

University-Wide Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2014 1:00-2:30 pm
Foege 130A

	Elected Membership		Appointed Membership		Guests
	Leslie Anderson (1)	X	Paul Zuchowski (3)	X	Stuart Cordts, EH&S
X	Ryan Hawkinson (1)		Bob Ennes (4)		
X	Paula Lukaszek (2)	X	Nadia Khan (4)-alternate		
	Sterling Luke (2)		Nicole Sanderson (7)		
X	Sara Jones (3)		Michael Glidden (9)		
X	Glenn McLean (4)	X	David Zuckerman (10)		
	John Martin (6)	X	Liz Kindred (12)		
	Ron Maxell (6)		Rob Hinton (12)		
X	Paul Miller (6)				
X	Charlotte Rasmussen (7)				
	Zachary Druce (8)				
X	Stephen Rondeau (8)				
	Sonia Honeydew (9)				
	Roy Farrow (10)				
	Kathy Newell (10)				
X	Rick Gleason (Faculty Senate)				
	Labor Representation		Ex Officio Membership		Support
	Doug Nielson WFSE Local 1488		Michelle Doiron Attorneys General Office		Jude Van Buren, Director, EH&S
	Joel McCulloch SEIU Local 1199		Tracey Mosier Facilities Services	X	Katia Harb, Asst. Director, EH&S
X	Laura Harrington SEIU 925		Wendy Winslow-Nason Risk Management	X	Sherry Baron, EH&S Technical
X	Peter Johnston UAW 4121		Ron Fouty Capital Projects	X	Emma Alder, EH&S Minutes
		X	Josh Kavanagh, Transportation Services		

***X= Present at meeting**

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Introductions
 2. EH&S Presentation – Midyear 2014 OARS Statistics
 3. Approval of July Minutes
 4. Organizational Group Reports
 5. Union Reports
 6. EH&S Reports
 7. Open Discussion
 8. Adjourn
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Recorded: by Emma Alder

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 1:02 PM by Sara Jones. Introductions were made around the room.
2. **EH&S Presentation – Midyear 2014 OARS Statistics:** Stuart gave a presentation of the mid-year Online Accident Reporting (OARS) statistics for 2014. Emma Alder reported on the OSHA 300 recordable injury statistics. The causes of injuries reported most through the system have remained consistent from year to year: overexertion and other injuries due to ergonomic risk factors, slips/trips/falls, and needles/sharps. They also discussed ongoing and upcoming changes that are being made to the OARS system. One upcoming change will be to improve the categories that users select when classifying their injury or accident. Stuart presented a draft of proposed changes to these categories and explained the background behind the changes. A copy of the pertinent statistical highlights will be provided to the committee members as well as a copy of the suggested OARS category changes. U-Wide members can share the suggested changes with their respective committees to request additional feedback.
3. **Approval of July Minutes:** Sara asked for a motion to approve the July minutes as written. A change to the attendance was requested. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was put forward and seconded. The minutes were approved as amended.
4. **Organizational Group Reports:**
 - a. **Group 1:** Ryan Hawkinson reported that Group 1 watched an active shooter training video. His group also discussed the prohibition of bikes within buildings as well as resources for employees who may have concerns with service animals within buildings.
 - b. **Group 2:** Paula reported that the group did not get an opportunity to review the OARS reports but they did report out on their respective departmental safety meetings. Ron gave the report-out from the previous U-Wide meeting. The group also discussed the prohibition of bikes within buildings and concerns regarding animals within buildings.

- c. **Group 3:** Paul reported that Group 3 met last month and reviewed OARS reports. An appointed member has recently retired from Group 3 and has been replaced on the committee. The committee also discussed the prohibition of bikes within buildings and concerns with animals in buildings. Paul recently spoke with Colleen Pike and Katherine Tena about developing safety culture in labs amongst students. He is going to assist them with finding students to interview for their project.
- d. **Group 4:** Nadia Khan reported that they met on July 22nd. There was a guest speaker from health sciences that gave an overview of evacuation concerns regarding the T-wing overpass bridge. During evacuations the bridge can become congested and a bottleneck occurs within the buildings. The committee discussed the recent changes to the 15th NE St. and 40th St. intersection and suggested more signage could make the changes to the crossing easier to understand. The committee also discussed recent construction around NE Pacific St. and Montlake Blvd. NE. Additional signage at this intersection could also improve awareness of the construction activities. Josh Kavanagh informed the committee that improvements to the 15th Ave intersection are in progress.
- e. **Group 6:** Paul Miller reported that the most recent Group 6 meeting was lightly attended. His group reviewed two months of OARS reports and also discussed the prohibition of bikes in buildings.
- f. **Group 7:** Charlotte Rasmussen reported that the Bothell committee discussed initiatives to address the expected increase traffic on campus in the fall. The committee also discussed recent ventilation issues within some of the buildings on campus.
- g. **Group 8:** Stephen Rondeau reported that the Tacoma committee discussed many topics at their most recent meeting including heat stress safety, recent transportation improvements, upcoming emergency drills, the need for more sharps containers, and how to encourage reporting through OARS. Stephen also discussed a recent vehicular accident that occurred on the Tacoma campus. A recreational vehicle lost control and landed on main campus stairwell; the driver of the vehicle did not survive the accident. The incident will be discussed at the next Tacoma safety committee meeting as similar vehicular accidents have occurred in the past in this same location.
- h. **Group 9:** No representatives present.
- i. **Group 10:** David Zuckerman reported that they met on July 24th. His committee also discussed concerns with bikes and animals in buildings. The Group 10 members are interested in touring the Emergency Operations Center in the tower and may attempt to hold a meeting there in the future.
- j. **Group 12:** Liz Kindred reported that Group 12 met on July 28th. The committee reviewed incident reports. Risk Management reported on 2013 workers' compensation data for the two medical centers.
- k. **Faculty Senate:** No report.

5. Union Reports

- a. **SEIU Local 925:** Representative not present.

- b. **SEIU Local 1119:** Laura Harrington requested that we put a standing order on future U-Wide agenda for a report-out from Transportations Services. She reported that SEIU 1199 is in the middle of bargaining. The union is discussing ergonomic injuries and how to ensure employees are able to get an evaluation done in a timely manner. One proposal to accomplish this is to require an ergonomic evaluation be given to an employee within 30 days of a written request. Bargaining was cancelled to allow labor/management to think about these ergonomic implications. If this change in policy goes through, more money may be available to the ergonomic program on campus. Laura also discussed concern for overpass bridges and the possibility of pedestrians falling. Josh Kavanagh mentioned that there is currently funding for the design phase for a new Hec Ed bridge.
- c. **UAW 4121:** Peter Johnston explained that UAW represents all the graduate students getting paid to work on their degrees. The union met earlier this week and are working on contract negotiations. They are also trying to ensure everyone covered by the union is signed up as a member. Peter discussed plans to include reporting requirements and OARS information in their orientation.
- d. **WFSE Local 1488:** Paula Lukaszek discussed the rerouting of Burke Gilman Trail and requested more lights or other indicators that could make it clear to vehicles that there are more cyclists on the road due to the detour. Josh Kavanagh reported that the Chief of Police has been evaluating the situation to determine if more of a police presence is needed around the detour. The Transportation Committee is also continuously making safety improvements to the project. Paula also reported that Facilities Services employees were concerned about vehicles speeding along Walla Walla Rd. near the IMA. Josh will coordinate with police on opportunities to improve the speeding in the area.

6. EHS Updates

- a. **Labor and Industries (L&I) Updates** – Sherry Baron reported on the six violations that resulted from the Drama Scene Shop L&I inspection from the safety inspection. There were no proposed violations from the industrial hygiene (IH) inspection. She also discussed a newly opened inspection concerning a fall from a ladder in Facilities Services.

7. **Open Discussion:** Dave Girts will be presenting to the U-Wide committee in November on Safe Campus and active shooter training.

8. **Meeting Adjournment:** Sara Jones adjourned the meeting at 2:35 PM.