

UW Tacoma Health & Safety Committee Meeting
Minutes
October 8, 2009

In attendance: Stephen Costanti, Carolyn Maxson, Michael McMillan, Valerie Mediate-Urevig, Tracey Norris, Stephen Rondeau, Jennifer Sundheim, Carson Wright, Karin Dalesky, Donna Plummer, Lia Wetzstein, and Linda Dawson

Guests Present: Susan Wagshul-Golden, Dave Leonard

S. Wagshul-Golden called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Agenda was adopted as presented.

Minutes from the September meeting were approved with no changes.

Report from UW-wide meeting

S. Costanti reported there was no meeting. He reminded the committee about the upcoming election process and asked if anyone had questions. S. Wagshul-Golden described the election process steps. S. Costanti also informed the committee about an upcoming presentation on emergency preparedness Nov. 18, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, EE Bldg 303, UW Seattle.

Accident/Incident reports (August and September)

A motion was made to table discussion of this item until the November meeting as no one on the committee had access to the documents for review. Motion was seconded and sustained.

Student incidents reported to Security

A motion was made to table discussion of this item until the November meeting to allow other absent members to be present for the discussion. Motion was seconded and sustained.

Spending Committee Funds

C. Maxson brought a handout with pricing and product information on a 20 person deluxe survival kit by Quake Kare Inc. and suggested some of the funds be used to purchase one. The kit could then be divided into several smaller kits which could be distributed to departments that do not have a kit or the funds to purchase one.

S. Costanti suggested that funds be used to train all building and floor evacuation wardens.

S. Wagshul-Golden discussed the region ten response for our area beyond our immediate supplies and services.

A motion was made to table the decision on how to spend committee funds until November in order to allow time for more suggestions. Motion was seconded and sustained.

Round Table

S. Costanti thanked the committee for attending the Violence Prevention Training.

L. Wetzstein said she would give an update to the committee on the lab hood extinguishing system event at the November meeting.

V. Mediate-Urevig

1) asked about the gas incident two weeks ago and told the committee there was a strong feeling in the Nursing department that the building should have been evacuated.

S.Wagshul-Golden talked about discovery of and the solution to the problem. That particular issue should not happen again.

2) asked about communication – facilities did not answer phone and a call to campus safety went to voicemail during the gas incident. People in the Nursing department were concerned and considered pulling the fire alarm. S. Wagshul-Golden explained that campus safety was on the scene of the gas incident already and not able to answer the phone until after responding to the incident. S. Wagshul-Golden cautioned against pulling the fire alarm to evacuate a building when the cause of the problem is unknown or if it's known not to be a fire. Suggested this might be an opportunity for the department to train with Environmental Health and Safety.

3) concerned about inappropriate conversation and language on the building warden radios. S.Wagshul-Golden explained that the radio frequency might have been in use by someone off-campus; it wouldn't be unusual.

C. Wright thanked Environmental Health and Safety for excellent customer service and help answering questions whenever needed. Kudos to EH&S.

D. Leonard – asked everyone if they had received information on current UW status regarding H1N1. The committee had received emails and information needed.

J. Sundheim – asked about the First Aid kits – are the replacements offered through Zee Medical Service to be paid for by individual departments using state funds? If so, which departments are required to have First Aid kits? S. Wagshul-Golden explained that the new First Aid kits would be purchased by individual departments using state funds. D. Leonard explained that those departments trained as part of their job to administer first aid are required to have the kits. He said there were also other requirements for field trips and public vehicles, but none that he could think of that were specific to the library or any other area or department with public access.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

- submitted by Tracey Norris