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UW Tacoma Health & Safety Committee Meeting
Minutes
July 9, 2009

In attendance: Carson Wright, Naarah McDonald, Joe Chynoweth, Stephen Rondeau, Carolyn Maxson, Donna Plummer, Lia Wetzstein, Stephen Costanti, Valerie Mediate, Karin Dalesky

Guests Present: Dave Leonard, Susan Wagshul-Golden

J. Chynoweth called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Agenda was adopted with no changes.

Minutes from the June meeting were approved with one change to wording under Fire Drills.

Report from UW-wide committee

S. Costanti provided a report from the UW-wide committee meeting:

- UW PD Crime Prevention Resource Guide was presented. There was no clear connection to UW Tacoma. S. Wagshul-Golden reported that UW Tacoma is connected with Tacoma Police Department.
- There were organization reports from union representatives for each group. UW Tacoma had a union representative who is no longer with the campus. Union representatives are by member choice and appointed by the Union. There are three union contracts governing members on this campus.
- There are two new Administrative Policy Statements up for review. S. Costanti provided these to N. McDonald to scan and e-mail the committee for feedback prior to the next U-Wide committee meeting.
- There was an asbestos exposure in McMahon Hall. D. Leonard reported that Facilities/Capital Projects typically handle/coordinate renovations on campus and control for this. In this particular instance, an outside vendor was brought in to replace carpet. In the course of the work, they removed baseboards and contaminated wallpaper. He reiterated the need to have Facilities looped in on all such projects.

Accident/Incident Reports

One report was filed. A staff member was walking through the GWP atrium and slipped on the wet floor. No rugs were present. There was no corrective action noted by the supervisor. J. Chynoweth was to follow up with employee and supervisor.

Student/Community Incidents

C. Wright listed several incident reports: A community member called to say her daughter had been on campus and tripped on stairs that had no railing. The individual could not identify where on campus this occurred, nor would allow the receiving officer to speak to the person who had fallen. A report was filed with no current follow up.

A car crashed into the Longshoreman's Hall gate. Apparently, the vehicle was parked across the street and rolled across the street. There were no reported witnesses.

A motorcyclist crashed on Pacific Ave and fled on foot.

Fire Drills

J. Chynoweth reiterated previous requests that Fire Drills be scheduled for the last 15 minutes of classes and avoid the mid-term weeks. Should work with EH&S on scheduling these in the future.

S. Wagshul-Golden noted that more training is coming and additional Warden training would be available during the summer, August 24/25. Responding to last month's minutes, all radios that had been purchased have been distributed. J. Chynoweth noted that we once again have funds from the committee to spend on safety needs, perhaps radios. He will check to see what is available.

S. Wagshul-Golden reported that the 6th draft of the EEP is done and has gone to EMS for approval. This should roll out in August. There are 2 primary Communication Centers on campus in Facilities and Campus Safety with a back up in WG. A remote lock down structure is being developed. The retail manager is responsible for arranging emergency management for the retail spaces. Training for CERT and Search and Rescue will start for campus folks. Ron Welk and Mike Pedee are CERT trainers for this campus. This fall, the UW Tacoma campus will participate in the October 17, Shake Date. This is a live training with a simulated disaster and the campus will be connected to LESA and the Public Safety Network.

Round Table

J. Sundheim sent a report that the confidence testing went well and since she had heard nothing assumed that everything was all right. J. Chynoweth noted that the sprinklers were being replaced due to a recall.

S. Rondeau reported that he printed some Safe Campus flyers. He also noted that his CO2 fire extinguisher had not been checked in the recent round of inspections. J. Chynoweth noted that this should be added to the schedule. N. McDonald to follow up with Campus Safety.

D. Leonard reported that last Thursday there was a robbery on/near the Seattle campus right around 5:00pm, and there were blue phone announcements made. He noted that many people kept moving around without really paying attention to the announcement.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Naarah McDonald