

Health & Safety Committee Minutes

Date: 4/11/2019

1:00 – 2:00pm

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	Representing	Present
Employee Elected Members		
Chris Barrett	Institute of Technology	X
Kathleen Beaumont	Professional Development Center	-
Sara Contreras	Equity and Inclusion	-
Mariah Goyenechea	Enrollment Services	X
Debbie Madaras	Interim Finance & Administration Safety Committee EX Officio Secretary	X
David Hirschberg	Center for Urban Waters	X
Nathan Ketzner	Nursing	X
Carolyn Maxson	Teaching & Learning Center	-
Carina Tapia	Advancement	X
Jim Seow	Faculty Senate	X
Nikki Tabafunda	Milgard School of Business	-
Ashley Walker	Education	X
Hannah Wilson	Library	-
Jennifer Wilson	Academic Advising	-
Stanley Joshua	Director of Facilities Services	-
Susan Wagshul-Golden	Director of Campus Safety & Security	X
Michelle Miller	Environmental Science/IAS Instructional Supervisor	X
James Sinding	Auxiliary Services Manager	-
Dave Leonard	Director of Environmental Health & Safety	X

- I. **Meeting called to order:** 1:05pm

David Hirschberg – meeting called to order. No quorum.

II. March 2019 OARS Reports:

Report number: **2019-03-038**

Boating Safety, incident at Friday Harbor, UW research station, West Sound of Orcas Island.

Details provided by injured person on OARS report: Boat crashed onto rocks because driver was texting. I was thrown forward and my back impacted a metal corner on boat. Experiencing symptoms of whiplash, bruising on spine, and full-body muscle stiffness and soreness. Will be seeing doctor 3/12/2019 at 1030 for assessment.

Dave Leonard reported that he has spoken to EH&S' Boating Safety Officer – Will Love, who is investigating the incident along with Friday Harbor leadership. Mr. Love reported that the boat operator stated to him that he was using a cell phone for GPS/navigation, not texting, to find out their location. There are obvious discrepancies in the stories between the person injured and the boat operator. Committee suggested updating the OARS to reflect the full story and that an investigation by the UW Boating Safety Officer is being done. The Committee also requesting to be told what corrections are implemented once the investigation is complete. Committee also identified the need to know what UW requires of boat operators, particularly to make sure that UW employees who are passengers on such boats are safe. Dave shared that he has been told this boat will have a navigation system installed. Committee recommended a protocol for boat operation until the navigation system is installed for when two or more people are on a boat. Person operating the boat should not be working the navigation, rather an occupant on the boat should be doing it. Committee also wants to know what other safety equipment is on a boat, such as first aid kits.

III. U-Wide Report – Dave Hirschberg:

No U-Wide meeting to report at this meeting. Hannah Wilson and Dave Hirschberg were not able to attend.

IV. EH&S Report – Dave Leonard:

Dave reviewed the 2018 annual accident and injury summary data created by Seattle EH&S and distributed to the committee. The summary reports that injuries and events experienced at Tacoma account for 2% of all UW reports. For the Tacoma campus, there were 22 OARS reports, of which 14 resulted in injury and 5 were OSHA recordable. Ergonomic issues/overexertion are the leading cause of injuries for the Tacoma campus.

The five recordable injuries that occurred at UW Tacoma were as follows:

- 1) A supervisor in Transportation Services injured their back while stacking materials resulting in 75 days of restricted job duty.
- 2) A campus security officer felt his foot pop while walking briskly causing a fall. This injury resulted in one day away from work and 34 days of restricted activity.
- 3) An employee was walking and stepped in a pothole causing a fall and twisted ankle.
- 4) An employee working in Husky mascot costume was hit repeatedly on head by student causing a neck injury.
- 5) An employee was using a paper cutter and cut index finger resulting in two days away from work and one day of restricted activity.

Dave reported that Seattle EH&S conducted a lab safety survey of our labs in the Science and TPS buildings. Overall, no major issues were identified and the issues that were identified are being corrected. Michelle Miller will report on the survey findings and the corrections at our June meeting.

V. Presentation: Asbestos Awareness - Dave Leonard:

Dave did a brief review about asbestos, including where it sometimes found in building materials and the hazards associated with exposure. Dave also explained the controls that are in place to test for asbestos prior to work on building materials with certified AHEREA inspectors and that any work on the material is done per the strict requirements of the law using certified asbestos workers. Dave encouraged people to also test and properly handle asbestos when remodeling their homes.

VI. Round Table:

Dave Leonard – A lot of environmental testing and drilling is currently being done as part of the Agreed Order the UW has with the Department of Ecology. Campus notifications are being sent out as the work progresses, primarily due to the noise issues.

Dave Hirschberg – Reported that there was a NY Times article last week about a city and product in Russia called Asbest and they actually mine asbestos and ship products all over the world. He said, “Be careful of what you get made in Russia!”

No one else on committee had Round Table input.

Meeting closed by Dave Hirschberg, second by Chris Barrett at 1:52pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:52pm

Meeting minutes submitted by Debbie Madaras