UW Health & Safety Committee Report

October 14, 2010


Guest speaker: F. Jeri Carter

Meeting called to order at 1:05p.

Agenda approved with no changes

Minutes from September approved with no changes

**Report from UW-wide meeting**

S. Costanti informed the committee that UW EH&S gave a Fire Safety presentation video of office burning. Basic recommendations – keep your door closed, report missing ceiling tiles, turn off everything in your office. UW wide committee is working on Safety plans are they for the building or every department.

L&I action – Safety officer posted in a medical emergency room inspection delayed due to HIPPA

Twist and fill – custodian asks for more protection equipment-case is closed with 2 assessments and there will be more portable eye wash stations

**Accident/Incident reports**

None

**Incidents Reported to Security**

None

F. Jeri Carter, Director of UW Tacoma Student Health & Wellness, gave an overview of the Student Health and Wellness Center (SHAW). She discussed how the Counseling Center staff deals with students in crisis and how to respond. She stated that there are number of ways students go to counseling center. She distributed the attached brochure about SHAW, confidentiality, characteristic of trouble students and referrals. She stated that faculty and staff are often in a good position to recognize students who may be showing signs of distress, in trouble or being overwhelmed should be referred to the Mat
Building 2nd floor to Student Health and Wellness Center in MAT 253. The contact number for the counseling center is 253-692-4522.

**Round Table**

Reminder that October 27th is wear PINK Day in support of Breast Cancer Research.

When it is time to replace batteries in your office/home-please recycle old batteries. You can place them in an envelope and send to facilities here on campus. They have a used battery recycle bin.

Discussion included the Floor Warden Program here at UW Tacoma. October was to be the month improving and updating it. EH&S personnel are working with the Campus Safety & Security Director.

The next Health and Safety Committee meeting was scheduled on Veterans’ Day November 11, 2010, which is a University observed holiday. Committee Chair S. Costanti recommended to reschedule for November 18, 2010. Committee members requested to let S. Costanti know by email if they would be able to attend a meeting on that date.

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Dayna Barr and Susan Wagshul-Golden