

**Agenda – June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Group 9 (College of Engineering) Health and Safety Committee**

**1. Attending**

Sean Krewson 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)**

- May 2023 – 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
2023-03-108	ENG: Computer Science and Engineering	Bill & Melinda Gates Center for CSE	Member of public threatened employee(s) while holding toy guns.
2023-03-113	ENG: Aeronautics and Astronautics-Administrative	KIRSTEN WIND TUNNEL	Employee walked into a fan blade and hit head, causing pain.
2023-04-013	ENG: Bioengineering	SLU1 Brotman	Employee pricked finger as they picked up a needle containing cell solution.
2023-05-009	SOM: Bioengineering	Mechanical Engineering Building	Employee used pressurized air to clean milled part and ethanol cutting coolant was blown into eye.
2023-05-022	ENG: Electrical & Computer Engineering – Orsborn Lab	MAG H.S.C./I	Employee cut thumb (through double gloves) on headpost near NHP.
2023-05-052	ENG: Computer Science & Eng	Bill & Melinda Gates Center for CSE	Vendor truck operator forgot to lower their boom and rammed side of building, causing damage.
2023-05-055	ENG: Collaboration Core	Fluke Hall	Vapor HF detector alarmed; SFD responded.
2023-05-107	ENG: Mechanical Engineering	W.H. Foege BioEng	Student on training dive sustained Pernio/Chilblains to foot from cold water.

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

- Guest Speaker: Sally J. Clark from Safe Campus.
- Health & Safety Committee Elections: Must pick an Election Coordinator in July.

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

- May meeting minutes attached.
- June agenda attached. Meeting highlights will be presented by Alex Lefort:

- Outdoor Heat and Wildfire Smoke Exposure Risks presentation, by Wes Cochran:
  - New documentation via L&I on outdoor heat exposure risks:
    - Outdoor Heat Exposure:
      - Action levels: 52 F for non-breathable clothing, 80 F for all other clothing.
      - Units must develop written outdoor heat exposure safety programs if they have employees who may be subjected to these conditions.
      - Rules include items such as: 1 quart/hour of water when exposed to elevated heat, a mandated 10 minute break every two hours above 90 F and 15 minutes every hour above 100 F.
      - These rules do not apply to indoor environments, only outdoor.
      - EH&S is looking at guidance for indoor temps above 80 F
    - Wildfire Smoke Exposure:
      - L&I permanent regulations coming into place August 18th, 2023.
      - Intended to prevent health effects from prolonged exposure to wildfire smoke for outdoor workers.
      - Units must develop written outdoor wildfire smoke exposure safety program.
      - Most weather apps include AQI readings, but not for PM2.5, which is what wildfire smoke protection is concerned about.
      - EH&S will update and notify everyone as these requirements go into place.
    - Individual departments and units will need to update SAPPs (Supplemental Accident Prevention Plans) to align with the new requirements if they have affected employees.
    - Templates will be available to assist in crafting these plans.
    - Slides for these presentations are available upon request.
- Talk with Anthony Stewart of UWPD on Community Engagement:
  - Anthony noted that de-escalation training and active threat training is available; Connect with Anthony via email: [anthos2@uw.edu](mailto:anthos2@uw.edu). Trainings are roughly one hour long.
  - There are lots of car thefts occurring on and near the Ave. If you have an easily hotwired car (such as a Honda or Kia), you may want to add clubs or other devices to thwart theft.
- Sonia connected with groups on upcoming health & safety committee elections:
  - Documentation on the process may be found at the bottom of the EH&S health & safety committees page.
  - The first three weeks of July are when committees must choose an election coordinator.
  - EH&S encouraged units to think about underrepresented voices within the community and how to get them involved and/or even to run for a position on your unit's committee. Think about inviting them to come and shadow at HSC meetings.
- UW Bothell is doing Stop the Bleed training in partnership with Evergreen.
- Respiratory protection program has been updated.
- Bloodborne pathogens violations during clean-up of unoccupied locations in UW areas. Updating plans with languages which all employees can understand. Workers may also ask that they have an interpreter.

- Safe & Clean Storefront closes June 30th. Up to 90% off all remaining items, including N95 masks.

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

**Next Meeting: July 26<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 PM, via Zoom**

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

**Meeting Date: May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (via Zoom)**

**Attended**

*Sean Krewson, AA*

*Robbie Wong, BioE*

*Jonathan Emard, CEE*

*Michael Pomfret, CEI*

*Benjamin Hornburg, ChemE*

*Michael Glidden, CoE Deans Office*

*Tatyana Berezyuk, CoE Deans Office*

*Alexander Lefort, CSE*

*Kyle Dickison, ECE*

*Sonia Honeydew, EH&S*

*Sarah Coppola, HCDE*

*Sheila Prusa, ISE*

*Kameron Harmon, ME*

*John Young, MoIES/NanoES*

*Hanson Fong, MSE*

**Absent**

*N. Shane Patrick, WNF*

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

- April 2023 – 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 (#2023-03-079) – Kameron was ensured by the faculty of the space that they do have a reporting structure for both the UW and Boeing sides of the lab. The delay seems to have been due to a mistake in the reporting structure. This incident has been closed.
- ISE (#2023-03-084) – Sonia noted that Scott Nelson did not indicate a fire & life safety issue. Sonia did state that if belongings do look like they cause egress issue on any given day that the department could have Scott come out to check. Sheila noted that the person in question has moved to a shelter now and only his bike remains. Only once did a telecoms person have an issue getting to the roof. The items seemed to grow and shrink any given day. The larger issue with the person in

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question is that he would occasionally attend classes and roll joints during these classes. This was a much larger issue. This incident has been closed.

- CSE (#2023-03-086) – Alex noted that CSE had Facilities look at the outlet in question. Facilities did not find anything wrong with the outlet itself and proposed it was likely the wall-wart adapter that had faulted. This adapter has been replaced completely. The Machine attached to the adapter and the nearby oven were not damaged. This incident has been closed.
- WNF (#2023-03-094) – The committee was happy with the response on the report and had nothing further to add. This incident has been closed.
- HCDE (#2023-03-105) – There was a strange issue causing this report to no longer be listed in Tableau. Sonia noted that she would look into it and has since corrected an error that caused it to be dropped. Sarah noted that there likely isn't much UW can do itself, but wanted to record that these near-misses involving vehicles happen all the time on this stretch of road. Once, a police officer saw one of these incidents and she spoke to them about the incident. She hopes that with enough of these reported that we can have traffic calming devices installed. Sonia asked if there are any ideas that Sarah would propose. Sarah noted that there aren't any traffic calming devices at all currently on 40<sup>th</sup> so anything would likely help. Alex stated that he would reach out to Sarah and Sonia out of the meeting to facilitate a discussion on potential action items for this incident. This incident has been tabled.
- CSE (#2023-03-108) – Alex noted that the individual in question has come four times over the day of the incident before the incident occurred. After the incident, due to there being no response from UWPD, our Assistant Director of Facilities, Sean, tailed the person by about 300 ft up to when the person rounded UW Stadium, where Sean called Seattle PD to inform them of the person. CSE did not feel the response from UW Safe Campus or UWPD were very helpful; UWPD seems tied up in various ways and Safe Campus seems to be playing politically rather than safety-minded. Alex confirmed that trainings are on-going for forward-facing staff and those near public areas and he has attended one with the CSE undergrad advising team. Further training is occurring in several weeks' time on risk reduction for all forward-facing staff. Sarah noted that she fully agrees with CSE. HCDE has had similar experiences with Safe Campus and UWPD. Her chair has joined on a letter on the issues. Sarah noted that apparently ME has also had issues, though she's not sure if these issues were submitted via an OARS report or just to UWPD. Sonia noted that spelling out what the group would like a response; This can then be brought up to the groups not responding appropriately. Michael Glidden asked how EH&S can help us in moving this forward. If we are not using the resources available to us appropriately, then that is another issue, but the response isn't what we've been taught to expect. Sonia noted that this is the first time that things haven't been positive in talks with Sally Clark and that we're the first. Michael noted that regardless, there are very different expectations between UWPD and Safe Campus,

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but that we're not getting the appropriate response from UWPD who are supposed to be the first responders to these incidents. He did want to note that individuals are only as good as the people training them and is not blaming the individuals.

Michael noted that he has had a meeting with CoE leadership, UWPD, and Sally Clark. Sarah noted that L&I does have some guidance on Workplace Violence. This incident has been tabled for further discussion.

- AA (#2023-03-113) – Alex noted that there still don't seem to be notes from the supervisor. Sean Krewson noted that he does have some notes he can relay directly from the supervisor here: The root cause was noted to be inattention from fatigue. They reminded the employees to keep attention and check mental states. It was asked if there might be other controls we could put in place, such as padding. It was noted that due to the nature of the inside of the wind tunnel, this would be difficult. Sonia recommended that the users wear helmets and Sean noted that this could be fairly reasonable. Sonia noted that Facilities uses "bump caps" in tight spaces. Michael Glidden would like to see a review of the SOPs for processes in the wind tunnel and have these reported back. Sarah asked if there is a lock-out for the blades and tunnel, to which Sean noted that there is. Sean will ask if there is a regular SOP for positioning blades or other ways of ensuring reduced chances of bumping heads. He'll also look at acquiring bump caps. This incident has been tabled.
- BioE (#2023-04-013) – There does not seem to be any notes from the supervisor. Robbie noted that she will follow up with the lab for more information. This incident has been tabled.
- AA (#2023-04-016) – Sean asked if they could add a form of pre-check. The supervisor, Marco Salviato, didn't see the need for this pre-check. Michael Glidden also looked into this and made recommendations to have a conversation with the group in question. The group seemed to be responsive to this even if the supervisor was not. It sounds like this will be implementing pre-checks. Michael applauded that this process, though it could be improved, was effective in reducing the chances of fire in the air with a drone. Sarah asked if this was the same group who was involved in the rocket fuel incident in OARS #2022-03-026, to which Michael noted that this is a different group. This incident has been closed.
- ISE (#2023-04-021) – This report was in relation to OARS #2023-03-084. This incident has been closed.
- ChemE (#2023-04-035) – The group was happy with the conclusion of the report and had no further notes to offer. This incident has been closed.
- ISE (#2023-04-039) – This report was in relation to OARS #2023-03-084. This incident has been closed.

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- CSE (#2023-04-084) – Alex noted that in discussion with the lab manager, this room is actually in the ECEB side of the building. The room in question is mostly used for storage and happened to have a few chemicals left over from past experiments. None of these chemicals were listed in MyChem and the lab was in the process of moving them to the main space to be disposed of properly when the spill occurred. Most of the containers were plastic, but a few were glass and a bit more slippery. The undergrad researcher wasn't expecting this and dropped the bottle, which shattered. The chemical was not immediately known, so they evacuated the space and immediately called the company from which the chemical had come. As the chemical was part of a beta test two years prior by the company they were reticent to relinquish the SDS, but did clear it after an hour. The chemical ended up being a fairly innocuous deblocking buffer and the group initiated a cleanup immediately. This is part of a larger cleanup of the space that the newer lab manager is conducting. They will be setting up a MyChem for the space additionally and only plan to store relatively non-hazardous chemicals here. Alex asked if the chemical's hazards were fully unknown if they should have called 9-1-1. Sonia noted that if they were completely unsure of the chemical's properties, that yes, they should have called 9-1-1, but if they were aware of the general class of hazard and were not worried about it escaping elsewhere that it is fine to look for the SDS first. Michael Glidden noted that there should have been a paper trail from the old lab where they moved from. They could have connected with EH&S and the company to expedite the process. Sonia noted that she's not sure if MyChem has a policy on clearing out old inventories from their system. Kameron also noted that it was only two years ago that MyChem closed the hole where chemicals could be added without a SDS. Alex will bring back the notes on calling 9-1-1 in the event that the chemical is a complete unknown. This incident has been closed.
- CSE (#2023-04-087) – Alex stated that there isn't a lot of space on the counter in front of the printer, though there is a dedicated plate on which to remove prints. In order to mitigate this issue in the future, Alex noted the lab is purchasing a new style of build plate that flexes to remove the prints, rather than requiring scrapers. This incident has been closed.

### **Group Business**

- Alex asked members if they had thought of potential guests to invite to speak to the group.
  - Sonia recommended that we invite Sally Clark, of Safe Campus, to the meeting. Particularly as this would be pertinent to multiple of our groups.

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- Sarah Coppola recommends Aalyson Long of UW Bothell, who gave a great presentation on evacuation procedures and active shooter incidents.
- Alex has noted that he will invite first Sally Clark and next Aalyson Long for guest speakers to the next two meetings.

### UW-Wide Meeting

- Alex asked if anyone had any questions/comments on notes from the U-Wide:
  - COVID-19 and MPox Updates:
    - Total positive cases last ten days hovered at 56 and has maintained this 10-day average for a while.
    - Community levels for Washington State are currently "low."
    - CDC to discontinue use of community level metrics May 11<sup>th</sup> and replace with COVID-19 hospital admissions rates (low, medium, high)
    - End of national emergency and public health emergency, along with state emergency orders comes May 11<sup>th</sup>.
    - Many programs ending, though some just changing. Please ask for slide show for more information or see EH&S webpage for latest news.
    - More information may be found on L&I website here: <https://www.lni.wa.gov/agency/outreach/coronavirus/requirements-and-guidance-for-preventing-covid-19>
    - COVID-19 Prevention Plan (UW-wide) is still in place and COVID-19 Prevention Training is still required for new employees, though contents changing shortly. Recommended that training be taken annually for all employees.
    - Face covering policies are still in place, though they will be relaxed. Masks are still required in healthcare settings.
    - Isolation requirements are also still in place and follow CDC guidelines.
    - Case reporting to EH&S is changing. Positive tests no longer required to report, though all cases suspected to be from workplace transmission still must be submitted via an OARS report.
    - Contact tracing, workplace and classroom notifications, and COVID-19 cases dashboard will otherwise end in June.
    - Testing availability: Recommendations for testing frequency are aligned with CDC. Antigen testing program will continue to provide free rapid tests through next academic year. However, most no-cost PCR sites have/are closing.
    - Husky Coronavirus Testing Voluntary Research Study ending June 16<sup>th</sup>.
    - Masks will continue to be available on campus in select locations.
    - Masks are still required during post-COVID positive in line with CDC and are also encouraged for those who are susceptible.
    - Isolation guidance sheet will stay available as many people still find it very useful; contents will be updated.
    - Symptom monitoring continues! Policies for asking employees stay home if they are symptomatic still in place and posters reminding people as such are fine to stay up, though corner section stating mandatory reporting of cases should be covered.



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- Cleaning and disinfection via Facilities remains in place and is still required by L&I.
- The Clean & Safe Storefront closes June 30<sup>th</sup> and will not be restocking materials that sell out.
- Guidance for COVID-19 prevention around events has been simplified.
- Signage policies around buildings updated. Each department should see what signs are required and which should no longer be posted and remove them from their buildings.
- Facilities will continue enhanced HVAC filtration and maintenance practices.
- Portable air cleaner deployment will be maintained in classrooms and instructional spaces, but largely decommissioned elsewhere. Units may choose to continue to maintain other filter systems themselves if desired.
- Masks still provided free of charge to employees.
- Caroline Shelton, Office of Youth Protection, gave a presentation on Safety of Minors:
  - The Office of Youth Protection Coordinator works on compliance monitoring, preventative risk mitigation, and incidents involving minors.
  - The program follows APS 10.13, requiring safety programs in universities and 3<sup>rd</sup> party-led youth programs.
  - Programs must have emergency plans including Emergency Response, as well as Fire Safety & Evacuation Plan considerations.
  - EH&S considerations needed for STEAM environments.
  - Climate and weather conditions guidance: AQI, extreme heat and cold.
  - COVID-19 operational guidance
  - It is highly encouraged to submit OARS reports for incidents in youth programs, as this is the best way for the Office of Youth Protection to learn about incidents.
  - Reminder: Lots of people will be around in the summer who are unfamiliar with the UW campus, including children. Assist people if they may look lost.
  - Reminder: All employees are mandated reporters of child abuse or neglect.
  - Ask for slides for more information, or reach out to Caroline at 206-616-5706, [uwminors@uw.edu](mailto:uwminors@uw.edu).
  - Signs are available via the office to inform drivers to "slow down and look around" if desired.
- An incident in which someone had locked themselves in a bathroom stall in a building and overdosed was spread on an unofficial Reddit page, which is the first time the HSC representative of the building had heard of the news.
  - UWPD made contact to the administrator/building coordinator of the Art Building in question to inform them of the event, but this is usually where UWPD's notification requirements end.
  - Larger notifications. Such as to UW Alert, are only in the event of an active threat.
  - Likewise, timely notifications will go out in the event that UWPD finds out about an event after the fact where there was a danger to the community, but the threat no longer exists.
  - Safe Campus did work with the department to get a notification out to the building coordinator to pass along to the rest of the department, but there was a small delay.
  - It was confirmed that the Good Samaritan Law covers an employee's use of Narcan in these situations, so long as it is within the standard and acceptable use of Narcan.

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- UW Tacoma shared their safety briefing script which they use with events holders on-site to familiarize them with safety features of the building. They thought this would be a good resource for the group and have linked it: <https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/fa/safety/emergency-preparedness>
- Some forms on EH&S have been updated, such as for lead.
- If interested in the number of wardens your floor/building may need, contact Scott Nelson to discuss.
- Hot weather is reported to arrive soon; Please share EH&S info on heat-related illness with your unit. L&I will be updating requirements for plans involving these hazards soon.
- Watch for a newsletter from EH&S tomorrow with this news and more, including a new box cutter safety sheet: <https://facilities.uw.edu/partner-resources/files/media/box-cutter-safety.pdf> and a laser cutter focus sheet: <https://www.ehs.washington.edu/system/files/resources/laser-cutter-safety.pdf>
- Links shared for Emergency Responses during an event: <https://www.ehs.washington.edu/environmental/campus-event-safety> and where to sign up for EH&S Newsletter: <https://www.ehs.washington.edu/latest-news>

### **Department Updates**

- CoE DO – Michael Glidden encouraged all units to review evacuation plans. He is working with EH&S and FOMS to do evacuation drills for the buildings in the fall.
- EH&S – Sonia sent out important links regarding safety changes, particularly on low-occupancy evacuation notes.
- HCDE – Sarah noted that HCDE is updating evacuation procedures and have continuing concerns about the worries of safety on campus. They are worried about how this is pushed onto smaller units rather than being done on a systemic level.

### **Adjournment**

- Adjourned at 2:32 PM.

### **Next Meeting**

- Next meeting will be June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 1:30 PM via Zoom.





# U-WIDE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

## 5/10/2023 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 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"/>	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"/>	Steve Herber (5)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Desi Schatz (4)				<b>Labor Union Member*</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Herber (5)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paula Lukaszek, WFSE 1488
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sarah O'Hara (6)			<input type="checkbox"/>	Ann Aumann, SEIU 925
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<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	<input type="checkbox"/>	GPSS – Gabby Rivera
<input checked="" 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 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"/>	Marisa Graudins, UWHR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eleanor Wade
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Johnson, UWF TS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jo Hill, AGO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jimmy Spencer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barry Morgan, UWEM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ken Nielsen, Claim Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tracy Harvey
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lt. Chris Jaross, WUPD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Susan Wagshul-Golden, UWT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Erin McKeown
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brett Konzek, UWB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sonia Honeydew
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Guests					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Caroline Shelton, OYPC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anthony Stewart, WUPD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jane Skau (9)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Taylor Erickson, COVID-EHC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sophia Gabrielle, COVID-EHC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Allyson Long, UWB

## 1. Attendance/Quorum

Sonia Honeydew announced the group reached quorum.

## 2. Call to Order and Welcome

Carmen Parisi welcomed the committee, 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 April minutes. None were raised. Christine and Sarah motioned to accept the minutes as is. Minutes accepted.

## 4. COVID & MPOX Update

Ellie Wade presented, as Assistant Director of EH&S Campus Preventive Health, which includes our Employee Health Centers and COVID Response and Prevention team. The UW's 10-day case count has been 50-80 for several weeks, evenly split between students and employees, other than a brief surge in student cases after spring break. We continue to have low utilization of the Husky Coronavirus Testing Program (HCTP), but most HCTP results are positive.

King County is seeing lower reporting rates, but they do not require reporting like UW does. WA state is currently in the "low" community level, as it has been for some time. The community level metric will be discontinued on May 11<sup>th</sup> and replaced with COVID-19 hospital admission rates.

Per Jeff Gottlieb's message earlier this week, at the end of Spring quarter we will update our COVID program and policies. The emergency orders driving most of our requirements have broadly ended, and WA L&I regulations and public health guidance became more general, plus our COVID-19 situation has remained relatively stable due to high vaccination rates, increased immunity from exposure, and reduced rates of severe illness, reducing the strain on our healthcare system. Therefore, we are shifting our framework from emergency response to community-based response, focusing on how to reduce risk for individuals and units.

Here are the UW policies that are *not* significantly changing: prevention plan, training, face coverings, isolation, symptom monitoring, and cleaning/disinfection. The COVID-19 Prevention Plan will be part of the Accident Prevention Plan (APP). COVID-19 training (with some changes to content) is still required for initial hires, with an annual refresher recommended. Face coverings will shift from "recommended" to "optional" outside of healthcare settings but are still required after an exposure or positive test. Isolation guidance continues to align with the CDC and be reflected in our [flowchart](#), which will be simplified once reporting requirements change.

Here are the policies that *are* significantly changing: case reporting to EH&S, testing availability, and vaccination. As of June 12<sup>th</sup>, UW employees and students are no longer required to report positive tests to EH&S, *except*: those who believe they may have acquired COVID-19 *at work* must submit an [OARS report](#). Also, any supervisor who suspects a workplace outbreak (when about 10% of their workforce is out sick with COVID-19) should contact EH&S for assistance with additional prevention practices. Contact tracing, workplace/classroom notifications, and updated COVID-19

case dashboards will stop, and the UW EH&S COVID-19 Response & Prevention Team will dissolve by the end of June. EH&S will still have staff for consultation and guidance at [covidehc@uw.edu](mailto:covidehc@uw.edu).

Testing availability will change in June, even though recommendations for testing frequency remains the same (aligned with the [CDC guidelines](#)). We'll continue to offer free "rapid" antigen tests in familiar locations across all our campuses for the next academic year, but most free PCR testing sites are closing. Your local Public Health office may have suggestions for PCR testing locations after June 11<sup>th</sup>. The HCT voluntary research study will end testing after June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

As of June 12<sup>th</sup>, outside of healthcare, UW employees and students are no longer required to be vaccinated for COVID-19, though being [up-to-date](#) is still highly recommended. The COVID-19 immunization policy for healthcare settings is still being refined.

Other programmatic updates: the EH&S and UW COVID-19 websites will update through the summer. The Clean & Safe Storefront will close by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Buildings will need signage updates in late June. Guidance for COVID-19 prevention at events has been simplified and incorporated into general events guidance. UW Facilities will continue enhanced HVAC filtration in some spaces.

Paula's question: has COVID-specific leave ended? Ellie's answer: yes, last October; see [HR site](#). Chris' question: will WA Exposure Notification app stop working? Katia's answer: yes, tomorrow. Desi's question: will UW Facilities maintain portable air cleaners? Ellie's answer: yes, in non-departmental instructional classrooms and some other identified areas where there is limited mechanical ventilation. In all other locations, Building Coordinators should put in a work order for UW Facilities to pick up the portable air cleaner unless a department wants to pay to maintain it.

Ryan's question from HSC-1: with the end of vaccination requirements, employees are less comfortable with everyone unmasked, but units cannot create mask requirements so what is recommended? Katia's answer: individuals can politely ask, and you can wear one yourself (N95s are still free around campus). The department may choose to supply masks. Sarah's question: how will we know when air purifiers need maintenance? Ellie's answer: there should be indicator lights or alarms to indicate when an air filter or UV light needs changing, and a work order to UW Facilities should get that maintenance done. Chris Pennington indicated the manuals are online.

## 5. Safety of Minors

Caroline Shelton, from the Office of the Youth Protection Coordinator ([OYPC](#)), gave an update about minors on campus as we head into summer. OYPC acts as a policy administrator, university consultant, convener, and champion of youth safety.

OYPC provides [guidance on APS 10.13](#) for University- and third party-led youth programs. Youth programs are required to have an emergency preparedness plan. Youth programs must be included in the department/unit's Fire Safety & Evacuation Plan (FSEP). OYPC also provides guidance in the document "[EH&S Considerations for Youth in STEAM Environments](#)," which applies federal and state regulations for minors around hazardous materials or equipment, e.g. in labs and shops.

OYPC recently produced "[Climate and Weather Condition Preparedness](#)" guidance that addresses air quality and extreme heat or cold. They also provide COVID-19 operational guidance for youth. OYPD does strongly encourage using OARS reports to document any injury or near miss so that OYPD can gather that data periodically and work toward improvements.

In 2019, UW hosted around 30k youth, and while numbers dramatically decreased during the pandemic, we *already* have 30k registered to be on our properties this summer, before all the programs have registered. Caroline shared a list of 25 locations already scheduled to host youth.

Drive slowly and watch for kids on campus this summer; OYPC can provide a reminder poster. Be prepared to offer wayfinding assistance to guardians or lost kids. Consider that there may be kids present during an emergency evacuation or building lockdown. All UW employees are [mandated reporters of child abuse or neglect](#). Direct any questions to OYPC at 206-616-5706 or [uwminors@uw.edu](mailto:uwminors@uw.edu). Please share this with your organizational HSCs and units.

Alaron's question: if we're working with high school students are we required to work with OYPC? Caroline's answer: yes, work with us if they're an intern, and ask us if you're not sure what role they'll have. Sarah's question: how does this apply to Robinson's scholars during the academic year? Caroline's answer: they do fall under the previously described policy, but they're also seen as UW students. UW employees would still report any suspected abuse or neglect, and OYPC works with the Robinson Center to ensure their space is safe for the variety of youth in their program.

## 6. Organizational Group Reports

Carmen asked chairs to share novel topics, interesting trends, or other updates from their last committee meeting.

### HSC-1

Ryan Hawkinson: just the question about what nudging departments can provide regarding masking when employees have susceptible family members at home.

### HSC-2

Brett Magnuson: occupants of the leased U-District Building (UDB) described a problem with elevators failing and people getting stuck; they're working on questions re: ADA requirements and safety concerns. The emergency number was moved from outside to inside the elevator. Erin: if UDB is managed by Kidder Matthews, Scott Nelson or Real Estate should request repairs.

### HSC-3

Tony Colinares: nothing to report.

### HSC-4

Christine: for graffiti, in addition to requesting a work order, submit an online report to UWPD. The graffiti cleaner can make walking surfaces slippery so make sure the area is blocked. As more people are returning to campus, it's a good time to review FSEPs; direct questions to Scott Nelson.

Desi Schatz: Building Coordinators (BCs) were concerned to see an unofficial UW Reddit post about an overdose death in the Art Building when they hadn't received official communication. They asked how UW is communicating about such instances, how can they be prevented, and how



would someone respond to an overdose victim? Lt. Chris Jaross indicated a member of the public had locked themselves in a restroom and were found dead by a custodian. The custodian phoned UWPD. UWPD notified the building coordinator for the Art Building. Katia: SafeCampus did work with the department to prepare communication to send to building and department leadership, although there was a one-day delay getting the language reviewed and distributed.

Katia: so if there was an issue that involved a threat to people in the immediate area, that's when your communications would be broader? Chris: yes, UW Alerts are used to alert the community to an immediate or ongoing threat to the public, and in this circumstance neither of those conditions were met. The Timely Notifications are sent out when we hear about past threats.

Sonia: is there a UW policy for how the building or the department leadership should communicate events like this to their occupants? Chris: It is up to them. Katia: SafeCampus works with department to prepare communication to send out to building or department occupants.

Sonia: If someone finds an apparent overdose victim, should they approach and check the person or back away and call 911? Chris: That is a personal preference and may be based on your experience and knowledge, but if you don't feel safe to approach, just call UWPD.

Desi: are there plans for preventive actions, i.e. additional security patrols at night/weekends? Maybe it would be better for security to discover this than a custodian? Are there any preventive actions we can employ? Chris: I don't know that anyone could stop someone from locking themselves in a bathroom. We're doing our best to hire security guards. We get requests almost daily asking for night-time walkthroughs after suspicious people have been seen. We've dedicated security to some of the more problematic areas on campus, such as CPG. We're challenged with hiring enough staff to meet our needs.

Sarah: are we covered by Good Samaritan laws if we use Narcan on campus? Lt. Stewart: yes people are covered as long as it is within the scope of the use of Narcan.

Stephanie: if a student overdosed, would Student Life be notified? Lt Jaross: Yes, we would have notified differently and more broadly.

#### **HSC-5**

David Manley: Erin gave us an overview of OSHA recordability. We discussed current initiatives with Harborview's Workplace Violence program.

#### **HSC-6**

Sarah O'Hara: nothing to report.

#### **HSC-7**

Alaron Lewis: Just an increase in OARS lately, including one where there was a roadway oil spill heading towards a drain; we discussed the appropriate response.

#### **HSC-8**

Stephen Costanti: nothing to report.

#### **HSC-9**

Alex Lefort: we have also had an increase in OARS, including a person living in the stairwell of MEB causing a potential fire hazard, but we're working with Scott Nelson. At CSE a member of the public waved toy guns and used threatening language so the front office was closed.

**HSC-10**

David Zuckerman: nothing to report.

**7. Union & Senate Reports**

**GPSS**

Not present.

**WFSE 1488**

Paula: we have had several safety violations at the ICA buildings and wondered who enforces safety regulations there. Dempsey Indoor Stadium has a platform overhang above the restrooms used for storage without any railings. Also, at the stadium and concession stands during the games there are extension cords all over and the breakers keep tripping. Katia: Jimmy Spencer will contact Paula to gather more information and investigate.

**SEIU 925**

Not present.

**UAW 4121**

Not present.

**Faculty Senate**

Not present.

**8. Ex Officio Reports**

**UW Facilities**

Chris Pennington: nothing to report.

**UWPD**

Lt. Chris Jaross: UWPD has contracted a third-party vendor in CPG stairwells during the night shift; if security officers see anybody they contact UWPD to provide resources or clear the area. UWPD has been setting up temporary fencing in the Schmitz loading dock, to keep people from sleeping overnight and lighting fires, etc. There will be a permanent fence with a locked gate. UWPD has been interviewing for their new Deputy Chief and preparing for commencement.

**Emergency Management**

Barry Morgan: not present.

**DEOHS**

Rick Gleason: thank you to all who attended Worker Memorial Day on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Some additional statistics from the most recent statistical year of 2021: in terms of worker deaths, Washington has always been below the national average, with 2.1 deaths on the job per 100,000 workers, compared to the national average of 3.6. We were the third safest state in America.

**UWHR**

Marisa: not present.

**AGO**

Jo Hill: nothing to report.

**Claim Services**

Ken Nielsen: nothing to report.

## **Transportation Services**

Eric Johnson: nothing to report.

## **UW Bothell**

Brett Konzek: nothing to report.

## **UW Tacoma**

Susan Wagshul-Golden: Our UWT Safety and Security [Emergency Preparedness webpage](#) links to a safety briefing script to start meetings and events. Our student government is leading its implementation, to shift our culture to improve emergency preparedness.

## **9. EH&S Updates**

### *Labor & Industries*

Erin McKeown reported that WA Labor & Industries (L&I) initiated a compliance investigation related to UW Facilities personnel who clean up human waste and items left by unhoused individuals. The three violations related were (1) providing bloodborne pathogen training, before initial exposure and annually thereafter, to those assigned to do the cleanup work; (2) offering the hepatitis B vaccine to personnel assigned to do the work with potential exposure, and within ten days of their initial assignment to do the work; and (3) offering training that is appropriate for the literacy and language of the workers.

### *General*

Jimmy Spencer relayed that we have updated the [guidance for campus events](#) to include COVID-19 prevention guidance. There's a new form to assist with [safe laboratory move-out practices](#), whether that be temporary moves, long term moves, renovations, relocations, closures, etc. There are new nanomaterials, chloroform, and metallic lead SOP templates on our chemical SOP page. There is new [guidance on planning for evacuations in hybrid work environments](#), where we are increasing the recommended number of evacuation wardens in each area of the building, so you have full coverage in an evacuation. Scott Nelson can answer any questions about how many wardens are appropriate for your area. Finally, WA L&I continues to hold hearings on proposed outdoor ambient heat exposure rules, and EH&S has had representatives at some of these meetings. The new rule is effective June 15<sup>th</sup> and EH&S will update the community.

Katia added that with warmer temperatures coming this week and next week, please disseminate the information on [preventing heat-related illness](#). Also, several of the EH&S news items you've just heard will be in our EH&S external newsletter, which you can sign up for on the left [here](#).

## **10. Good of the Order**

Carmen asked for anything for the good of the order. Sonia noted the new [box cutter focus sheet](#) and updated [laser cutter focus sheet](#). Chris Pennington said Facilities also has one for [box cutters](#).

## **11. Adjourn**

At 2:24, Carmen asked for a motion to adjourn. So motioned and seconded.

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

**June 14, 2023**

**1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Zoom (screen required)**

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<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
Outdoor Heat & Wildfire Smoke	Wes Cochran, EH&S	Presentation	10 min
UWPD Community Engagement	Lt. Anthony Stewart, UWPD	Presentation	15 min
HSC Elections	Sonia Honeydew	Presentation	5 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	Erin McKeown, Jimmy Spencer	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 and updates needed by U-Wide.

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