

Agenda – July 26th, 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
Bill Kuykendall, ME
John Young or M. Weaver, MoIES/NanoES
Hanson Fong, MSE
N. Shane Patrick or Maria Huffman, WNF

2. Previous Meeting Minutes (5 Minutes)

- June 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
2023-04-013	ENG: Bioengineering	SLU1 Brotman	Employee pricked finger as they picked up a needle containing cell solution.
2023-05-022	ENG: Electrical & Computer Engineering – Orsborn Lab	MAG H.S.C./I	Employee cut thumb (through double gloves) on headpost near NHP.
2023-05-055	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.
2023-06-080	ENG: Chemical Engineering	Benson Hall	Student employee found member of public sleeping and camping in graduate lounge.

4. Group Business (10 minutes)

- Guest Speaker: Allyson R. Long, of UW Bothell Emergency Preparedness, on emergency preparedness and active shooter response.
- Health & Safety Committee Elections: Must pick an Election Coordinator.

5. UW-Wide Meeting (5 minutes)

- June meeting minutes attached.
- July agenda attached. Meeting highlights will be presented by Alex Lefort:
 - Katia Harb gave a presentation on the overview of the EH&S structure:
 - Org chart included
 - Abbreviated annual report available as well
 - Constantly attempting to bring onboard programs; Areas where there is less oversight and/or not enough funding.
 - There are more people sheltering around Kane North Patio. Sally Clark says to call UWPD if people see occupiers in these or other areas around campus.

- UWPD has mentioned installing only-exit doors to certain locations around Kane, as well as the central parking garage.
- UWPD also noted that they are seeing less calls from the central parking garage; They are hoping this means the conditions are improving. They've hired a 3rd party security group that is now walking the lots and stairs from the lots.
- EH&S Updates:
 - ALAC site visit went well.
 - L&I postponed the upcoming heat rules to this coming Monday (7/17) which will be available from EH&S the same day.
- Still awaiting election coordinator designations from four more committees.

6. Member Updates (10 minutes)

Next Meeting: August 23rd, at 1:30 PM, via Zoom

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Health and Safety Committee for Group 9 (College of Engineering)

Meeting Date: June 28th, 2023 (via Zoom)

Attended

Sean Krewson, AA
Colleen Irvin, BioE
Robbie Wong, BioE
Jonathan Emard, CEE
Michael Pomfret, CEI
Benjamin Hornburg, ChemE
Alexander Lefort, CSE

Kyle Dickison, ECE
Sonia Honeydew, EH&S
Stacia Green, HCDE
Jane Skau, HCDE
Sheila Prusa, ISE
Bill Kuykendall, ME
John Young, MoIES/NanoES
Hanson Fong, MSE

Absent

Tatyana Berezyuk, CoE Deans Office N. Shane Patrick, WNF

Previous Meeting Minutes

- May 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

- CSE (#2023-03-108) – Talk with Sally Clark clarified some of the hold-ups in response to this incident. Alex will also further specific questions outside of the Group 9 meeting in another meeting with Sally. He asked that anyone interested in also joining this secondary meeting contact him. This incident has been closed.

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- AA (#2023-03-113) – Sean was able to read off notes from the supervisor in which she clarified that the system is, indeed, turned off when anyone enters the tunnel and that, due to the nature of the task, she does not see bump camps as necessary. This is a routine inspection that is done before the machine is activated for an experiment, in which users are to visually inspect the blades to ensure there are not major nicks, scratches, or other damage. As this is a visual inspection alone, there is very little inherent risk. It was noted that requiring PPE for this inspection may lead users to flout PPE in tasks where actual risks are present. Alex asked if Sean could have the supervisor add these comments to the report. Sonia clarified that on the live report, it looks like the comments have already been added. This incident has been closed.
- BioE (#2023-04-013) – There has been no further response from the group as of yet. This incident has been tabled.
- BioE (#2023-05-009) – The student in question was not following the SOP for the procedure which states that PPE must be worn. The supervisor has told the student that they need to be retrained and read through the SOP before using the equipment again. Alex asked if this was in the ME Prototyping Shop, to which it was confirmed that it was not and rather in the PI's lab. This incident has been closed.
- ECE (#2023-05-022) – Alex asked if there was a reason why the Kevlar gloves weren't required already in the space. Sonia noted that it is quite normal for users in these spaces to have double-gloves on as the basic PPE and that Kevlar gloves are generally only used when the user sees a potential scraping risk. Kyle noted that he would check in with the supervisor to see if the stronger suggestion of wearing Kevlar gloves has been implemented. This incident has been tabled.
- CSE (#2023-05-052) – Alex stated CSE's Building Coordinator has connected with the proper groups and that this is now being controlled by Capital Projects and Facilities. As this is a UW-property issue, it is no longer in the hands of CSE. This incident has been closed.
- Collaboration Core (#2023-05-055) – This incident has been tabled in the interest of time.
- ME (#2023-05-107) – This incident has been tabled in the interest of time.

Group Business

- Sally Clark, of the Division of Campus Community Safety, presented on the unit's current state, what is planned, and what rubbing points are expected:
 - Sally clarified a miscommunication by Alex that she is not from Safe Campus, but from the Division of Campus Community Safety.
 - The division was formed out of seeing what other university campuses were doing around the nation.

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- Sally brings experience in municipal government to the table in her position as vice president of the division.
- Due to the openness of the campus, UW acts more like a city than many other universities.
- The division merges all of the safety groups under a like umbrella so that they have a single person of advocacy.
- The division was brand new as of the beginning of the 2022 academic year and immediately started the year with an incident in which shots were fired and UW students were injured along the Ave.
- They spent much of fall quarter on putting together the new division, but also in promoting personal safety and preparedness to the UW community.
- The division focuses primarily on both safety on campus and in the surrounding U-District.
- Currently, the division is working on filling holes in communication between the groups within it. There have been multiple issues last year where no one unit has owned the communication for an incident and where they are able to tell unit leaders involved exactly what is going on.
- Sally touched on what is being done currently to further safety on campus:
- UW is adding some UW-specific campus security for night watches; She notes that some departments already foot the bill for unit-specific security and thanks those that are able.
- Changes in the Central Parking Lot are occurring, but that substantial improvement isn't expected until next summer. The project is currently out to bid with contractors.
- The UW currently has two rovers making rounds on campus at night. They are hiring for more, but it is currently very hard to hire for these positions, as there is a lot of desire for them. Sound Transit, alone, is attempting to hire 300 positions.
- Sally noted that the UWPD or other police are not the best equipped to handle many of the people currently causing disruption in the buildings.
- The division is currently hiring for an outreach worker who can make connections with these individuals to various resources. The position would work 5 days a week and they are currently requesting people to use the UWPD non-emergency line in order to contact them.
- A U-District outreach worker and campus outreach worker will be present and working together.

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- Regarding provisions around Naloxone and Narcan: All UWPD are trained on how to use Narcan. There is also a new vending machine with medicines that might be needed by the community, including a new free section of Narcan. The first one is located in _____, but these are planned to be expanded to other high-traffic areas at UW.
- The division is also looking at how best to spread awareness of and knowledge about how to use Narcan in order to save lives. As well as how to keep the materials in these vending machines up to date.
- Sally noted that she is also looking at how to utilize current UW structures to further outreach and information. Such as how she plans to use pre-existing building coordinator meetings, but on a quarterly basis, to communicate with the building coordinators of the buildings on campus.
- Using these structures, the division can better spread info about how to appropriately trespass individuals, etc.
- It was asked by group members to elaborate on how to reduce the people coming in to use facilities. Sally clarified that UW buildings are expressly for educational and research purposes only and that if they are not being used for this, a person can be escorted out and/or trespassed. In relation to this, the division is working on templates for signage for buildings in which hours are effectively communicated, as well as the express purpose of the buildings, so as to dissuade those not utilizing the property appropriately.
- For further questions and conversations with Sally Clark, please contact her at salclark@uw.edu.
- Sally notes that they have a long way to go, but they are trying to fill large gaps in safety and communication first to ensure big problems and demands are being met.
- Alex noted that he will be meeting with Sally at another time outside of the meeting if anyone would like to join that meeting.
- Alex will invite Allyson Long, of UW Bothell, to talk about evacuation procedures and active shooter training.
- Alex noted that July will see the beginning of the health & safety committee election cycle. In July, the group must choose an election coordinator to run the process. Alex asked members to think about whether they would like to volunteer and that he would also connect with the previous election coordinator, Selest, to see if he is interested in doing this again.

UW-Wide Meeting

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- Alex asked if anyone had any questions/comments on notes from the U-Wide:
 - 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. 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.

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- Bloodborne pathogens violations during clean-up of unhoused 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.
- Questions:
 - Sonia asked if Alex had sent out the links from the June meeting to the Group 9. Alex noted that he will check and forward the links if this has not already been done.

Department Updates

- CoE DO – Loew Hall is dealing with power outages currently, which is likely why no representatives were present.

Adjournment

- Adjourned at 2:29 PM.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be July 26th, 2023 at 1:30 PM via Zoom.

U-WIDE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

6/14/2023 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Desi Schatz (4)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steve Herber (5)			<input type="checkbox"/>	Paula Lukaszek, WFSE 1488
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sarah O'Hara (6)			<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephen Costanti (8)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Donna Braboy (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 type="checkbox"/>	Katia Harb
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chris Pennington, UWF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trista Treumper, UWHR	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eleanor Wade
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eric Johnson, UWF TS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jo Hill, AGO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jimmy Spencer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Barry Morgan, UWEM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ken Nielsen, Claim Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tracy Harvey
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lt. Chris Jaross, UWPD	<input 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
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lorilyn A. H. Ignao
Guests					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anthony Stewart, UWPD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wes Cochran, EH&S	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Allyson Long, UWB
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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 May 2023 meeting minutes. Laura Harrington motioned to accept the meeting minutes. Tony seconded the motion. The May minutes were approved.

4. Outdoor Heat & Wildfire Smoke

Wes Cochran from EH&S presented “Outdoor Heat Exposure and Wildfire Smoke Update”.

The Outdoor Heat Exposure [proposed new permanent rule](#) is to take effect on June 15 (*later delayed to July 17*) with the intent to reduce risks of heat-related illness. Once the new rule is in effect, EH&S will update University requirements, the [EH&S website](#), and related training.

Outdoor heat exposure rule action levels depend upon air temperature and clothing worn, starting at 52F for non-breathable clothing and 80F for other clothing. Employers must develop a written Outdoor Heat Safety Plan; EH&S is developing a template. Employers must ensure employees complete training prior to exposure and annually; EH&S is providing an online course. When conditions activate the rule, supervisors must encourage employees to take preventative cool-down rest breaks, must provide shade or other means of cooling during breaks, and must provide cool drinking water (1 qt/hr). Certain temperatures mandate minimal break duration and frequency. Employers must observe workers for heat symptoms when above 90F, or during a heat wave or when an employee is not acclimated. Acclimation takes 14 days.

This rule does not apply to indoor thermal comfort. Current guidance is to seek alternative work arrangements if indoor temperature is sustained above 80F. UW Facilities is working on a campus-wide Environmental Cooling Policy. EH&S has Excessive Indoor Heat guidance [here](#).

EH&S will develop the required written outdoor heat exposure safety program, but individual departments and units may need to develop specific plans. Employers must ensure employees complete training prior to exposure and annually; EHS will provide an online training course and supervisors will provide any additional site-specific requirements.

The [Wildfire Smoke proposed rule](#) is to become permanent August 18, with the intent to prevent health effects from prolonged exposure to wildfire smoke during outdoor work. Public comments will be accepted through July. When the [updated](#) rule is adopted, EH&S will update University requirements, the [EH&S website](#), and related training.

The smoke rule requires employers to monitor the [air quality index \(AQI\)](#) and relay information to employees when the fine particle count (PM 2.5) is above thresholds. EH&S will coordinate with

UW Emergency Management and the University Weather Status Assessment Group (UWSAG) to communicate AQI levels and forecasts.

These guidelines are for outdoor conditions only; for indoor wildfire smoke or heat concerns, departments/units may choose to make their own site-specific plans in their Business, Academic & Research Continuity plan and their Supplemental Accident Prevention Plan.

5. UWPD Community Engagement

Sgt. Anthony Stewart, UWPD, opened by offering that if any department or unit is interested in a one-hour de-escalation/active threat training, they should email him at anthos2@uw.edu. UWPD is updating their website, including the Community Engagement page and One Mind campaign. The Workplace Security Plan template from 2007 is no longer posted but an updated version may return.

In general updates, burglary, auto theft and trespassing are the three most common crimes on campus, and they're interlinked.

Commencement events occurred with no arrests or incidents, though the guest keynote speaker declined to attend in respect of protest lines.

Seattle City Council voted against changing the municipal code on public drug use, so Seattle Police Department (SPD) will not stop drug use in public spaces, while UWPD continues to do so.

Chris Pennington expressed gratitude on behalf of UW Facilities employees for the high impact of UWPD on employee workplace safety.

Carmen Parisi said the UWPD presentation to the iSchool was appreciated and empowered the group to see UWPD as a useful partner on campus when employees feel unsafe. Sgt. Stewart explained that they treat each call as a unique situation; first they address the safety of the people who called, then provide services. They patiently offer resources and talk people out rather than forcing them out, get emergency services to those in need, and they are trained to administer Narcan. They have saved four lives in the past six months by providing emergency stabilization. When members of the public are on campus foraging for food or shelter, UWPD points them to King County resources, sometimes patting them down and putting them in the care of volunteers who will house them for three days and get them into a care system.

Sarah Coppola asked if there are any grants or plans to upgrade security measures centrally similar to UW Bothell. The Sergeant mentioned training resources and recommended installing mirrors in intercepting hallways, CAAMS systems, and door chimes for offices with front-facing staff. UWPD is only able to offer technical suggestions. EH&S manages the Capital Safety Project grant program to address safety, not security, concerns (it is highly scrutinized by the State). Barry indicated that there are grants available for most safety initiatives and they should work with Emergency Management to help obtain grants.

6. HSC Elections

Sonia Honeydew reminded everyone that in July we begin election season to determine HSC membership for the 2024-2025 term. She shared the election timeline on the last page of the Guide to UW HSC Elections ("the Election Guide"), which is linked at the bottom of the [HSC page](#).

HSCs will have the first three weeks of July to choose an Election Coordinator to oversee the term election process. The Election Coordinator's responsibilities from July through November are listed on page 5 of the Election Guide. These responsibilities include verifying with the HSC's Executive Sponsor that all represented employees can participate in the election, perhaps via paper ballot where that is helpful. Sonia will advise Election Coordinators of additional resources from EH&S.

As elections are approaching, please consider how diversity, equity, and inclusion can be strengthened to include underrepresented voices in HSCs. Sonia asked committee members to share information about HSC roles and responsibilities, encourage new nominees, and offer shadowing opportunities to those who are hesitant or curious. The more nominees the better, as competitive elections offer "runner-ups" who can step in when a post is unexpectedly vacated. This provides employees continuous representation and keeps UW in compliance.

7. Organizational Group Reports

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

HSC-1

Ryan Hawkinson: Caroline Shelton discussed youth on campus. OARS reports mentioned developing allergies to nitrile gloves; there are many other kinds of gloves available. There was also a food allergy reaction. A member asked whether departments should have epi pens. No, individuals may carry one for their own use but otherwise the best response to a severe allergic reaction is to call 911. UWPD can use their defibrillator while awaiting other first responders. The group asked about a way to identify allergy risks during onboarding while maintaining anonymity, and how that information could be maintained with staff turnover. Erin McKeown said no, personal medical conditions remain private, and individuals are to take care of their own medications. Jo Hill said people with severe allergies may choose to share that information but cannot be compelled to do so. Jo also mentioned that only those certified to use epi pens should use them. Carmen commented on scent sensitivities, and how central HR strongly suggests personnel do not wear scents in the office, and departments can adopt that practice. Alex Lefort asked whether the department can stock Benadryl in a First Aid kit and Erin McKeown said no, individuals should carry their own meds, even OTC meds. Departments should not dispense them because it may be contraindicated by another medication they're taking. Erin said there is some allowance for field workers; EH&S Campus Preventive Health is working on that guidance.

HSC-2

Nigel Horton: nothing to report.

HSC-3

Kurt Oglesby: nothing to report.

HSC-4

Desi Schatz: nothing to report.

HSC-5

David Manley: committee had a guest present on heat illness information. David later commented that in the case of anaphylactic shock, you should call 911, as emergency responders can administer epi pens.

HSC-6:

Sarah O'Hara: nothing to report.

HSC-7

Alaron Lewis: nothing to report.

HSC-8

Stephen Costanti: nothing to report.

HSC-9

Alex Lefort: raised concerns about hazardous roadways near University Way NE where wild traffic has been endangering pedestrians. HSC-9 invited Sally Clark to their next meeting to discuss College of Engineering community safety concerns.

HSC-10

David Zuckerman: HSC-10 is currently working with EHS to establish an exception for a class instructor to be trained and allowed to administer the EpiPen in their beekeeping class. After serving since 1986, this is David's last U-Wide meeting as he is retiring at the end of June.

8. Union & Senate Reports

GPSS

Not present.

WFSE 1488

Not present.

SEIU 925

Not present.

UAW 4121

Not present.

Faculty Senate

Not present.

9. Ex Officio Reports

UW Facilities

Chris Pennington: nothing to report.

Tracey Mosier: nothing to report.

Transportation Services

Not present.

UWPD

Not present.

Emergency Management

Barry Morgan: UWEM is collaborating on how to better deliver faculty training on de-escalation. They held a tabletop training exercise on active threats. They are incorporating their [heat](#) and [smoke](#) guidance into the campus operations plan. Our area is expecting a lot of heat and smoke challenges this summer. Extreme heat is expected in July and August. June 6 was the first red flag (wildfire danger) alert for Washington and Oregon, which was the earliest seen for the season; these warnings are expected July through September. WA and OR are expected to be an epicenter

of wildfires this year. The department is still looking for a new director and hoping to have decisions finalized by July. If anyone is interested in seeking grants for safety measures, it is best to join another group with similar concerns. Interested parties should reach out to Barry to discuss.

DEOHS

Rick Gleason: announced his retirement at the end of June from DEOHS, the academic program for health and safety. DEOHS will send a new representative to July's meeting. Rick may return to teach at UW's PNW OSHA Education Center.

UWHR

Trista Truemper: She is the new representative for UWHR.

AGO

Jo Hill: nothing to report.

Claim Services

Ken Nielsen: nothing to report.

UW Bothell

Allyson Long: last month UWB campus conducted two additional building evacuation drills; they are now done with 3/4 of campus. Evacuation warden training is available. Outdoor heat exposure plans have been completed. Wildfire smoke training has been shared with the facilities group. A personal preparedness training was held where they built personal kits. UW Bothell campus is offering Stop the Bleed training next week.

UW Tacoma

Not present.

10. EH&S Updates

Labor & Industries

Erin McKeown stated that UW Facilities paid penalties and abated hazards related to potential exposure to bloodborne pathogens while cleaning after the unhoused in parking garages, stairwells, and other sites. The violations required Bloodborne Pathogen training records, the status on the completion of the Hep B vaccination forms, and verification that training is being offered in languages that employees can understand. EH&S updated our training landing pages to clarify that UW personnel are asked to notify their supervisor if they have trouble understanding an EH&S training course. EH&S will help the supervisor obtain language services like interpreters.

Labor and Industries opened a new investigation this week related to a chemical container not being labeled with name and hazard information."

General

Jimmy Spencer announced that the [respiratory protection manual](#) has been updated and posted. The UW Tacoma remediation project is awaiting its final report to be sent for final review by PDG, who will forward it to the WA State Dept Ecology. Radiation removal process is in progress with the working group detailing a plan to get the radiation source out of the university. This will take place between late August and mid-September. The PEAT team is holding annual training in mid-June.

11. Good of the Order

Carmen asked for anything for the good of the order. Sonia shared a link to the article [“Reducing Risk: Strategies to Advance Laboratory Safety through Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Respect”](#) that may be of interest for any department that has labs.

The [UW Safe and Clean Storefront](#) for COVID prevention materials will be closing on June 30 and is getting rid of remaining inventory. The [COVID-19 public health flow chart](#) was updated on 6/12/23.

Carmen asked the group if members were interested in taking a field trip. Please email Carmen or Sonia with ideas. The meeting could be both in-person/hybrid as needed. Chris Pennington mentioned enjoying a previous tour of UW Bothell, and has interest in the UW Farm.

12. Adjourn

Carmen requested a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Allyson Long motioned to adjourn; Ryan Hawkinson seconded. The meeting adjourned 2:15pm.

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

July 12, 2023

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Zoom (screen required)

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

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
EH&S Org Chart and Programs	Katia Harb, EH&S	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	Erin McKeown, Jimmy Spencer	Discussion	10 min
Good of the Order	Carmen Parisi	Discussion	5 min
Adjourn	Carmen Parisi	Robert's Rules of Order	

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