

# W UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON | TACOMA

## Health and Safety Committee Minutes

July 13th, 2107

1 PM to 2:00 PM, CP206C

Employee Elected Positions			
Organization	Representing	Elected Members	Present (X)
Academic Affairs	Education	Donna Braboy	X
	Nursing	Susan Johnson	-
	Social Work	Gabriela Crosby	X
	Library	Hannah Wilson, Co-Chair	X
	Teaching & Learning Center	Carolyn Maxson	X
	Academic Advising	Jennifer Wilson	X
	Milgard School of Business	Erica Howard	-
	Academic Affairs, Global Honors, Urban Studies & Chancellor's Office	Silvia Neely	X
Administrative Services	Institute of Technology	Mike McMillan	-
	Finance & Administration At-Large	Galen Guffy	X
	Campus Safety & Security	Robert Whitfield	-
Advancement	Facilities Services	Don Lee	-
	Advancement	Alex Volkman, Co-Chair	X
Center for Urban Waters	Center for Urban Waters	Alex Gipe	-
Enrollment Services	Enrollment Services	Linda Spence-Noyer	X
Equity and Inclusion	Equity and Inclusion	Sara Contreras	X
Instructional Technology	MEDEX	Vacant	-
<b>Ex-Officio - Committee Support</b>			
Organization	Position	Name	
UWT Environmental Health & Safety	Director of UWT EH&S	Dave Leonard	X
Facilities Services	Director of Facilities Services	Stanley Joshua	X
Campus Safety & Security	Director of Campus Safety & Security	Susan Wagshul-Golden	X
SUBJECT: Laboratory Safety	Instructional Supervisor- Environmental Science/IAS	Michelle Miller	-
<b>Ex-Officio - Committee Support</b>			
Organization	Position	Name	
UWT Environmental Health & Safety	Committee Secretary	Galen Guffy	X

**Meeting called to order:** 1:05 PM.

**Agenda and Minutes:** May 2017 Minutes reviewed and approved.

**OARS Reports –** The Committee reviewed and discussed UW Tacoma's May and June 2017 OARS Reports reviewed and summarized below:

- 5/3/2017 Slip and fall on the Court 17 Steps due to algae or some sort of microorganism growing on them making them slippery. Injury due to impact of fall: bruising, possible sprain/strain, and headache – no first aid needed. Committee determined that responsible department, Auxiliary Services, should submit a work order to Facilities to mitigate danger with cleaning of steps.
- 5/3/2017 Automobile/pedestrian near miss at S. 21<sup>st</sup> and S. C Street. Pedestrian light was flashing and car did not heed this and proceeded through the intersection slamming on breaks at the very last minute causing pedestrian to the run out of the way to avoid being hit. No injury. Committee determined that this incident should be brought to City of Tacoma Transportation services.
- 5/11/2017 Automobile/pedestrian near miss at S. 21<sup>st</sup> – car speeding through the cross walk and almost hitting a pedestrian. Pedestrian cross-walk lights flashing, driver did not heed. Driver hit breaks at last minute and came within 1-2 feet of hitting pedestrian in intersection. Committee determined that this incident should be brought to City of Tacoma Transportation services.
- 4/13/2017 (reported on 5/9/2017) Automobile/pedestrian near miss at S. 21<sup>st</sup> and S. C Street. Two pedestrians crossing intersection when a car behind 3 or 4 other cars stopped at intersection waiting for pedestrians to cross, illegally passed those cars and sped through the intersection nearly hitting the pedestrian filing this report. Car did not stop and pedestrian was unable to record the car's license plate number. No injury. Committee determined that this incident should be brought to City of Tacoma Transportation services.
- 4/10/2017 (reported on 5/11/2017) Automobile/pedestrian near miss at S. 21<sup>st</sup> – car speeding through the cross walk and almost hitting a pedestrian. Car was traveling at high speed down the street coming from Jefferson Avenue. Driver hit breaks hard when they saw the pedestrian, who stopped in intersection afraid to proceed, when the driver saw the pedestrian stop, they gunned it through the intersection in front her. No injury. Committee determined that this incident should be brought to City of Tacoma Transportation services.
- 6/2/2017 A student working in one of UW Tacoma labs accidentally rubbed their eyes after using some chemicals and experienced an extreme reaction with burning, watering, pain and impaired vision. Used eyewash station and washed eyes at regular intervals for 15-20 minutes. Symptoms improved but not completely. Student visited UW Tacoma Health Clinic which performed vision test and confirmed that the student's vision was not permanently compromised. The incident cause is suspected to be physical contact with bare hand and acidic or basic chemical solution. Precaution advised: wear adequate PPE (personal protection equipment), e.g. gloves, safety goggles when working in the lab with chemicals.
- 6/14/2017 An employee had a severe seizure in their departmental break room which resulted in a fractured neck vertebrae requiring emergency surgery, inpatient hospitalization and required, and an extended recovery during which the employee in unable to work. Fortunately no spinal cord injury. L&I incident and claim has been filed for accident (neck fracture). The cause of the seizure was pre-existing medical condition.
- 6/19/2017 A maintenance employee sprained his thumb pulling a piece of sheet rock off a wall he was demolishing. When the sheet rock piece broke, it pushed his left thumb backward at an unnatural angle. Employee received medical treatment for sprained thumb.

### **OARS Discussion:**

Susan Wagshul-Golden proposed a university stakeholder meeting to discuss pedestrian safety and collaborate to find a solution. Dave Leonard suggested that we invite COT Transportation Coordinator Brennan Kidd to the Safety Committee's September meeting to discuss these incidents with him. Also suggested Brennan attend the combined U-Wide/UW Tacoma Safety Committee meeting in October, 2017.

**U Wide Safety Committee Meeting: Hannah Wilson**

- Safety Committee Election season is coming up for all UW Safety Committees. A call for nominations should go out and elections held this fall to start the new biennium safety committee session with new and returning committee members.
- UWide Group report on Emergency Response Committee formed to support the 2018 Special Olympics which will be held at UW Seattle.
- An employee driving a UW Fleet vehicle got in an accident and mistakenly gave out their own insurance information. REMINDER: When driving UW vehicles always give out the UW insurance information which should be in the vehicle at all times when they are in use.
- UW Bothell campus reported a successful active shooter drill and the promotion and installment of an increased number of safety bulletin boards in their buildings and grounds.
- There is an open L&I case at the UW Seattle campus involving a safety scaffolding violation.
- Today (7/13/2017) in Washington State more robust “distracted driving” traffic laws go into effect.

Meeting adjourned at 2 pm

Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Galen Guffy

Next meeting: August 10, 2017, 1pm to 2pm, Location: WCG 322