

UW Tacoma Health & Safety Committee Meeting
Minutes
November 12, 2009

In attendance: Joe Chynoweth, Stephen Costanti, Gabby Crosby, Carolyn Maxson, Michael McMillan, Tracey Norris, Stephen Rondeau, Jennifer Sundheim, Lia Wetzstein, Carson Wright, Naarah McDonald

Guests Present: Susan Wagshul-Golden, Dave Leonard

J. Chynoweth called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

Agenda was adopted as presented.

Minutes from the October meeting were approved with no changes.

Report from UW-wide meeting

S. Costanti reported there was a presentation on Managing Construction that was not applicable to our campus. All current L&I claims are on going. There was also an Emergency Preparedness presentation.

Accident/Incident reports (November)

August:

- A library employee had respiratory issues working in a dusty storage area. The space had inadvertently been removed from the regular cleaning schedule. Facilities mitigated the particulate material in the space and confirmed that the room had been placed on the regular cleaning schedule. The committee recommended that dust masks be made available to all employees that access the space.
- A box cutter had been left open on top of books in the library. No injuries occurred. Facilities was contacted. The box cutter was removed, and the individual responsible was reprimanded.
- An employee walking down interior stairs fell two steps. The employee was informed of stair safety.

October

- An employee carrying a box of books hit hand on exterior door and was cut. First aid was administered. Employee was informed to keep hands free when opening door.
- An employee was injured during a training exercise. The instructor provided additional training on how to fall properly.
- An employee tripped up interior stairs while reading and injured right knee and foot. The employee was informed to not read while walking on stairs.

Student incidents reported to Security

A student fell on 19th street stairs. Another student passed out. A cement truck with the construction project backed into a light pole on Pacific Avenue knocking the pole into a business. There was minimal damage and no injuries. An employee was charged by a dog walking on campus and attempted to bite the employee who kicked the dog. Animal control was contacted. The animal has a history of unpredictable behavior.

Lab hoods in Science

The lab hoods were replaced.

Spending Committee Funds

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

Round Table

L. Wetzstein said the low flow toilets are causing problems. Waste is not being flushed on the first try.

T. Norris noted that she had a voting concern around the area designations and appropriate participation. She also noted that there were hypodermic needles on the ground near the Heidelberg Brewery building. She was informed that the area is outside of campus grounds and she could contact the City of Tacoma for clean up.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

- submitted by Naarah McDonald