

Agenda – November 22nd, 2023
Group 9 (College of Engineering) Health and Safety Committee

1. Attending

Sean Krewson or Niyousha Rahimi, AA
 Colleen Irvin or Robbie Wong, BioE
 Jonathan Emard or Virginia Engel, CEE
 Michael Pomfret, CEI
 Ben Rutz or Ben Hornberg, ChemE
 Tatyana Galenko or Michael Glidden, DO
 Alexander Lefort or Selest Nashef, CSE
 Tai Chen or Kyle Dickison, ECE

Sonia Honeydew or Erin McKeown, EH&S
 Sarah Coppola or Stacia Green, HCDE
 Sheila Prusa or Kelly Foong, ISE
 Bill Kuykendall, ME
 John Young MoLES/NanoES
 Hanson Fong, MSE
 N. Shane Patrick or Maria Huffman, WNF

2. Previous Meeting Minutes (5 Minutes)

- October 2023 – approve? Corrections/additions?
- Minutes posted at <https://www.engr.washington.edu/mycoe/safety#> and safety boards.

3. Department Incident Reports (25 minutes; use “5 Why’s” analysis for one report)

- All OARS reports may also be found on Tableau while on the UW network via this link: <https://bitools.uw.edu/#/site/Transitional/projects/573>.

OARS #	Supervisor's Dept	Incident Location	Incident Summary
2023-08-057	ENG: Mechanical Engineering – Olanrewaju Lab	Nano Engineering Building	Employee used box cutter to remove 3D-printed part from build plate, and as part released they cut their wrist.
2023-09-011	Bioengineering	W.H. Foege Bioeng	Employee’s fingers were jammed in a mechanical press
2023-09-016	Deans Office	Maple Building	Student employee burned fingertips on preheated 3D printer during repair demo
2023-09-044	Computer Science & Engineering	Allen Center for CSE	Employee and two colleagues trapped in elevator for 20 minutes.
2023-10-012	Computer Science & Engineering	Off-site conference: New Orleans, LA	Employee tested positive for COVID and suspects work conference or travel exposure.
2023-10-015	Bioengineering	Foege, N047	Employee bitten on finger by lab mouse; bite broke skin.
2023-10-066	Mechanical Engineering	ME Building	Unpaid student was removing 3D-printed parts from tray with designated blade and cut their thumb, requiring stitches.
2023-10-067	WNF Staff	Fluke Hall	About 150 mL of pH 9-10 fluid found in puddle and in exhaust line.
2023-10-086	Mechanical Engineering	Seattle Campus; Location unsure	Employee tested positive for COVID-19 and suspects workplace exposure.
2023-10-119	Chem E: Finance	Benson Hall	Member of public distressed employees by disrupting meeting in grad student lounge and damaging property, then locking themselves in restroom.
2023-10-121	HFS Res Life	McCarty Hall	Unpaid student cut finger on machinery near 3D printer.

4. Group Business (10 minutes)

- HSC Group 9 Elections are complete!

- Review of UW Accident Prevention Plan
- Scheduling speaker for December meeting

5. UW-Wide Meeting (5 minutes)

- October meeting minutes attached.
- November agenda attached. Meeting highlights will be presented by Alex Lefort:
 - Alex and Sarah were unable to attend; Will ask for major updates from Sonia.

6. Member Updates (10 minutes)

Next Meeting: December 27th, at 1:30 PM, via Zoom

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Health and Safety Committee for Group 9 (College of Engineering)

Meeting Date: October 25th, 2023 (via Zoom)

Attended

Sean Krewson, AA

Colleen Irvin, BioE

Robbie Wong, BioE

Jonathan Emard, CEE

Mike De Cean, CEI

Benjamin Hornburg, ChemE

Tatyana Berezyuk, CoE Deans Office

Michael Glidden, CoE Deans Office

Alexander Lefort, CSE

Kyle Dickison, ECE

Sonia Honeydew, EH&S

Sarah Coppola, HCDE

Jane Skau, HCDE

Sheila Prusai, ISE

Bill Kuykendall, ME

John Young, MoES/NanoES

Carter Beamish, MSE

N. Shane Patrick, WNF

Absent

None

Previous Meeting Minutes

- September 2023 – minutes approved as is.
- Previous meeting minutes are at: <https://www.engr.washington.edu/mycoe/safety#>. EH&S recommends each department/group post paper copies on their safety board and inform employees of the name of their rep.

Incident Reports

- CSE (#2023-07-023) – Alex confirmed that he was able to get the supervisor to add notes to the incident report. Sonia was able to confirm from EH&S's side as well. No further follow-up was recommended. This incident has been closed.
- ChemE (#2023-07-110) – Benjamin followed up with the group and confirmed that the research group has completed their follow-up items. The group is further looking for ways to remove the involved material altogether, as it is only used in very small quantities for very particular reactions currently. This incident has been closed.

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- CSE (#2023-08-029) – Alex was able to connect with the supervisor and ask them to provide closing notes, which they have. Sonia was able to confirm this. This incident has been closed.
- ME (#2023-08-057) – Bill tried to reach out to the PI, but still hasn't received any response. Sonia noted that she still doesn't see any supervisor comments either. This incident has been tabled to next meeting.
- BioE (#2023-09-011) – Alex asked about why there is currently glove usage around a rotating machine and Colleen noted that she also had the same questions. Particularly as these are not even just nitrile gloves. Colleen is reaching out to the group for further information. This incident has been tabled.
- Dean's Office (#2023-09-016) – Michael has asked the group to elaborate on how the student was inattentive during this procedure and how they expect to change this. He was hoping to see further information on how the group plans to address this. The group technically works in HFS and Michael asked if they were also reviewing it in their safety committee. The person involved has two funding sources: HFS and College of Engineering, but only College of Engineering is showing up on the supervisory roll. Sonia noted that in this incident report they used burn cream, which Michael also pointed to. There were questions as to why this was still in their kit, as we are supposed to be phasing this out of first-aid kits. Shane noted that there doesn't seem to be an easily accessible first-aid guidance doc. Sonia thought they had published this, but it seems that the new plan is not quite out yet. Once out shortly, it should have very clear specifications for what should and should not be in first aid kits. The publication of this document may have been due to the current considerations around adding Naloxazone guidance which Sally Clark is working on. This incident has been tabled.
- ME (#2023-09-027) – Bill noted that the group had no further notes and the committee was happy with the follow-up on this report. This incident has been closed.
- CSE (#2023-09-033) – Alex connected with the group and, in addition to their follow-up plans, recommended that if one of their team encounters a heavy box that they should also ask for assistance from front desk personnel or another member of their team. The committee was otherwise happy with the follow-up with this incident report. This incident has been closed.

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- CSE (#2023-09-044) – As FOMS was called for this incident, the Elevator Shop is aware of the issue and a work order generated. Alex stated that CSE frequently reminds the building residents to contact their facilities team of any strange occurrences in the buildings, including elevator peculiarities, so that these are reported quickly to Facilities. Unfortunately, this incident did not seem to have much advance warning. Alex has connected with the Allen School Director to provide supervisor notes. Colleen advised the group in general that every incident should have a work order submitted to keep a history of elevator issues. This helps in tracking ongoing issues. Michael asked if an elevator issue is also reviewed via the Facilities Health & Safety Committee. Sonia noted that they are looped in, but that the report is not secondarily reviewed by them. To keep things transparent and simple, the impacted party and supervisors are how EH&S decides where to send these reports. EH&S does like to see supervisors add comments on reports that a work order has been submitted for those where this is pertinent to ensure the solution is being logged. This incident has been tabled awaiting supervisor comments.
- BioE (#2023-09-058) – Colleen noted that this is an ongoing issues at BioE – Users will use a razor and then leave them wherever used. Colleen agrees with the supervisor and follow-up comments, but wants to ensure that these were actually discussed at a lab meeting, rather than just being something posted in the lab manual. This incident has been closed, with the stipulation that Colleen confirms that the group has discussed this incident at one of their meetings.
- BioE (#2023-09-094) – Colleen has spoken with the lab manager and the lab is in the process of switching from using needles in this process to a blunt object. This incident has been closed.
- Collaboration Core – WCET Staff (#2023-09-099) – The pile was formed from dirty chem wipes from a previous procedure at the fume hood. When these dried, the reaction with nearby fuel started the fire. Policies have been revised so that when working with this material, it is appropriately disposed of in a carboy filled half with water. The group was also reminded that, rather than using a water squeeze bottle, the procedure for responding to a small fire should be first calling 9-1-1 and then using an actual fire extinguisher if comfortable to do so. This incident has been closed.

Group Business

- Health & Safety Committee Elections: The voting ballots have been sent out for College of Engineering voting! Members have until Monday, Oct. 31st, to vote for their representatives.
- UW APP Review: Alex informed everyone that Group 9 will be reviewing the UW Accident Prevention Plan next meeting and stated that he would send out a link to the plan in the following days.

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- Request for additional speakers: Alex asked if members had recommendations for speakers at our next Group 9 meeting. Recommendations are below:
 - SHARP (Safety & Health Assessment & Research for Prevention) from LNI.
 - Ergonomics Task Force, from LNI.
 - Michael Glidden and Sonia both recommended connecting with Sonia to talk with Erin about reaching out to these groups, rather than reaching out directly.
 - Mike Sletten, with UWPD, on Security Assessments.

UW-Wide Meeting

- Alex asked if anyone had any questions/comments on notes from the U-Wide:
 - September meeting minutes attached.
 - October agenda attached. Meeting highlights will be presented by Alex Lefort:
 - Sally Clark of Campus Community Safety presented on Oureach and the Unhoused:
 - UW now has a contract with an employee of REACH to support UW's struggles with people living with homelessness: Samia Murphy (he/him).
 - Important to note: if dealing with someone violent, UWPD should be contacted, NOT Samia.
 - In order to connect with Samia, call UWPD non-emergency line and ask to be transferred.
 - More information will be available about this position and how to connect with Samia online shortly.
 - Be aware that when trying to connect with Samia, it is possible that he will not immediately be available due to responding to another call or coordinating services.
 - Lesley Decker & Haris Malik presented on National Biosafety Month:
 - Can contact Biosafety about how to properly surplus biological lab equipment.
 - This year's theme is: Written procedures and SOPs
 - A good SOP has: Background info on procedure, includes step-by-step instructions, how to train someone, notes on learning from the past, effective technique, and may include documenting those trained.
 - Certain SOPs may also be regulatory requirements
 - Biosafety SOP templates available on EH&S site.
 - Tips for making SOPs: Treat as living document and avoid "always done it this way" mindset; Solicit feedback from others who may see from another perspective; Use clear, concise, plain language to ensure content is accessible.

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- Great info from question during presentation: Sounds like Lab Services still accepts SHARPS, but don't accept them as "already auto-claved," meaning they will auto-clave everything that comes in.
- Eleanor Wade gave COVID-19 Updates:
 - Current community level for King County is low, though we are seeing a slight spike in cases.
 - Also present is a slighter spike in hospitalizations.
 - All of Washington is in community level low currently.
 - COVID-19, Flu, and RSV are all below Emergency Department Transmission Alert Thresholds.
 - Two large key references for these thresholds: Percent of weekly emergency department/ER visits with COVID-19 and respiratory virus lab tests.
 - Highlights from All-Campus message:
 - Respiratory illness season coming.
 - Advised prevention strategies: Stay home when sick, stay up to date on vaccines, test for COVID-19 when symptoms/exposure, face coverings are optional, masks and tests available for free on campus.
 - Current requirements for the UW are available on the table at the top of the page for COVID-19 Safety.
 - Masks are optional in general, though strongly recommended after exposure and/or isolation; UW Health Care requirements are in flux; EH&S expects to update the UW Face Covering Policy to align with changes made by UW Medicine in other health-care settings (i.e. Dentistry, etc)
 - Masks will continue to be available on all campuses throughout the academic year.
 - Vaccinations: UW requirements for Fall 2023 – UW employees and students are not required to be vaccinated for COVID-19, though there are exceptions for some medical environments.
 - Where to get COVID-19 vaccinations?
 - Whole-U clinics will have both flu and updated COVID-19 vaccines (appointment only).
 - Hall Health hosting joint pop-up clinics with DOH primarily for students.
 - Can also get vaccines at pharmacies.
 - COVID-19 Safety Training was updated in August
 - Cleaning & disinfection protocols were updated
 - Required & recommended signage was updated; Hosted on EH&S website and available via Creative Communications. Simplified required signage and these will be sent out to Building Coordinators shortly.
 - Please continue to use/distribute these resources: Case & Exposure Guidance & Public Health Flowchart; Health & Safety Plan, etc. from COVID-19 Page.

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- UW units should prioritize purchasing their own mask supplies for employees and students, but also promote locations around campus where masks may be available.
- Judy Cashman presented on Bloodborne Pathogens Program:
 - Judy is the lead on campus to ensure program is followed.
 - Objective is to ensure all persons on campus who may be exposed are able to remain safe when exposed to blood.
 - Requirements: Hep B vaccinations to be offered to all those who could be exposed to blood; Annual training on BBP; Exposure Control Plan built and followed.
 - EH&S reviews departmental BBP plans every 3 years.
 - Two different trainings provided: Research Personnel and Non-Research Personnel. Training must be done during paid hours.
 - Exposure Control Plan: There is both a UW-wide plan and, if needed, a site-specific Exposure Control Plan (see EH&S template)
- Departmental Updates:
 - Eleanor Wade of EH&S noted that they have concluded that over-the-counter meds do not belong in UW workplace first-aid kits due to the potential risks they also present; They do say that people are welcome to keep these materials in a personal first-aid kit.
 - Great Shake-Out Drill is on 10/19 at 10:19 AM
 - It is also Global Ergonomics Month: EH&S encourages everyone to review the ergonomics safety page.
 - EH&S Lab Safety Innovation Awards coming up; Please nominate yourself and/or others if you have a novel safety innovation that you've developed.

Department Updates

- CoE Dean's Office – Working through possibility of having all employees in Dean's Office take the evacuation warden training, though they would not necessarily all step into this roll. Their idea is that everyone would be aware of the procedures in the event of an emergency. Michael Glidden will update us on this as it is further rolled out.
- CSE – Alex noted that CSE is building out an active threat manual to add to CSE's incoming Supplemental Accident Prevention Plan.
- HCDE – Sarah noted that HCDE had a security assessment with Mike Sletten and are working through recommendations from Mike and UWPD.

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- WNF – Shane gathers that, due to slower than usual response, that EH&S is still back-logged and/or understaffed. Sonia stated that her group should be fully staffed finally, but did note that there could be a backlog. Sonia asked which groups Shane was seeing lengthier replies from. Shane noted that they are in the process of gas line piping work, which was pushed back to them to work on themselves; They reached out to EH&S to see if EH&S wanted to be involved, to which yes, they noted they did. However, WNF hasn't heard anything back from EH&S since. Sonia stated that she would reach out to John Weles directly to see how they wanted to be involved and would CC Michael Glidden and Shane. Sonia noted that she is unsure of whether other groups in EH&S might be struggling with understaffing, but that OSH is finally caught up.

Adjournment

- Adjourned at 2:28 PM.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be November 22nd, 2023 at 1:30 PM via Zoom.

U-WIDE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

10/11/2023 Meeting Minutes | 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. |

Elected Member*		Appointed Member*		Proxy*	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ryan Hawkinson (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kurt Oglesby (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sulgi Lotze (1)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carmen Parisi, Chair (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Manley (5)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brett Magnuson (2)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nigel Horton (2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Andrew Abian (7)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Martin Arroyo (7)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Norm Kwasinski (2)			<input type="checkbox"/>	Colleen Irvin (9)
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Desi Schatz (4)				Labor Union Member*
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steve Herber (5)			<input type="checkbox"/>	Paula Lukaszek, WFSE 1488
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sarah O'Hara (6)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephen Lundgren, SEIU 925
<input type="checkbox"/>	Laura Harrington (6)			<input type="checkbox"/>	Antonio Vasquez, UAW 4121
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alaron Lewis (7)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephen Costanti (8)				Senate Member*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Donna Braboy (8)			<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty Senate – TBD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alexander Lefort (9)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	= attended meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	GPSS – Gabby Rivera
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sarah Coppola (9)	*	= voting members		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Warren (10)	13	= voting members for quorum		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jon Wittouck (10)				
Ex Officio Member		Ex Officio Member		Env. Health & Safety Member	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tracey Mosier, UWF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marty Cohen, DEOHS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Katia Harb
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chris Pennington, UWF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trista Treumper, UWHR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eleanor Wade
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eric Johnson, UWF TS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jo Hill, AGO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jimmy Spencer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kelley Biastock, UWEM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ken Nielsen, Claim Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tracy Harvey
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lt. Chris Jaross, UWPD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Susan Wagshul-Golden, UWT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Erin McKeown
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brett Konzek, UWB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lorilyn A. H. Ignao
Guests					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sally Clark	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lesley Decker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Haris Malik
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alexa Yadama	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Judy Cashman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Allyson Long, UWB
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1. Call to Order and Welcome

Carmen Parisi welcomed the committee with a land acknowledgement and shared meeting expectations.

2. Outreach and the Unhoused

Sally Clark, Vice President of the Division of Campus Community Safety, shared updates on the unhoused. There has been an increase in issues in the Central Plaza Garage, and since security coverage is managed through a vendor, Campus Community Safety encourages the UW community to keep reporting concerns as it keeps the security contractor accountable.

UW now has one dedicated [REACH](#) employee to help on the UW Seattle campus from 10 am to 6 pm daily. REACH is not appropriate for acute violence issues but serves those who need to be connected to resources. UW personnel can call the UWPD non-emergency line to report individuals who may need REACH services. Carmen asked how UWPD triages potential REACH cases. Sally informed us that REACH is dispatched only in lower threat level situations and may respond in tandem with police.

There will be a more formal meet and greet with the individual from REACH serving UW Seattle. EH&S will be invited to a monthly debrief.

3. Attendance/Quorum

Erin McKeown announced the group reached quorum.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Carmen asked for any corrections to the September meeting minutes. There were none. Steve Herber motioned to accept the minutes, and Christine Aker seconded. Minutes were approved.

5. National Biosafety Month

Haris Malik and Lesley Decker from the EH&S Biosafety Team presented on National Biosafety Month: The Value of Written Procedures. Biosafety is a framework for containing biohazards within labs and serves to protect the worker, community, environment, and research products.

During FY23, the biosafety team reviewed 371 Biological Use Authorizations (BUAs) and completed 392 biosafety lab inspections. Lab inspections are opportunities for education. The team delivers specialized training to animal care workers. They also perform biohazard incident response, ensuring appropriate medical care and working to prevent future accidents.

National Biosafety Month started in 2014 by the NIH as a time to focus on biosafety practice, policies, procedures, and inventory. Biosafety and biosecurity gained recent attention through the COVID-19 pandemic. Biosafety research guidelines continue to evolve.

Here at UW, this year's focus for Biosafety Month is maintaining standard operating procedures (SOPs). These written instructions give background information for procedures from setup to tear down, and address hazards, safe practices, and guidance for ensuring consistency and quality. Proper documentation serves many roles in the workplace, such as (1) a training tool for new members in a lab, (2) a tracking tool to document changes in procedures and lessons learned, and

(3) a compliance tool to fulfill regulatory requirements. Biosafety SOP templates are available on the EH&S website. Tips for keeping quality SOPs: treat them as a living document that requires regular updates and reviews; solicit feedback from “outsiders” for unique perspectives; and write clearly and concisely to maximize accessibility.

Jon Wittouck asked about options for the disposal of small amounts of autoclaved sharps. Lab Services in Health Sciences won't take sharps that have been autoclaved. Lesley suggested he let them autoclave the sharps. She also said she could help set up an account to ship the sharps waste from his location.

6. COVID-19 Update

Eleanor Wade, Assistant Director for Campus Preventive Health, presented “UW COVID-19 Response and Prevention: Fall 2023 Updates.” King County is still monitoring and sharing data about [community transmission levels](#) based on multiple factors. Nationally, the CDC reports solely on [hospital admission rates](#). Respiratory virus community levels are reported at the [county](#) and [state](#) level, ranking COVID-19, influenza, and RSV at low, medium, or high alert levels. King County shows all three viruses below the transmission alert threshold as of 9/30/2023. Various labs across the state are also reporting on other respiratory diseases.

Two weeks ago, Dr. Gottlieb's all-campus message shared guidance for staying home from school and work when sick, staying up to date on vaccines, testing when symptoms are present or after exposure, and maintaining good hygiene. Face masks are strongly recommended when returning to campus after ending isolation or after a COVID-19 exposure. Masks will remain [available on all campuses](#) through the academic year. At UW healthcare settings, mask requirements are [in flux](#). EH&S expects to update the face covering policies to align with UW Medicine. Current requirements can always be found on this guidance [summary table](#).

This Fall the FDA and CDC have authorized updated monovalent vaccines and deauthorized the old bivalent boosters. Though [up-to-date vaccinations](#) are highly recommended, for Fall 2023, UW employees and students are not required to be vaccinated for COVID-19, even in healthcare settings. HSIP vaccination requirements remain. [Whole-U clinics](#) have flu and some COVID vaccines. Hall Health Center and Washington Department of Health will jointly host [pop-up clinics](#). The best COVID-19 vaccine availability will be through your local pharmacy; some participate in the [CDC Bridge Access program](#) to provide for under-insured people.

In August EH&S updated the COVID-19 safety training. Yesterday the COVID-19 Cleaning and Disinfection protocol was updated to the new UW Communicable Disease Cleaning Protocol. EH&S is building a webpage to host the updated required and recommended building signage; these will replace old signs that list the old policy of reporting every COVID-19 case to EH&S. (Reminder: now you should only submit an OARS or PSN report for your case of COVID-19 if you suspect you contracted it through workplace activities.) EH&S will notify building coordinators about new signs.

Please continue to use and distribute the EH&S COVID-19 [Case and Exposure Guidance](#) webpage, the EH&S COVID-19 [Health and Safety Resources](#) page, and the [public health flowchart](#). The [UW](#)

[COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan](#) was updated in late September. Here are the best sites to find [vaccines](#) and [tests](#).

Steve Herber from Harborview strongly recommends that people follow the [UW Medicine Huddle](#) for direct information. Ryan Hawkinson brought up an HSC-1 question about COVID-19 travel guidance on how to respond to a case during a work trip. Ellie said there is no current guidance from EH&S and departments handle it based on the specific scenario. Isolation is now only five days. Someone asked for clarification on the new building signage since there are some from June posted on the Creative Communications website. Ellie said the updated signs aren't available yet but will be within the next week. Carmen asked for clarification on where masks are available on campus. Ellie said the old Husky Coronavirus Testing sites now provide masks. Katia added that departments should continue providing masks as well.

7. Bloodborne Pathogens (BBP) Program

Judy Cashman, Occupational Health Nurse for EH&S, presented on the [Bloodborne Pathogens \(BBP\) program](#). The BBP program ensures personnel who could be exposed to human blood or other potentially infectious materials (OPIM) in the workplace are safe and have an exposure control plan. The program includes [requirements](#) to offer a Hepatitis B vaccination, annual training on bloodborne pathogens, and site-specific exposure control plans.

The Hepatitis B vaccine must be offered within 10 days of initial assignment to BBP work. The [Employee Health Center](#) is notified whenever a [Hep B form](#) is completed. BBP training must be completed prior to starting the BBP work. There are two types of BBP training: [for research personnel](#) and [for non-research personnel](#). Accommodation and language services are available.

There is both a [UW Core BBP Exposure Control Plan](#) and a template for [Site-Specific BBP Exposure Control Plans](#). Judy works with each group to develop their safety program before work begins and checks in at least once every three years on elements of compliance. She reviews exposure control plans for a wide range of clients on all three campuses, including UW Facilities, UW Medicine, and research laboratories. The biosafety team provides support with the research labs.

Steve Herber commented on the effectiveness of the program. Judy said good incident reporting including near miss incidents helps. She also indicated that the switch to "safe sharp devices" at UW Medicine in 2006 and the expectation to replace sharps with safer alternatives has also helped.

8. Organizational Group Reports

Carmen asked the chairs to share novel topics, interesting trends, or other updates.

HSC-1

Ryan Hawkinson: only the earlier question about travel and COVID.

HSC-2

Brett Magnuson: we've identified half our nominees and appointees for 2024-2025.

HSC-3

Tony Colinares: nothing to report.

HSC-4

Christine Aker: we cancelled the September meeting and will catch up on OARS next month.

HSC-5

David Manley: our Employee Health Services gave a great presentation on sharps and bloodborne pathogens. Flu vaccine campaign responsibilities reduced our HSC-5 attendance.

HSC-6:

Not present.

HSC-7

Jacob Roth (proxy for Alaron Lewis today): nothing to report.

HSC-8

Stephen Costanti: committee is in the nomination phase for 2024-2025 elections.

HSC-9

Alexander Lefort: our beginning-of-quarter concerns about COVID-19 outreach were ameliorated by the UW-wide message and then today's presentation. We were notified today that people are dumpster diving for lab glass boxes; HSC-9 is seeking guidance from Environmental Programs.

HSC-10

Jon Wittouck: reported on a spill from a flammables cabinet caused by failing shelf bracket. Do check your flammable and hazardous materials cabinets to assure their structural soundness. EH&S recommended inspecting the clips during each regular lab self-inspection. The committee also noticed an uptick in bug bites and bee stings in the summer months, and raised the question if Benadryl is allowable in first aid kits. Eleanor Wade answered there is consensus that over-the-counter medications do not belong in departmental general access first aid kits. You can keep them in your personal first aid kit. There can be exceptions for fieldwork out in areas where medications are not readily available. Ellie can talk offline with UW Farms and Arboretum.

9. Union & Senate Reports

GPSS

Not present.

WFSE 1488

Not present.

SEIU 925

Stephen Lundgren: The union represents about 6,500 employees campus-wide and is looking to find new talent for my position on the U-wide. Union discussions are taking place regarding workplace safety while working from home, including fall prevention, and fire and life safety.

UAW 4121

Not present.

Faculty Senate

Not present.

10. Ex Officio Reports

UW Facilities

Chris Pennington: nothing to report.

Transportation Services

Not present.

Emergency Management

Not present.

UWPD

Not present.

DEOHS

Marty Cohen: nothing to report.

UWHR

Trista Truemper: nothing to report.

AGO

Not present.

Claim Services

Ken Nielsen: nothing to report.

UW Bothell

Brett Konzek: It's good to have students back; things are picking up. Allyson Long has been busy with emergency management events this week. Yesterday was Fire Prevention Awareness day where they tested the new electronic fire extinguisher training system. Tomorrow is Earthquake Preparedness day where people pack emergency backpacks. On Friday, we're taking a tour of the UW Seattle seismology lab. UWB will be participating in the Great Shakeout on 10/19 at 10:19 am.

UW Tacoma

Susan Wagshul-Golden: On September 25, UWT had a personal preparedness workshop for staff and then later students. The campus is preparing for the Great Shakeout and is incorporating the drill into classrooms. The drill will include a practice evacuation to outdoor assembly points. UWT is planning to start a building coordinator program.

11. EH&S Updates**General**

Jimmy Spencer announced the new [Crane, Hoist and Rigging Safety Program Manual and associated resources](#) published on the EH&S website. October is also Global Ergonomics Month and UW personnel are encouraged to review and share resources on the EH&S [Ergonomics](#) website. EHS is requesting researchers [share their innovations for a Lab Safety Award](#). The 2023 Graduate Student Lab Safety Seminar had 415 attendees. Emergency responders were recently given a tour of the SLU facility. Members from EH&S recently participated in an FBI tabletop exercise with multiple stakeholders including the Chemistry department, Seattle branch FBI, Homeland Security, Seattle Emergency Management, SFD, and UWPD.

HSC Elections

Erin McKeown shared updates on the HSC election process. Each of the committees should have their nominees and elections should take place soon. Our goal is to have the process completed by 12/1. Katia Harb has communicated with the Executive Sponsors to prompt their help with elections and to confirm member appointments.

L&I updates

Erin indicate there were no new L&I investigations.

12. Good of the Order

Carmen asked for any items for the good of the order. No points raised by the committee.

13. Adjourn

Carmen asked for a motion to adjourn. Steve Herber motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ryan Hawkinson seconded the motion. The motion was accepted.

The meeting adjourned at 2:13pm.

**University-Wide (U-Wide) Health and Safety Committee
Meeting Agenda**

November 8, 2023

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Zoom (screen required)

Zoom phone shortcuts: to mute self *6; to raise hand *9

Agenda Item	Lead	Process	Time
Attendance/Quorum (13)	Sonia Honeydew	Verify quorum per Zoom gallery count	3 min
Call to Order and Welcome	Carmen Parisi	Robert’s Rules of Order	2 min
Approval of Meeting Minutes	Carmen Parisi	Discussion	5 min
Cranes, Hoists, and Rigging Safety Program	Brian Allinger - EH&S	Presentation	10 min
Organizational Group Reports* and Election Updates	Organizational HSC members	Discussion	15 min
Union & Senate Reports	Union & Senate members	Discussion	5 min
Ex Officio Reports	Ex Officio members	Discussion	10 min
EH&S Updates General L&I	Jimmy Spencer Erin McKeown	Discussion	10 min
Good of the Order	Carmen Parisi	Discussion	5 min
Adjourn	Carmen Parisi	Robert’s Rules of Order	

*Organizational Group Reports comprise only novel topics and updates needed by U-Wide.

Please send ideas for agenda items to Carmen Parisi and Christine Aker at least 2 weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.