

**Health and Safety Committee Minutes  
November 8, 2012  
Tacoma Room (GWP 320)**

**In attendance:**

<b>Employee Elected Positions</b>			
<b>Organization</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Elected Members</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Academic Affairs</b>	Education	<b>Donna Plummer</b>	-
	Nursing	<b>Nathan Ketzner</b>	X
	Social Work	<b>Gabriela Crosby</b>	X
	Library	<b>Suzanne Klinger</b>	X
	Teaching & Learning Center	<b>Carolyn Maxson</b>	X
	Academic Advising Center	<b>Karin Dalesky</b>	X
	Environmental Science/IAS – IAS	<b>Noreen Slease</b>	X
	Milgard School of Business	<b>Rose Graham</b>	X
	Academic Affairs, Global Honors, Urban Studies & Chancellor's Office	<b>Shelby Fritz</b>	X
	Institute of Technology	<b>Stephen Rondeau</b>	-
<b>Administrative Services</b>	Administrative Services At-Large	<b>Angela Zurcher</b>	X
	Campus Safety & Security	<b>Darren Bailey</b>	X
	Facilities Services	<b>Don Lee</b>	X
<b>Advancement</b>	Advancement	<b>Steve Costanti</b>	<b>X - CHAIR</b>
<b>Center for Urban Waters</b>	Center for Urban Waters	<b>Michelle Hartman</b>	X
<b>Enrollment Services</b>	Enrollment Services	<b>Linda Spence-Noyer</b>	X
<b>Equity and Diversity</b>	Equity and Diversity	<b>Sara Contreras</b>	-
<b>Information Technology</b>	Information Technology	<b>Darcy Janzen</b>	X
<b>Instructional Technologies</b>	KeyBank Pro. Development Ctr.	<b>Brian Tetreault</b>	X
<b>Student Affairs</b>	Student Affairs	<b>Zachary Druce</b>	X
<b>Union: SEIU</b>	Union: SEIU	<b>Megan Bentley</b>	-
<b>Management Appointed Positions</b>			
<b>Organization</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	
<b>UWT Environmental Health &amp; Safety</b>	Director of UWT EH&S	<b>Dave Leonard</b>	X
<b>Human Resources</b>	Director of Human Resources	<b>Trish Fiacchi</b>	X (Sub: Iris Marx)
<b>Real Estate Office</b>	Senior Asset Manager	<b>Deidra Miller</b>	X
<b>Facilities Services</b>	Director of Facilities Services	<b>Stanley Joshua</b>	-
<b>Campus Safety &amp; Security</b>	Director of Campus Safety & Security	<b>Susan Wagshul-Golden</b>	<b>X – VICE CHAIR</b>
<b>Faculty</b>	Member of Faculty Assembly	<b>Lee West</b>	-
<b>SUBJECT: Laboratory Safety</b>	Instructional Supervisor-Environmental Science/IAS	<b>Lia Wetzstein</b>	-

**Meeting called to order:** 1:03 PM

**November Agenda:** Agenda approved by committee members present.

**September and October Minutes:** The minutes were approved by committee members present.

**University-wide Health and Safety Committee**

Steve reported that the University-wide Health and Safety Committee meeting will be held next Wednesday in Seattle. As a result, no report was provided.

**Accident / Incident Reports**

<b>Case #</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Supervisor Response</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
2012-10-009	"Lost balance and fell when I was walking/ stepped on crumbling concrete on one of the landings."	Consider repair of surface.	Committee discussion identified that this area of the grand staircase has been in need of repair for a long time and the affected area appears to be getting worse. The Committee decided to send a letter to Harlan Patterson recommending: 1: The area should receive a high-priority repair AND 2: That portion of the grand staircase should be closed until there is a temporary or permanent repair to make the area safe 3 AND requesting an update regarding the plan for the repair.

**Student incidents reported to Campus Safety**

No report

**Union Report**

No Report

**EH&S Report**

Dave provided an update on efforts to improve pedestrian safety on campus. He reported that he has been working with the City of Tacoma to make several changes emphasizing that the top leadership at UWT support these changes which is demonstrated by the fact that they are being made with University, not City of Tacoma, funding. The two areas the presentation focused on were:

### 19<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson

Before changes were made, this three way all-stop intersection originally had several issues, including:

1. The stop sign for south bound traffic on Jefferson was not perpendicular to traffic. In this position it could appear to drivers that it is a stop sign for the adjacent C Street which intersects with Jefferson at this point.
2. Cross walks were visible – but worn – crossing Jefferson on the north and south sides.
3. No crosswalk or stopping stripe is visible for traffic on 19th.

To correct these issues, the following actions are currently underway:

1. Cross Walks are being painted at all three crossings.
2. The intersection of Jefferson Ave and Court C is being modified with delineators and street striping to modify the curb line at northwest corner to:
  - A Allow repositioning of the stop sign to clearly indicate that south bound traffic on Jefferson is to stop.
  - B “Choke Down” mouth of C Street to create a clear intersection of C Street and Jefferson to allow the installation of an additional stop sign specific for C Street.

### Jefferson – Broadway and 17<sup>th</sup>

Current issues include:

- Pedestrians come from and enter the roadway at many locations, including coming from the UW (Pinkerton, Science or Dougan Halls), or from the Spaghetti Factory Restaurant or from the restaurant’s parking lot. Pedestrians also enter the road to cross between cars parked diagonally on the east side of the street.
- Pedestrians can walk long distances and a large area of what appears as a street in front of Pinkerton.
- The road surface has several potholes creating tripping hazard.

Action: Unfortunately there is no easy solution. Great concern by all involved that only installing cross walks will result in little change in pedestrian paths unless it is obvious and desirable for pedestrians to use them. As a result, to have clear routes for vehicles and pedestrians, a project to make 17<sup>th</sup> street continuous is being developed. The most recent action on implementing this project is that it has been reviewed by a multi-department team at the City of Tacoma. At this moment, the project, if it proceeds, will most likely be constructed in 2014.

### **EH&S Presentation**

**Electrical Safety** – The presentation was postponed to a future meeting due to time.

### **Round Table / New Business**

Postponed due to time

**Meeting adjourned: 2:15 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Leonard

Next Meeting:  
December 13, 2012