

**Agenda – September 27<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  
Bill Kuykendall, ME  
John Young MoES/NanoES  
Hanson Fong, MSE  
N. Shane Patrick or Maria Huffman, WNF

**2. Previous Meeting Minutes (5 Minutes)**

- August 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
2023-05-055	ENG: Collaboration Core	Fluke Hall	Vapor HF detector alarmed; SFD responded.
2023-07-023	ENG: Computer Science & Eng	Bill & Melinda Gates Center for CSE	Employee tested positive for COVID and suspects workplace transmission at staff meeting.
2023-07-106	ENG: Deans Office -Do IT Administration	Husky Student Union Building	Employee tripped and fell on palette left immediately outside elevator, twisting their back and cutting their leg.
2023-07-110	ENG: Chemical Engineering – Holmberg Lab	Molecular Engineering Building	While weighing newly synthesized CuFeS <sub>2</sub> , grad student employee noticed burning smell (potential for material ignition).
2023-08-029	ENG: Computer Science & Eng	Gates Center for CSE	Employee tested positive for COVID and suspects workplace transmission.
2023-08-040	ENG: Mechanical Engineering – Meza JM Student	Nano Engineering Building	Employee cut thumb using microtome to section Bovine Meniscus samples.
2023-08-042	SOM: Bioengineering – Dr. Kueh Lab JM Student	MAG H.S.C./C	Employee bitten on thumb during mouse handling class.
2023-08-057	ENG: Mechanical Engineering – Olanrewaju Lab	Nano Engineering Building	Employee used box cutter to remove 3D-printed part from build plate, and as part released they cut their wrist.
2023-08-121	ENG: Deans Office – Computing Services	Wilcox Hall	Employee leaned forward in chair and fell, spraining wrist.

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

- Updates on Health & Safety Committee Elections
- Updates from EH&S: Vaccines and WA DoH Respiratory Illness Data Dashboard

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

- August meeting minutes attached.
- September agenda attached. Meeting highlights will be presented by Alex Lefort:
  - Presentation by Jon Carroll on portable air cleaners (PACs) and preparing for wildfire smoke:
    - If you have any questions on more about wildfire smoke, connect with EH&S.
    - ACCD endorsed guidance which went into effect June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
    - UW Facilities will continue to centrally maintain PACs in academic areas.
    - Outside of these areas, the units will be collected by UW Facilities starting Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - PACs may be retained by the unit, but the maintenance will be the unit's responsibility.
    - The filters may be bought via UW Facilities.
    - The units are not complicated to keep up, but there are steps that need to be taken for the filters to work effectively.
    - Units requesting to keep their PACs, please submit work order when filters need to be changed and provide budget number.
    - There is currently no guidance specific to the new strains of Coronavirus coming about.
    - There are also questions on whether the units should remain in preparation for wildfire smoke, as well. Waiting on further guidance.
    - UW Facilities does still need to document all PACs as assets, so do be sure to let UW Facilities know if you want to retain your machines.
    - Those PACs that are remaining in place for academics will have their filters changed out before the beginning of the year.
    - Customer Care will be reaching out to building coordinators with this info.
    - Please note: PACs can assist in eliminating the harmful particulates from wildfire smoke, but cannot remove the smell. Please keep in mind that the smell does not necessarily mean that the particulates are still present.
    - To assist PACs' effectiveness, ensure keeping all exterior windows shut and doors closed as much as possible.
    - If you have any further questions on PACs, please contact Jon Carroll: [carroll1@uw.edu](mailto:carroll1@uw.edu).
    - For indoor air quality concerns, please also contact EH&S at [ehsdept@uw.edu](mailto:ehsdept@uw.edu).
    - Slides available upon request.
  - If a COVID case involved a minor, be sure to also connect with the Office of the Youth Protection Coordinator.
  - Watch out for wasps and hornets this time of year. Baking soda helps if stung.
  - People living with homelessness are starting to move into buildings with the cooler weather.
  - Physical buttons for use with the Safe Zone App were found; Connect with UWPD. If interested, further details on how they were are available.
  - EH&S Reports:
    - Accident Prevention Plan and Supplemental Accident Prevention Plan templates are complete and uploaded – SAPP is quite a bit smaller now and EH&S recommends units take a look at this revised plan.

- The CDC visited for a surprise assessment and commented on strong UW programs.
- PETE and RAT teams held drills for radioactive material removal.
- 2023 Graduate Safety Seminar will be held shortly.
- EH&S rabies information for field research has been updated.
- Final rule on wildfire smoke information not released yet; hoping to release by end of summer.
- Cranes, hoist, and rigging info has all been updated.
- L&I Updates:
  - Noncompliance for eyewash filed due to exposure to chemical. The lab in question did not have an eyewash, an eyewash program, or otherwise when these safety requirements were needed for the given chemical in use.

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

***Next Meeting: October 25<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 PM, via Zoom***

# **DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

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

**Meeting Date: August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 (via Zoom)**

### **Attended**

*Sean Krewson, AA*

*Jonathan Emard, CEE*

*Michael Pomfret, CEI*

*Tatyana Berezyuk, CoE Deans Office*

*Michael Glidden, CoE Deans Office*

*Alexander Lefort, CSE*

*Kyle Dickison, ECE*

*Sonia Honeydew, EH&S*

*Sarah Coppola, HCDE*

*Sheila Prusai, ISE*

*Bill Kuykendall, ME*

*John Young, MoES/NanoES*

*Carter Beamish, MSE*

### **Absent**

*Colleen Irvin, BioE*

*Benjamin Hornburg, ChemE*

*N. Shane Patrick, WNF*

### **Previous Meeting Minutes**

- July 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**

- BioE (#2023-04-013) – Sonia noted that the live report is still blank for the supervisor. If the BioE representatives haven't gotten any response, then the next step is for Alex, the chair of Group 9, to reach out. Alex may rope in Deans Office and Sonia for additional support. It at least looks like EH&S has finished their side of the follow-up, though Alex will confirm this. This incident has been closed with the stipulation that Alex reaches out to the supervisor to request notes, as well as EH&S to ensure they are finished with follow-up.

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- ECE (#2023-05-022) – Kyle has confirmed with the PI that they are now mandating the use of Kevlar gloves when working with and around cages. This incident has been closed.
- Collaboration Core (#2023-05-055) – To re-iterate, this is actually under the purview of WNF. This is tabled due to lack of representation. Alex will reach out to ask if there is someone to fill in for Shane and Maria when they are both out.
- ME (#2023-05-107) – Bill confirmed that this was related to a RSO; The human-powered submarine team. This has been reviewed by Group 1, as it involves a RSO, and has been cleared on their side. Bill noted that some people are particularly susceptible to this condition, but that it's difficult to tell whether someone is or not until it appears. The team is discussing the potential of switching from wet suits to dry suits, and/or adding thicker booties for divers. This report has been switched to Bet Mauer as the supervisor. This incident report has been closed.
- ECE (#2023-07-011) – Kyle noted that this incident occurred while corrections were being discussed for #2023-05-022 and unfortunately were not implemented in time. This incident has been resolved with the corrections listed in the aforementioned report's discussion. This incident is closed.
- CSE (#2023-07-023) – Alex noted there were no supervisor comments and asked if it is fine leaving this field blank. Sonia noted that this is generally used by supervisors to express at least potential ways that the space might be improved to reduce the chances of viral spread. Alex will connect with the supervisor to ask if there are any ways that they might recommend changing the room and surrounding spaces to reduce the chances of viral spread. Sonia also noted that air purifiers are available from EH&S upon request for spaces, though they will need to be maintained by the unit. This incident has been tabled.
- ISE (#2023-07-092) – Sheila was absent for the first part of the meeting, but Bill was able to talk on this point, as it occurred in ME's building. Bill noted that this is not the first person living with homelessness to find this spot. Bill has put in a work order to have the landing caged off and to require a key for entry. Sonia noted that the Safety Team (UWPD, Sally Clark, EH&S, and others) met and noted that they did not want any facilities requests to install anything due to the worry of limiting egress. Bill noted that the only egress would be for Facilities employees with a need to access the space exiting from the roof, which should not be impacted. No one else should be gaining access. Michael Glidden noted this has been done previously in the dorms as well. Sonia will check back with the Safety Group and report back. Otherwise, the incident has been resolved and has been closed.

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- CSE (#2023-07-101) – Alex noted that the area in question is a frequently used area for CSE's IT Support team. There is an access door to a fire shutter maintenance area at the opening of this room. It seems the ladder was noticed over several days. Alex unfortunately didn't hear about this report until a few days later, at which time he asked them to submit this incident to OARS and reminded them that these should be submitted ideally within 24 hours of the event. Alex noted that Facilities had been working on the fire shutters via the maintenance hatch in this room and likely kept the ladder there while working on it. It seems this incident report was also sent to Tracy Mosier which should assist in this incident being avoided in the future. This incident has been closed.
- DO-IT Admin (#2023-07-106) – Michael Glidden asked if DO-IT is coming up under the College of Engineering Org Code. Sonia did notice that it was under CoE and asked if this was correct. Michael was hesitant to say the org code was wrong, but that this was confusing. DO-IT is a group that assists with access for students, including in the dorms on campus where Michael has interacted with them before. Sonia noted that this might be legacy information that bled over from transfers of the system in the past. She further noted that Group 3 has also done a secondary review. Michael asked to have this tabled while the org codes are figured out and Sonia pings the Chair of group 3 on the secondary review findings. Michael did find later in the meeting that, via Workday, DO-IT has a "Legacy: CoE" tag. Michael asked Sonia to share this with EH&S while he is following up. This incident has been tabled.
- CEE (#2023-07-109) – Jonathan noted that a manometer is a device used to measure fluid pressure. Alex asked how long the student was waiting in the room with the mercury spill, to which Jonathan stated it was only long enough for the supervisor to bring a change of street clothes and shoes to the affected. After clean-up, they purchased a second mercury spill kit in case another mercury-containing device is found in the lab. This incident has been closed.
- ChemE (#2023-07-110) – John Young has reached out to Ben Hornburg for more info. John asked if we would like supervisors or building coordinators to tackle this, to which Michael Glidden noted that he generally likes to have supervisors/groups involved to respond rather than the building coordinators. Michael did mention he likes to pull in building coordinators on these issues as well, as they can have additional information for incidents. This incident is tabled to next meeting awaiting representation.

### **Group Business**

- Health & Safety Committee Elections: Announcements on nominations are incoming.

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#### UW-Wide Meeting

- Alex asked if anyone had any questions/comments on notes from the U-Wide:
  - August meeting minutes attached.
  - August agenda attached. Meeting highlights will be presented by Alex Lefort:
    - Presentation by Ken Nielsen on Workers' Comp at UW:
      - 58% of 2022 claims are time loss claims. These were very high. They like to keep this down as much as possible.
      - Over the last three years, we've had 1100 COVID claims
      - Keeping people at work is ideal: Not returning can cause all manner of issues.
      - Peer and supervisor support is very helpful in keeping the employee engaged and ready to return.
      - The longer one is out of work, the less likely they are to return to work.
      - How can we help injured workers?
        - Complete OARS reports.
        - Stay in communication with the person.
        - Look for light duty opportunities for work.
        - Welcome them back and accommodate wherever possible.
      - There are incentives to bringing employees back! 50% of wages for up to 66 days actually worked in mid/light duty in a 24 month period with a cap of 10,000 per claim. Other incentives for different aspects of the employee's job.
      - Slips, trips, and falls were still one of the leading causes of claims.
    - Updates from Unions:
      - They are incorporating additional thoughts into labor agreements.
      - Looking at labor and equity.
      - Looking at safety and ramifications.
    - Exofficio reports:
      - Regular maintenance on Drumheller fountain – shock treatment. If you see activity near the fountain, please stay away.
      - Updated compressed gasses and cryogenics info on EH&S:  
<https://www.ehs.washington.edu/about/latest-news/safely-store-compressed-gases-and-cryogenics>
      - New newsletter from EH&S: can sign up for it here:  
<https://www.ehs.washington.edu/newsletter-sign>
      - Updates to COVID-19 remaining policies:  
<https://www.washington.edu/coronavirus/2023/05/08/changes-to-university-covid-19-policies/>
      - New self-service access to EH&S trainings:  
<https://www.ehs.washington.edu/about/latest-news/new-self-service-access-online-safety-training>
      - Safe Zone app has physical buttons available, as well! \$55/button via UWPD via PO.

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#### **Department Updates**

- HCDE – Wanted to echo the continued concerns from last meeting, as they continue to go seemingly unaddressed: There doesn't seem to be any sort of safety plan to come about from the aggressive person HCDE had issues with several months ago. Due to this, it's causing a lot of unease for people to return back to the building. Sarah is not sure as to what else they can do as occupants to make sure this is being handled appropriately.
- Good of the Order

#### **Adjournment**

- Adjourned at 2:21 PM.

#### **Next Meeting**

- Next meeting will be September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 1:30 PM via Zoom.



# U-WIDE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

## 8/9/2023 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	Andrew Abian (7)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Martin Arroyo (7)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Norm Kwasinski (2)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Colleen Irvin (9)
<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	Steve Herber (5)			<input type="checkbox"/>	Paula Lukaszczek, WFSE 1488
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sarah O'Hara (6)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephen Lundgren, 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"/>	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sarah Coppola (9)	*	= voting members		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Warren (10)	13	= voting members for quorum		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jon Wittouck (10)				
	Ex Officio Member		Ex Officio Member		Env. Health & Safety Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tracey Mosier, UWF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marty Cohen, DEOHS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Katia Harb
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chris Pennington, UWF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trista Treumper, 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, UWPD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Susan Wagshul-Golden, UWT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Erin McKeown
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cham Kao (for Brett K.), UWB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sonia Honeydew
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lorilyn A. H. Ignao
	Guests				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Liane Yeager. Risk Mgmt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Allyson Long, UWB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wes Cochran, EH&S
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### 1. Attendance/Quorum

Sonia Honeydew announced the group reached quorum.

## **2. Call to Order and Welcome**

Vice Chair, Christine Aker, opened the meeting, standing in for Chair, Carmen Parisi. She opened with a reminder of the newest representatives to the committee: Marty Cohen for DEOHS, Trista Truemper for HR, Donna Braboy for HSC-8. SEIU 925 rep Ann Aumann retired 7/31 so Stephen Lundgren will proxy and may finish the term. Point of clarification: during report outs, only advise the U-Wide of any *novel* topics.

## **3. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Christine asked for any corrections to the July 2023 meeting minutes. No points were brought up. Christine asked for a motion to accept. Sarah O'Hara motioned to accept. Laura Harrington seconded. July 2023 meeting minutes were approved.

## **4. Annual Workers' Compensation Report**

Ken Nielsen, Compliance and Risk Services, presented "Workers' Compensation: Claims and Trend Information". In summary, the costs of workers' compensation keep trending upward, and we need to focus on returning injured workers to UW to reduce the "time loss". There are ways we can all help UW achieve better results.

Washington state law defines all aspects of workers compensation. UW is insured through L&I, which adjudicates and pays claims. UW Claim Services staff, such as Ken, provide oversight, assure that the law is followed that benefits are handed out accordingly, and help coordinate the return to work.

Overall, from 2018-2022, UW's claim frequency is trending up, due to time loss claims. That is partly due to catastrophic claims such as Brucella in 2019 and COVID-19 from 2020-2022. 58% of all 2022 claims were time loss claims. Time loss claims over the past five years have paid \$17.7 million, \$2.9 million of which was for COVID claims. 79% of those claims were among hospital employees, and 11% among UW Facilities employees. For the 102,122 lost days, the positions with the most time loss were custodian (22%), registered nurse (12%), hospital assistance (10%), followed by other hospital employees who interact with patients.

Of time loss injuries, most (57%) were caused by "stress of body" such as from lifting, pushing, or pulling, repetitive motion, reaching, walking, throwing, or holding. It is hard to bring people back after muscular injuries, when they are medically declared not able to perform activities. The next most common causes were falls (18%), exposures (11%), and struck by object or person (10%).

Keeping employees at work benefits everyone. Not returning may cause deconditioning, boredom and depression, loss of confidence, and financial loss. Supervisors and peers should remain in contact with time loss employees. Staying at work minimizes productivity loss for all involved. The longer someone is away from work, the lower their chances of regaining full employment.

We can help injured workers by completing OARS or PSN reports promptly; looking for light duty opportunities; staying in touch with injured workers, HR, and Claim Services; and by welcoming

back and accommodating employees where possible. Supervisors and managers can take training at <https://risk.uw.edu/wc/supervisors> so they are prepared before an injury occurs.

There is a Stay at Work incentive program! Departments can get reimbursed 50% of wages for up to 66 days of modified/light duty in a 24-month period, with \$10,000 cap. Claim Services administers the program. L&I reimbursed UW about \$2.1 million total since the program was enacted in 2012.

We can avoid strain injuries by stretching and conditioning, utilizing rotations/breaks, following safe lifting guidance, and evaluating and designing tasks for safety. We can avoid slips/trips/falls with good housekeeping, appropriate lighting and footwear, regular safety inspections, and signage.

UW's L&I insurance premium rating is based on the past three years of workers' compensation claims (currently 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2022), and some claims from that time are still open and developing. UW's current premium is \$23 million/yr. Employees pay about 1/3 of the total premium via payroll deduction. In addition to the premium, costs to UW include lost work hours, costs for temporary help, and costs for training.

Takeaways: Focusing on safety is the most important tool in managing workers' compensation. Identify modified or light duty work before it is needed. Worker's Compensation is a significant expense to UW. UW claim rates are up, even with steady decreases in payroll hours. There are promising downward trends on Time Loss dollars and days.

A member asked about help for departments paying for equipment after a claim. Ken answered that L&I will only cover claims where a time loss payment is made. If the matter is outside of workers' compensation, contact the Disability Services Office regarding [accommodation services](#).

A member asked whether other Washington universities have medical centers associated with them as we do? Ken replied no, not to the degree that UW does, and in an urban setting, so we can't really compare our operations to sister universities in state.

Marty asked how real-time trends in Claims are monitored. Claim Services notifies EH&S of all incoming Washington claims. Sonia offered to show Marty (as a new member) the Tableau OARS metrics available to HSC members to see trends anytime. Katia pointed out that EH&S is watching these trends and produces an annual report summarizing data (including top injuries and causes) for HSC Executive Sponsors. Erin pointed out that EH&S was planning to give an OARS trends analysis presentation at the September U-Wide and 3-4 times a year after that.

Laura H. would like to see a breakdown of UW Medicine vs UW Academy employee injuries in greater detail. Erin responded that we will try to address that in next month's presentation. Stephen Lundgren described how in HSC-5 meetings, each hospital presents on trends (including types and causes of injuries) monthly because there are too many reports to review individually.

## **5. Organizational Group Reports**

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

**HSC-1**

Ryan Hawkinson: nothing to report.

**HSC-2**

Norm Kwasinski and Brett Magnuson: nothing to report.

**HSC-3**

Kurt Oglesby: nothing to report.

**HSC-4**

Desi Schatz: nothing to report.

**HSC-5**

Steve Herber: we had a UWMC safe patient handling report, and updates from our injury reduction initiatives. We saw a decrease in staff injuries from patient maneuvering.

David Manley and Stephen Lundgren: Our UW Medicine monthly trend analyses include occupation. One of our biggest issues is comparing data across UWMC Montlake, UWMC NW, HMC, and Primary Care clinics. Hands-on care is labor intensive and challenging; lifting a patient the wrong way can cause injury. We continually manage our environment of care.

**HSC-6:**

Sarah O'Hara: nothing to report.

**HSC-7**

Alaron: we had an unusually high number of OARS reports, but nothing particularly unusual.

**HSC-8**

Donna Braboy: nothing to report.

**HSC-9**

Alex Lefort: expressed thanks to Sally Clark for talking with HSC-9. Discussion points that stuck out were what to expect in the future as the CCS division grows. We also had a great informational presentation from Allyson Long (UWB) for Active Threat/Active Shooter training. The HCDE group is still frustrated regarding transparency and accountability for last Fall's incident.

**HSC-10**

David Warren: introduced Jon Wittouck, HSC-10 U-Wide rep replacing the retired David Zuckerman. After Dan Jaffe's IAQ/wildfire smoke talk, we started testing indoor air in all our buildings to measure system efficacy. We will have two "purple air" sensors in each building and one outside, plus a roof sensor for ozone, etc. We will make that data available to all online.

**6. Union & Senate Reports**

**GPSS**

Not present.

**WFSE 1488**

Not present.

**SEIU 925**

Stephen: We are expanding our organizing efforts on campus. Unions are addressing DEI in labor agreements, which has health and safety ramifications. We would benefit from sharing more health and safety information with workers and are looking at how best to communicate. We are looking at how to retain workers in the workforce. We still have employees affected by long COVID; we appreciate DSO and EH&S services.

**UAW 4121**

Not present.

**Faculty Senate**

Not present.

**7. Ex Officio Reports****UW Facilities**

Chris Pennington: As Tracey mentioned last month, we had a helicopter lift lights to the stadium; that was very successful. On August 14th, a contractor will do annual “shock” water treatment on Drumheller fountain. They dispense chemicals to maintain levels of chemicals that are affected by UV. Cleaning takes place in several stages.

**Transportation Services**

Eric Johnson: Nothing to report.

**Emergency Management**

Not present.

**UWPD**

Lt. Chris Jaross: Getting ready for football season. Typical quiet summer at UWPD.

**DEOHS**

Marty Cohen: Does anyone have experience with the [SafeZone app](#)? Chris Jaross: It is meant for on campus and does not function outside the geofence; not all comms centers see it. Chris will follow up with Marty. Sonia mentioned that power user Steven Riggs might be helpful.

**UWHR**

Trista Truemper: nothing to report.

**AGO**

Jo Hill: nothing to report.

**Claim Services**

Ken Nielsen: nothing additional to report.

**UW Bothell**

Allyson Long: nothing to report.

**UW Tacoma**

Susan: UW Tacoma’s rebranded [Campus Safety and Security website](#) addresses safety and emergency preparedness, including a workplace security plan template, and guidance on how to make reports for injuries and near misses. The website was rolled out earlier this month and will be advertised into the next quarter. We are looking for building ambassadors to help look at the environment and champion departmental and individual safety. We are hoping to bring Stop the Bleed training and CPR Sundays for interested faculty. We are preparing for the Great Shakeout.

**8. EH&S Updates***General*

Jimmy Spencer reported from the latest EHS external quarterly newsletter (sign up to receive it [here](#)). There have been several [updates to COVID-19 policies](#). We anticipate maintaining current policies for Fall quarter. Eleanor Wade commented that the newsletter clearly spells out the changes, which have also been presented in the U-Wide a few times, so she highly recommends sharing the newsletter with units to move the message downstream.

EHS has posted an article on [safe storage of compressed gases and cryogenics](#). There is a [new self-service access to online safety training](#) in Bridge. EH&S is supporting UW Facilities as they add solar power charging stations to three parking lots (E2, E18, N26). L&I's updated wildfire smoke rule release has moved from 8/18 to "late summer"; once it is released, EH&S will communicate updated training to campus.

#### *L&I*

Erin shared that Labor & Industries held a closing conference related to UW Facilities custodians' chemical usage with a specialized machine when deep cleaning restroom floors. There are three proposed violations, one serious and two general. We await the citation and notice.

L&I opened a compliance inspection at Harborview Medical Center related to a specific room in West Hospital and concerns about indoor air odors, air filtration, lighting, electrical safety, office chairs. EH&S complied with submitting the requested documents and awaits a closing conference.

#### *HSC Elections*

Sonia shared the HSC Elections update. Nine of ten HSCs have confirmed their Election Coordinators. They'll work with Executive Sponsors to review HSC organization and verify all units and employees are represented in elections, then verify organizational contact lists. The general recommended timeline is for nominations in August, elections in September, tallying in October, and results announcements in November. Please reach out to Sonia if not able to follow the timeline. Office 365 forms are useful for nominations and elections. Sonia has templates available.

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

Erin described that next month, the U-Wide will still start at 1pm via Zoom with an in-person option at the Center for Urban Horticulture, Douglas Room. The second half of the U-Wide will be optional and offline -- a tour of the UW Farm, limited to 20 participants.

Jimmy pointed out that per the National Weather Service, temperatures are rising. EH&S will post a banner on webpage to [outdoor heat exposure](#) training (online) and program requirements.

Sarah Coppola asked whether Safezone can connect to Bluetooth for accessibility. Marty said DEOHS is purchasing multiple Bluetooth buttons (\$55 apiece) for testing on and off campus.

### **10. Adjourn**

Laura Harrington motioned, and Sarah O'Hara seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:13pm.

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

**September 13, 2023**  
**1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.\***  
**Zoom (screen required)**

Agenda Item	Lead	Process	Time
Attendance/Quorum (13)	Sonia Honeydew	Verify quorum (in-person and Zoom)	2 min
Call to Order and Welcome	Carmen Parisi	Robert's Rules of Order	1 min
Approval of Meeting Minutes	Carmen Parisi	Discussion	2 min
Portable Air Cleaners and Preparing for Wildfire Smoke	Megan Grennille, EH&S, & John Carroll, UW Facilities	Presentation	10 min
Organizational Group Reports**	Organizational HSC members	Discussion	5 min
Union & Senate Reports	Union & Senate members	Discussion	5 min
Ex Officio Reports	Ex Officio members	Discussion	5 min
EH&S Updates General L&I HSC Elections	Erin McKeown & Sonia Honeydew	Discussion	5 min
Good of the Order	Carmen Parisi	Discussion	5 min
Adjourn, prepare for tour	Carmen Parisi	Robert's Rules of Order	5 min
UW Farm Tour (optional, from Center for Urban Horticulture)	Catherine Nelson, UW Botanic Garden	Tour (onsite)	60 min

**\*1:00-1:40** via Zoom and in Douglas Classroom at Center for Urban Horticulture. **1:45-2:45** optional in-person UW Farm tour (with RSVP) leaving from Douglas Classroom. The U-wide meeting normally ends at 1:30 so we understand attendees may not be able to stay for the whole farm tour.

**\*\*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.**