

UWT Health & Safety Meeting
Minutes
February 14, 2008

Attendees: Darren Bailey, Joe Chynoweth, Stephen Costanti, Gabriela Crosby, Karin Dalesky, Kim Davenport, Linda Dawson, Tim Kapler, Dave Leonard, Naarah McDonald, Michael McMillan, Valerie Mediate-Urevig, Bruce Metzger, Tracey Norris, Carla van Rossum, Jennifer Sundheim, Lisa Tice, Susan Wagshul-Golden, Lia Wetzstein, Carson Wright

J. Chynoweth called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Agenda was adopted with friendly amendment to add discussion of recent fire drill.

Minutes from December meeting were approved.

Election of Chair

J. Chynoweth was unanimously re-elected as chair of the committee.

Recap of January training

D. Leonard offered to provide committee training to anyone who was not able to attend the training session in January.

Report from U-Wide meeting

J. Chynoweth and K. Davenport provided a report from the UW-wide Safety Committee meeting of February 13.

UW will be participating in the state-wide earthquake drill on March 5. S. Wagshul-Golden reported that UWT's involvement was still to be determined.

Seattle is asking for increased use of the OARS system, aware that bugs are still being worked out. D. Leonard mentioned UW Bothell's workaround, with one point person who enters all reports into the OARS system. J. Chynoweth asked D. Leonard to provide copy of the form used in Bothell, for discussion at the next meeting. J. Chynoweth also asked D. Leonard to try to arrange OARS training, especially for supervisors, on the UWT campus.

Safety Summit

K. Davenport provided background on plans for the Safety Summit for new members.

T. Norris suggested that OARS training could be incorporated into the Summit.

L. Wetzstein encouraged the group to brainstorm a complete list of possible topics for the Summit, and also for individuals to volunteer to be responsible for certain topics. Topics raised as possibilities for presentations or info tables included: emergency preparedness; Safety Committee; Campus Safety; OARS; earthquake video; CDC; AED training; Pierce County Emergency Management; Tacoma Police and Fire Departments; UW Emergency Management and EH&S; UW Alert; blue phones; RAD; faculty responsibilities in emergencies.

J. Chynoweth asked K. Davenport to set up a working meeting before the next scheduled committee meeting to continue this discussion. N. McDonald volunteered to assist with planning this meeting.

February 25 Fallen Firefighter Event

J. Chynoweth explained this event, invited committee members to attend.

Round Table

L. Tice reported on a Wellness Committee project to put on a suicide prevention workshop specific to returning Iraq veterans. More details would be forthcoming on uwtlne.

C. Wright raised the issue of faculty responsibility for student safety. J. Chynoweth asked K. Davenport to set up a meeting with the chair(s) of faculty assembly to discuss this further.

S. Wagshul-Golden reported that she is continuing to work with county, other community partners on emergency planning. As some of those meetings may conflict with Safety Committee meetings, she will ask D. Bailey to attend in her place when she is not available.

S. Wagshul-Golden also responded to questions about the last fire drill on campus, in December. She confirmed that the campus has a lot of work to do in terms of informing wardens, faculty, and students of their responsibilities in a drill or emergency situation.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Davenport