

## Minutes

University of Washington, Tacoma  
Health and Safety Committee  
Meeting of May 13, 2004

Hugh Smith called the meeting to order.

### Introductions

April minutes were reviewed and approved with two name changes.

### **Update on University-wide EH&S meeting**

Joshua Curtis, Masters student, presented a pilot program. Campus Emergency Response Team (CERT) will provide training on search and rescue for three hours a week over nine weeks. The first round is free and is available to anyone interested. An info session will be held at the end of May in Health Sciences.

Additionally, the university-wide committee discussed applying for grants that would be distributed over all three campuses.

### **Old Business**

#### **Auto Accident**

City is saying the University is responsible for finding a solution that does not include a substantial barrier. Capital Projects in Seattle is getting involved. A solution of building a roundabout in Jefferson intersection has been proposed with the implication that funding will come from Safety money.

#### **Letter to Sandy**

There was a suggestion to modify the letter to Sandy based on the new information. After some discussion, committee agreed to leave letter as-is. It was mentioned that Sandy would be leaving on June 2 for Nevada State University, and at the time, her replacement was not identified.

#### **Floor Wardens**

Darren is still missing a few floor wardens. Training will not be arranged until all floor wardens are named.

#### **Review Earthquake Drill**

It was described as "underwhelming." There was no alarm indicating the beginning or end of the drill. Some members took the time to review safety measures and discuss possibilities in the event of an actual emergency.

#### **Stair Tread Painting/Highlighting**

Received a bid of \$35,000 to paint grand stairwell. Lisa Tice will look into the possibility of receiving EH&S safety funds from UWS. Darren suggested a couple of alternatives that would possibly be cheaper such as steel or rubber bands attached to the stairs. The alternatives however would present tripping hazards. The stairs in Carwein Auditorium are being evaluated by a supplier to find a way to fasten lighting.

### **SCI 309 Railing**

Seating near the top tier has no support. Railing has been ordered, painted on arrival and installed.

### **New Business**

#### **Stair Hand-Rail (Tacoma Dome)**

The railing used for commencement is designed in such a way that the sleeves of the gowns get caught. Last year a student's sleeve got caught and tripped down the stairs. A staff member was there to catch them, but injured their back by doing so. This year the issue was addressed with Tacoma Dome staff. Apparently, extensions were welded onto the railings that would prevent sleeves from catching. A trial run will be performed prior to commencement.

#### **Access Issues Cherry Parks/Indochine**

There is a roll down door that will prevent access after hours to Cherry Parks. It leaves Indochine with inadequate fire escapes. There is currently an evaluation on how to remedy the situation.

#### **Roof Access to Mattress Factory**

A street person climbed onto the roof of MAT after hours and was carrying on. Security had to remove the individual. It illustrates the necessity to remedy easy access to the roof. The current design makes it fairly easy to reach the roof from the stairs.

#### **Emergency Response on Campus**

Illustrated by a recent issue with a student visiting Disability Services, there is no cohesive plan between the campus and emergency response. Staff and faculty are not aware that each building has a physical street address and emergency response is not familiar with the building names we use on campus. Security is in the process of trying to get numbers on all the buildings and providing building names to emergency response. It is important to circulate to the campus community the procedures for obtaining emergency response and know the location on the emergency.

#### **Disabled Parking Near CP/MAT**

There is no disabled parking near either building. Lisa Tice reminded us we have a legal obligation to deliver disabled students to the front door for classes of services. Darren suggested that the C-1 parking spots outside Cherry Parks be converted to disabled permit parking, and have the permits issued by Disability Services

### **Attendees**

Hugh Smith, Tim Kapler, Carla Van Rossum, Naarah McDonald, James Woods, Darren Bailey, Gabriela Crosby, Julia Smith, Don Higgins, Lisa Tice.