety.

## **UW Tacoma**

Susan Wagshul-Golden: nothing to report.

## **8. EH&S Updates**

Erin offered the following updates to the U-Wide:

Sonia and I are working on summarizing the 2022 data to comply with the OSHA recordkeeping requirements. We will email the signed summaries to you in the next 2 weeks. [Please post your summary](#) on your departmental safety bulletin board. Please notify the departments you represent to take care of this posting as it is an L&I requirement. Because of this workload, we will not be able to attend organizational HSC meetings this month.

The UW [Fall Protection Safety Manual](#) has been updated to reflect the recent regulatory changes and better align with OSHA's fall protection requirements. One specific change is that roofing work or leading-edge work on low slope roofs at heights above 6 feet (used to be 10 feet) require fall protection. Another change is the restrictions around the use of a Safety Watch when doing work that requires the use of fall protection equipment. A Safety Watch is now only allowed when performing temporary and infrequent non-construction activities on a low slope roof. The details of the revised requirements can be found in the UW [Fall Protection Safety Manual](#) and associated documents on the UW EH&S [Fall Protection Webpage](#).

EH&S has been interviewing for an instructional designer/training manager position and a physical safety lead position.

There are no new L&I investigations to report. UW continues to work closely with the School of Dentistry on sharps and reusable sharps management in compliance with an L&I settlement agreement.

Katia offered updates as well: the UW Clean and Safe storefront that supplies COVID-19 PPE has excess inventory of expired hand sanitizer and wipes; these cannot be used in healthcare settings but can be used at other sites. Contact Jacob Dobner at [dobner@uw.edu](mailto:dobner@uw.edu) if your department is interested in these free supplies.

We are still in the process of hiring for Industrial Hygiene & Safety positions. We did hire a new Assistant Director for Occupational Safety & Health, and Manager for Occupational Health & Safety. We are in various stages of recruitment for the other positions. We are struggling with the staffing model, with key positions remaining vacant.

Article in [EHS newsletter](#) coming out in February.

#### **9. Good of the Order**

Carmen asked for anything for the good of the order. No points were brought up.

#### **10. Adjourn**

Carmen asked for motion to adjourn. Paula motioned; Andrea seconded.

**Meeting adjourned: 1:34pm**

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

**February 8, 2023**

**1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Zoom (screen required)**

***Zoom phone shortcuts: to mute self \*6; to raise hand \*9***

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Process</b>	<b>Time</b>
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
Lab Safety Status Update	Tracy Harvey	Presentation	10 min
Organizational Group Reports*	Organizational HSC 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	Katia Harb	Discussion	10 min
Good of the Order	Carmen Parisi	Discussion	5 min
Adjourn	Carmen Parisi	Robert's Rules of Order	

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