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## UW Tacoma Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2011

**In attendance:** Stephen Costanti, Trish Fiacchi, Brian Tetreault, Lia Wetzstein, Nathan Ketzner, Carolyn Maxson, Gabi Crosby, Darcy Janzen, Amy Carr, Michael Pedee, Susan Wagshul-Golden, Linda Spencer Noyer, David Leonard, and Nancy Cook

Guest speakers; Siri McLean UW Emergency Management and Darren Branum UW EH&S

Meeting called to order at 1:11pm

Approval of Minutes from December meeting at 1:13p.m.

**Presentation on Winter Safety Expo storm preparedness, fire safety , and earthquake preparedness.**

(UW Emergency Management; Siri McLean, Plans Training Manager and Darren Branum, Fire Prevention and Life Safety.) Darren Branum discussed the Fire Prevention program for the UW Tacoma Campus to include training all wardens before next fire drill to include fire extinguisher training, discussed international fire code chapter 4 sections 405 that mandates public assembly building to have quarterly fire drills with employee participation. And our other UW Tacoma buildings are classified by the international fire code as Group B occupancy that requires annual drills and employees must participate. And K-12 grades are the only educational occupancy building classification. Siri McLean presented a PowerPoint on mitigation and preparedness during an emergency and disaster. She discussed the differences in an emergency that response is local need for fire/police/medical and the situation last hours. In a disaster the need for police/fire /medical exceeds the capabilities of local responders and last days. And in this event our community needs to be prepared so that we can be self sufficient. She discussed earthquake preparedness and what to do in the event of an earthquake. She stated what emergency basic supply you need and that a list of these items are on the UW Emergency Management web site .Stop drop and hold, make your home and office earthquake prepared by securing cabinets, pictures using straps and other quake hold devices. And that disaster planning and response is everybody's responsibility.

**Dealing with difficult students:** Nancy Cook discussed the process of how University of Washington Tacoma responds to students of concern on our campus. She stated that faculty can ask a student to leave a classroom if the student is being disruptive to class. Also the Safe campus program is another process of responding, documenting and notifies administration. Nancy stated that because of HIPPA and FERPA there is a confidentiality laws that restrict sharing information to other colleges.

Stephen Costanti (chair) requested that all other agenda items be tabled for discussion at the next UW Tacoma Health and Safety meeting scheduled for February 10, 2011.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:03pm

Next Meeting:  
March 10, 2011  
1-2PM, MAT 352