

**Agenda – March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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  
 Kameron Harmon, ME  
 John Young or M. Weaver, MoIES/NanoES  
 Hanson Fong, MSE  
 N. Shane Patrick or Maria Huffman, WNF

**2. Previous Meeting Minutes (5 Minutes)**

- February 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
2022-12-004	PROV: ENG: College of Engineering	MCMAHON HALL	A student was using a laser cutter in McMahon when cardboard caught fire.
2022-12-029	PROV: ENG: College of Engineering	MCMAHON HALL, ENGR RSO SPACE	Student used fire extinguisher when another student's project caused small (<3") fire in laser cutter.
2022-12-037	ENG: Computer Science & Eng - Advising	PARKING LOT C-12	Employee slipped on litter near loading dock and fell on head, sustaining cuts and bruises to head, shoulders, hands, and knees, and mild concussion.
2023-01-111	PROV: ENG: College of Engineering	SIEG BUILDING	Employee cornered for some time in their office one day, threatened by email three days later, and the next day their office door was burned.
2023-02-027	ENG: Collaboration Core – WCET Managers	BOWMAN BUILDING	Employee found evidence of battery fire during battery testing inside fire-proof heated venting chamber. (Attached photos)
2023-02-040	SOM: Bioengineering Dr. Yazdan Lab	W.H. FOEGE BIOENG	While drawing saline from bag, employee stuck own finger through the bag.
2023-02-078	PROV: ENG: College of Engineering	SIEG BUILDING	Graffiti with hateful messages found on public whiteboard and on a student's assigned desk.
2023-02-121	SOM: Bioengineering	W.H. FOEGE BIOENG	Employee tested positive for COVID and suspects workplace transmission.

**4. Group Business (10 minutes)**

- Introduction to new EH&S Asst. Director and L&I/OSHA Representative: Jimmy Spencer
- Presentation on OARS Dashboard Statistics in 2022 by Sonia

**5. UW-Wide Meeting (5 minutes)**

- February meeting minutes attached.

- March agenda attached. Meeting highlights will be presented by Alex Lefort:
  - Erin McKeown presented on the OARS statistics for 2022:
    - Slides available upon request
    - Most recordables happened via UW Medical Centers and upwards of 90% were COVID-19 exposures
    - Total injuries outside of medical centers were 1094, with 339 of those being OSHA recordable.
    - Large increase this year, likely due to near-full on-site work.
    - UW at large is near 10% near-miss reporting!
    - Top causes for incidents: Biohazards (COVID-19 exposures included here), Slips/Trips/Falls, Ergonomics, and Chemicals
    - Four incidents were very serious with an L&I investigation: Fall from 20 ft from a ladder, no root cause found; Laceration due to missing PPE from a primate causing infection; Acetonitrile spill causing a hospitalization; Sharps mis-management.
    - Group 9 did good for on-time reporting (72%) and fantastic for near-miss reporting (36%)!
    - Slips, trips, and falls are still some of the most common incidents, so when reported in OARS, additional information is collected for analytics.
    - A reminder to report ALL incidents: Unsafe conditions, near-misses, unsafe practices, and accidents themselves.
  - Scott Nelson presented on Fire and Life Safety Surveys:
    - Fire & Life Safety has had a tough time keeping up with fire surveys and evacuation drills due to missing staff in positions that cover these services. We now have a new specialist, Rick, who is working through the backlog.
  - Sonia presented on the Accident Prevention Plan review process:
    - Sonia asked all HSCs to review and submit changes for the yearly review. She called out Group 9 who has already submitted these changes.
    - Group 9 was acknowledged for their forward thinking!
    - If you would like to present any additional changes, please contact Alex and he will forward further changes.
  - Sarah O'Hara reported on an incident where multiple eye washes were needed at the same time due to an airborne chemical exposure, but the drop in water pressure resulted in only one being used at a time. This may be something to watch for in departments with multiple washes on the same line. Referenced report: 2023-01-024.
  - Alaron Lewis of UW Bothell mentioned that not all faculty may know about OARS reports; Recommends periodically introducing this during faculty meetings and staff meetings.
  - In response to HCDE's workplace violence reports:
    - Katia Harb mentioned there are ongoing talks with Campus Safety on corrections to the issues encountered. She also noted that all members should take this as an opportunity to look at the Work Place Violence section of the UW APP in particular as reviews are in progress.

- Scott Nelson appreciated the comments regarding fire wardens. He mentioned that the more people trained the better and also recommends promoting all employees to take it where possible. Fire Safety is working on a “community warden” model to deploy rather than the current two-stage warden and director system. More information to come down as this develops.
- There are ongoing talks on what is OK'ed and not OK'ed to be added to first-aid kits. This also pertains to any medications in the kits, as well as burn creams. More information will be provided when talks have concluded.
- EH&S Updates:
  - The state will remove mask requirements in health settings on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. UW is reviewing this now and will have guidance for UW settings by that time.
  - Some federal guidelines are expiring in May, which our state rules are dependent on, meaning these will also expire. UW will have further guidance closer to those dates.
  - General workplace illness will still be tracked regardless.
  - Due to funding being stopped shortly by the state in June, contact tracers will likely no longer be active after that point.

**6. Member Updates (10 minutes)**

***Next Meeting: April 26<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 PM, via Zoom***

**DRAFT Meeting Minutes**  
**Health and Safety Committee for Group 9 (College of Engineering)**

**Meeting Date: February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 (via Zoom)**

**Attended**

*Carter Beamish, AA*

*Sean Krewson, AA*

*Colleen Irvine, BioE*

*Robbie Wong, BioE*

*Mike De Cean, CEI*

*Benjamin Hornburg, ChemE*

*Tatyana Galenko, CoE Deans Office*

*Alexander Lefort, CSE*

*Kyle Dickison, ECE*

*Sonia Honeydew, EH&S*

*Sarah Coppola, HCDE*

*Sheila Prusa, ISE*

*Kameron Harmon, ME*

*John Young, MoES/NanoES*

*Hanson Fong, MSE*

*N. Shane Patrick, WNF*

**Absent**

*Virginia Engel, CEE*

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

- January 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**

- ME (#2022-10-086) – No more information than from what was provided in the report. The group has used the guidance from Campus Security and keeps their door closed now, though this does provide a less welcoming environment for incoming study participants. This incident has been closed.
- CoE (#2022-12-004) – Tatyana is actively working to set up a meeting between all parties involved. Tabled to next meeting.
- CoE (#2022-12-029) – As it pertains to the same issue as #2022-12-004, this incident report has been tabled to next meeting.
- CSE (#2022-12-037) – Alex has reached out to the supervisor, but has not received further information as of yet. Tabled to next meeting.

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- HCDE (#2023-01-054) – Sarah reiterated what had been stated before in last meeting's department updates, adding that UWPD said they did not have reason to believe that the person would come back to campus, but let them know to call 9-1-1 if they saw the person. The person did, indeed, show up later in the day during the day-time and lit two doors on fire, causing an evacuation of the building. There were few floor wardens, making it an issue to evacuate the entire building. Sarah reiterated a point from Shane that the staffing issues of EH&S are getting to be a safety issue. Sarah requests that all faculty and staff be trained as fire wardens. She also noted that there needs to be better communication between the UW and UWPD. Signs for Safe Campus should be updated to show that, when in doubt as to immediate safety of self or others, 9-1-1 should be contacted first before anyone else. Safe Campus and UWPD need to discuss further in order to develop a more cohesive response system. Threats should be taken seriously. There should also be absolutely no threats of retaliation with respect to reporting safety concerns. Sonia asked for clarification on the threats made. Sarah noted that these came from Safe Campus and stated that HCDE cannot say anything about the incidents or spread information, though this was an urgent matter requiring attention from other groups, including OARS reports, etc. Safe Campus did not want any announcements sent out to the rest of HCDE on the issue. Sarah noted that once there's a police report, this information is made public and could have been shared, but there's no reason to think that the student's identity would be shared. Rather, it would simply state that there was an ongoing issue. Sarah noted that the ability to shut down the building in the event of this threat would have circumvented many of the issues derived from not doing as such. Sarah linked two articles about similar recent issues on other campuses where threats were not taken seriously, leading to heavy consequences: [https://www.chronicle.com/article/what-a-shooting-at-the-u-of-arizona-tells-us-about-student-privacy-and-campus-safety?cid=at&source=&sourceid=&cid2=gen\\_login\\_refresh](https://www.chronicle.com/article/what-a-shooting-at-the-u-of-arizona-tells-us-about-student-privacy-and-campus-safety?cid=at&source=&sourceid=&cid2=gen_login_refresh) and <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/02/10/us/idaho-murders-kohberger-fired-wsu.html>. Colleen asked if the fire prompted the evacuation. Sarah noted that yes, it did, but that the evacuation was not logged with the Fire Department and UWPD until many weeks after the fire happened. Sonia asked if Sarah has connected with Scott Nelson about this not being logged. Sarah noted that she had not, and Sonia asked her to connect with Scott on this issue. This incident report has been closed.

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- AA (#2023-01-081) – Carter noted that there is history with this bathroom door: Back in Fall 2022, the door fell off and AA submitted a work order to Facilities for it to be repaired. It was repaired, but was not apparently fully repaired, which caused this incident now. Colleen asked which shop did the repairs, to which Carter responded it was Sheetmetal. Alex noted that the supervisor section has yet to be filled out and Sonia asked that this be done when able. Sonia also noted that Tracy Mosier of Facilities has been CC'ed on the report, so she can follow up directly on the repairs. Colleen noted that it would be good to go back to the shop to make note of this and to ensure quality control. This incident has been closed.
- WNF (#2023-01-092) – Shane noted that the puddle did not at first cause concern, as the machines in this area can occasionally condense moisture. However, when it persisted, some staff investigated and found the puddle to be lower pH of around 5. The staff immediately cordoned off the area while responding. They notified neighbors in CoMotion upstairs from them and a student did note that there had been a potential spill. Facilities came out to see what it was and said yes, this was likely what the puddle was from, but didn't do anything about it due to the unknown nature of the spill. They did contact another group to deal with it, but they did not come out until the day after inspecting the puddle. It seems to have come from a floor drain that was not properly sealed; Instead of this going down the drain, it ran along the pipe's outside and into the WNF labs. Shane wants to bring attention again to the issue of lab commissioning and clean-outs to ensure spaces are fully and properly set up to avoid these incidents. In this case, it wasn't a huge issue because WNF is equipped to deal with it, but this could have been a larger issue if over an office space or otherwise. Shane noted that labs should go through a process of verifying whether they are of a certain level and then requiring certain procedures to ensure that the space they are moving into is up to par for their hazards at the beginning of move-in. Sonia noted that this certainly should be Facilities who works on these things. Shane agreed, but definitely sees there needing to be administrative controls to check for these things when a lab is moving in. Colleen asks who would be responsible for initiating a protocol like this. Sonia stated that, if it's a new construction space, there is a step for EH&S to come out and check on the plans to ensure that the build is appropriately safeguarded. Colleen asked about remodeling, to which Sonia noted that this is also in remodeling projects. Sonia did note that it is on the departments to notify EH&S in the event of remodels. Sonia noted that they may be on the Project Manager who should be checking in with EH&S. John Kelley is the one who should be connected with for new construction and remodels ([jek@uw.edu](mailto:jek@uw.edu)). This incident report has been closed.

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- WNF (#2023-01-102) – Shane noted that the user disputes some of the information in this report, but that the cameras in the space back up what is stated in the report. Shane noted that if sulfuric acid contact had happened, that the affected should have responded at the safety equipment located at that specific lab bench so as to not expose themselves to further hazards in another station. The user was removed from the lab and put through retraining. This incident report has been closed.
- WNF (#2023-01-103) – This report is connected with the previous; Both users worked at the same lab bench at the same time. This user, who is different from the previous report's user, had removed PPE during procedures and while their partner was actively using piranha solution which is extremely corrosive to organic matter. This user was also removed from the lab and put through retraining. User did not object to the findings of this report and agreed to the retraining. Colleen asked what the general SOP for these incidents of wrong usage were. Shane stated that this is first retraining, second a notice to supervisors and two-week suspension, and finally a full removal from the lab until WNF, the user, and the user's supervisors have discussed on how to handle the recurring issues. This incident report has been closed.
- CoE (#2023-01-111) – Sarah noticed that the language in this report seems to have been softened from what actually transpired. The affected was grabbed and held physically. She wants to ensure that the gravity of the event is reflected appropriately in the language of the report. Sonia noted that this was the information she received initially, so she will be sure to correct this in the OSHA log. Colleen asked if this was reported as an assault. Sarah said that this is unclear. Robbie asked if the affected was even interviewed, to which Sarah noted that she didn't think this was the case. Robbie asked if they were willing to make a full police report and Sarah noted that they have. Sarah noted that this incident has been raised up through the Dean. Tatyana noted that this was under the purview of CoE Dean's Office and that Michael will want to report back more information from their side. Tatyana asked that we leave this report open to next meeting for Michael to do so. Sarah wanted to also note that it does not seem people who should be trained in crisis management handled the situation as effectively as they should have. Sonia stated that there is a lot to pick apart as to what people need to know about how to handle situations. She doesn't want to step on other group's toes, but also wants to ensure that this does not fall through the cracks. She asked Sarah who else might be involved. Sarah is unsure if L&I is fully finished. Sarah will check the notice. It seems that the notice was posted on a random board, not the safety board for HCDE. The person who was posting is very new and may not have known where to post it. This incident report has been tabled.

### Group Business

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- Alex once again reminded departments that the OSHA 300A reports are out and should be posted on all safety boards through the end of April.
- Alex noted that Group 9 will have an introduction to Jimmy Spencer, the new EH&S Assistant Director at the March meeting.

### **UW-Wide Meeting**

- Alex asked if anyone had any questions/comments on notes from the U-Wide:
  - A lab safety presentation was given:
    - New hands-on training for chemical hygiene officers launched! These trainings happen quarterly and are open to all experience levels, with exercises in SOP creation, risk assessment, chemical storage and care, chemical waste collection, and incident analysis.
    - Full escalation process in partnership with ICAPS committee has been initiated.
    - New processes and dashboard tools for communicating inspection report findings and responses to department chairs.
    - 2022 Field Operations Safety Manual published.
    - 2022 Lab Safety Manual published.
    - Conducted lab safety survey of UW labs.
    - Lab Safety Escalation Process Hazard Identification sheet created: This is available via the EH&S website.
    - New portal for chairs to see where all of their labs are at with respect to inspections.
    - Lab Safety Awareness Week: Has a bingo event with potential awards to be given out for labs who participate and complete the sheet based on safety standards!
  - If you are feeling in danger, call 9-1-1 first before other groups.

### **Department Updates**

- AA – Carter accepted a position with MSE. Sean Krewson will likely be replacing him. Sean noted that AA should be in the process of conducting a new election now. Tatyana is just now finishing with assisting MSE with their elections and noted that this means Carter will not be able to be MSE's representative without another election. Hanson stated that he is the likely candidate right now.



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- BioE – Colleen noted that graffiti was found on the north face of the building and a request has been put in to remove it. They are still waiting for this. A few of their labs got a requirement from the lab inspections that they need to add eye wash stations in areas that have been set up for a long time. They got the news that this might be a new requirement that is being further enforced in previously present labs and that this would be at the cost of the labs. Sonia noted that there is a fund that they can apply to for funding safety purposes. Contact Scott Nelson for more information on this.
- EH&S – Sonia will show Health & Safety metrics in Tableau next meeting. Alex will fit this into the group business for March.
- HCDE – No further notes outside of the reports discussed this meeting.

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- MSE – Hanson had a trespasser question for Miller, Wilcox, and anything building. They do occasionally get people living with homeless coming in, who are for the most part harmless and just use the restroom and leave. The concerns come when some of them might be mentally unstable and might cause issues. Is there anything they can do to minimize risk during these times? Sonia asked what time of day he was most concerned about, to which Hanson stated that this is during regular hours. UWPD has stated that there is nothing that they can do in a public space during regular hours, but can afterhours. Sonia noted that UWPD used to offer, and may still, a security assessment survey to buildings if requested. They could check with them on how to keep space a bit more secure. This can help to avoid people outside of the direct community from entering the building. There is someone you can connect with in UWPD patrols to alert them to potential problem spots (Anthony Stewart, one of these contacts, can put you in touch with your responsible officer). Hanson noted that their hours vary from day to day quite a bit. Sonia noted that Hanson could look at the schedule for door lock/unlocks. Shane noted that this is a CAAMS thing and that it's entirely possible that old schedules might still be around from events that cause weird timings. Ask CAAMS to check on this. Sarah mentioned that HCDE actually had people living in the building at one point. During the full lock-down this ceased to be an issue, but now that people are returning, they're worried about this again. Sarah also noted that there was an ongoing issue where the door push bars were being deactivated by Custodial when taking items out, but not being undone. UWPD showed HCDE how to undo these when found. Colleen noted that they've had doors locked down ever since the beginning of the pandemic; Any active Husky Card can still get in 24/7, but they are not unlocked at any time. This seems to be working with all meetings, classes, and labs in the building. Sarah noted that the last two institutions she worked at would also fully lock building and also checked ID cards afterward. Sarah doesn't necessarily like that model, but does see the potential for it if violence might increase. Colleen noted that this isn't a great fit for all buildings, as some have lots of public engagement, but that certain buildings such as theirs work great on this. Doors could also be unlocked for particular public events; This just needs to be scheduled through CAAMS.
- WNF – Shane stated they are still working on putting together their own HF exposure sheet after the previous incidents. They've been back and forth with EH&S on existing rules, but provided that the EH&S ones are a little out of date.

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#### **Adjournment**

- Adjourned at 2:34 PM.

#### **Next Meeting**

- Next meeting will be March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 at 1:30 PM via Zoom.

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# U-WIDE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

2/8/2023 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Norm Kwasinski (2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Zuckerman (10)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Colleen Irvin (9)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tony Colinares (3)			<input type="checkbox"/>	Andrea Chateaubriand (10)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Christine Aker (4)			<input type="checkbox"/>	Kelly Carter-Lynn (7)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Desi Schatz (4)				<b>Labor Union Member*</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ansley Roman (5)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paula Lukaszek, WFSE 1488
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sarah O'Hara (6)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ann Aumann, SEIU 925
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Michelle Miller (8)				<b>Senate Member*</b>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alexander Lefort (9)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	= attended meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	GPSS – Gabby Rivera
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sarah Coppola (9)	*	= voting members		
<input type="checkbox"/>	David Warren (10)	<b>13</b>	= voting members for quorum		
Ex-Officio Member		Ex-Officio Member		Env. Health & Safety Member	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tracey Mosier, UWF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rick Gleason, DEOHS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Katia Harb
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chris Pennington, UWF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seth Greenfest, UWHR	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eleanor Wade
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Johnson, UWF TS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jo Hill, AGO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jimmy Spencer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steve Charvat, UWEM	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ken Nielsen, Risk Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Erin McKeown
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barry Morgan, UWEM	<input type="checkbox"/>	Susan Wagshul-Golden, UWT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sonia Honeydew
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Tritten, UWEM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brett Konzek, UWB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lorilyn A. H. Ignao
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lt. Chris Jaross, UWPD	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tracy Harvey
Guests					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wes Cochran, EH&S	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Allinger, EH&S	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Allyson Long, UWB

## 1. Attendance/Quorum

Sonia Honeydew announced the group reached quorum.

## 2. Call to Order and Welcome

Carmen Parisi began the meeting with a land and water acknowledgement and explained the meeting expectations.

## 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Carmen asked for any corrections to the January 2023 meeting minutes and asked for a motion to accept them. Sarah O'Hara motioned to accept. Rick Gleason seconded. No opposition. Meeting minutes were approved.

## 4. Lab Safety Status Update

Tracy Harvey presented "Lab Safety Inspection Program Updates." 2022 Laboratory Safety milestones included: began inspections for research vessels, launched [hands-on training for chemical hygiene officers](#), developed escalation process with the [Institutional Chemical and Physical Safety Committee \(ICAPS\)](#), published updated [Field Operations Safety Manual](#) and [Laboratory Safety Manual](#), and conducted Laboratory Safety Surveys of UW labs.

EH&S notifies the department chair of upcoming inspections, schedules inspections with PIs, conducts inspections, and posts reports on the [Lab Safety Dashboard](#), which now includes unresolved issues and corrective actions. Findings are sent to the PI. If the lab is unable to address issues within 30 days, the department chair is involved. Lab Safety Dashboards are available for chairs to review every lab's status and unresolved issues. Portals are also available for Deans and other Executives.

About a third of our labs have opportunities for improvement, another third is nearing expectations, and the final third meets expectations. The most common findings are missing written lab procedures, general safety training, container labels, and current chemical inventory. EHS inspected 632 laboratories, with seven serious findings, six subsequently resolved. The final case is awaiting repairs. 21 cases were escalated to ICAPS, and 18 were resolved without being escalated further.

Tracy shared more general announcements about the Lab Safety program. The new [Field Operations Safety](#) webpage is now live. Chemical Hygiene Officer Hands-On training is not required and is offered quarterly. February 13-17 is [laboratory safety awareness week](#), which utilizes a bingo challenge activity to spread awareness.

The 2022 Laboratory Safety Survey of PIs showed the greatest barriers to safety were staff turnover/continuity of information, shared spaces, and inadequate facilities/maintenance.

Committee member requested the group share safety bingo challenge with Chairs; shared in chat.

## 5. Organizational Group Reports

Carmen asked for organizational group reports consisting of novel topics and updates.

**HSC-1**

Ryan Hawkinson: nothing new to report.

**HSC-2**

Brett Magnuson (proxy): continued concerns with parking garage security.

**HSC-3**

Kurt Oglesby: nothing to report.

**HSC-4**

Christine Aker: a group replaced their biosafety cabinet but had issues because no eyewash station was available. Their space did not meet certification requirements due to the lack of an eyewash station. Committee emphasized the need to work with EHS before initiating similar projects. Desi worked with EHS to clear up custodial miscommunication about sharps disposal in non-standard waste containers.

**HSC-5**

David Manley: discussed flu and COVID vaccinations, discussed sharps, and created subcommittee to look into options for hospital accident data comparisons.

**HSC-6**

Sarah O'Hara: nothing to report.

**HSC-7**

Alaron Lewis: discussed how to disseminate information from HSC, safety trainings on campus, and how to encourage and track training completion.

**HSC-8**

Stephen Costanti: new Executive Sponsor began and committee started charter review.

**HSC-9**

Sarah Coppola: reported that one department experienced workplace violence (WPV) in January and struggled to resolve issues. Both SafeCampus and UWPD responded.

Some HSC-9 buildings are unable to complete proper fire evacuations due to lack of onsite staffing. HSC-9 also has issues with elevators being closed for maintenance or repair, and sometimes they are closed for months at a time. This has been a concern at both Sieg and Foegen.

**HSC-10**

David Zuckerman (technical difficulties, no mic or video): guest speaker Sally Clark held good discussion on campus safety.

**6. Union & Senate Reports**

**GPSS**

Not present.

**WFSE 1488**

Paula Lukaszek indicated she continues to receive complaints from personnel regarding human waste and drug materials in public locations on campus. EH&S, UW Facilities, and Labor Relations have met with concerned personnel and WFSE. Some cleanups are being contracted based on scope. Facilities has standardized the cleanup SOP across their organization. Personnel are trained in Hazcom and Bloodborne Pathogens for managing cleanups of human waste and drug

paraphernalia. UWPD and Facilities are also collaborating with U-District partners to locate resources for those who are unhoused. Personnel are reminded to call 911 if they feel unsafe.

**SEIU 925**

Ann Aumann: nothing to report.

**UAW 4121**

Not present.

**Faculty Senate**

Not present.

**7. Ex Officio Reports**

**UW Facilities**

Tracey Mosier indicated questions arose about access to proper sharps disposal containers while at work. Someone thought they were in limited supply. Sharps disposal containers are available to all custodial teams. All needles and medical sharps should always be placed in a sharps container that has the biohazard symbol.

**UWPD**

Lt. Chris Jaross: activity in the Central Plaza Garage produces 2-3 complaints daily and is not just a single issue. There are plans to secure CPG with cameras and gates, but the project will take a couple of years. Recalled Schmitz Hall loading dock incident where UW Facilities hired an outside contractor to clean up waste. This did not solve the issue so there are plans to add fencing to this area.

**Emergency Management**

Steve Charvat: announced his last meeting with U-Wide and introduced Jim Tritten as the new Business, Academic & Research Continuity (BARC) manager. [BARC program](#) will be reporting directly to Vice President's office. Steve will be staying on until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Jim Tritten: introduction, excited for business and resilience continuity efforts.

**DEOHS**

Rick Gleason: nothing to report.

**UWHR**

Seth Greenfest: nothing to report.

**AGO**

Jo Hill: new representative for Attorney General's Office, nothing to report.

**Claim Services**

Ken Nielsen: nothing to report.

**Transportation Services**

Eric Johnson: nothing to report.

**UW Bothell**

Brett Konzek: night walk with Chancellor completed, fifteen people attended. Working toward improved lighting for safety.

**UW Tacoma**

Susan Wagshul-Golden: not present.

**8. EH&S Updates**

## **General**

Katia announced that the University's Annual OSHA 300A logs have been posted on the EHS [Accident and Injury Reporting](#) page and asked for the appropriate 300A to be posted on each department's safety bulletin board(s). In 2022, incidence rates increased due to Omicron outbreak both inside and out of medical centers. This month the Accident Prevention unit will focus on preparing summaries of the 2022 injury and illness data for distribution to each of the Executive Sponsors and their committee chairs.

New EHS employees have started: Jimmy Spencer, Assistant Director for Occupational Safety and Health; Wes Cochran, Occupational Health and Safety Manager; and Brian Allinger, Physical Safety Program Lead.

## **Labor & Industries**

EHS is working with the School of Dentistry on an L&I settlement agreement related to sharps management at a Sand Point clinic.

EH&S responded to L&I regarding workplace violence concerns at Sieg Hall. L&I accepted the response.

## **9. Good of the Order**

Carmen asked for anything for the good of the order. She mentioned that between April 4-6, [Partners in Emergency Preparedness](#) will be holding a conference to learn about emergency preparedness and response. Carmen encouraged members to participate as a volunteer or as a conference attendee. She asked for any other items. No other items were brought to the table.

## **10. Adjourn**

Carmen asked for motion to adjourn. Sarah O'Hara motioned to adjourn. Christine Aker seconded. Meeting adjourned.

**Meeting adjourned: 1:56pm**

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

**March 8, 2023**

**1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Zoom (screen required)**

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

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Process</b>	<b>Time</b>
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
Fire Safety Inspections and Evacuation Drills - Update	Scott Nelson	Presentation	10 min
2022 Injury and Illness Summary	Erin McKeown	Presentation	15 min
Accident Prevention Plan – Annual Review	Sonia Honeydew	Discussion	5 min
Organizational Group Reports*	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	Erin McKeown, Jimmy Spencer	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.**