

Group 2 Health & Safety Meeting Minutes  
2/16/2023 – Teams Meeting

Attendees: Brett Magnuson, Collin O’Meara, Nigel Horton, Tracey Mosier, Austin Davis, Nick Fraser, Aaron Brantley, Joe Grojean, Eshak Zakhary, Michael Crain, Derek Martin, Daniel Jung, Alison Robinson, Sonia Honeydew, Norman Kwasinski, Anne Donegan, Eric Broekhuizen, Ken Clark, Daniel Eden, Aleksandra Jordan, Jimmy Spencer

Absentees: Cesar Escobar, Ann Wold, Ron Fouty, Erik Krownbell, Joanna Pang, Peter Bakkedahl, John Salvesen, Mariann H. Thompson, Kyle Kulenkamp, Chris Pennington, Clayton Brainerd

Key: Voting attendee, counts towards quorum-Eight (8) need to be present either in person or on phone/Zoom.

Recorder of Minutes: Collin O’Meara, Engineering Services

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### **Call to Order**

The meeting was held via Teams and called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Brett Magnuson, Co-Chair Group #2 Health & Safety.

### **Attendance/Quorum**

- Quorum was met.

### **Safety Moment**

- Brett: I was driving out of the W45 parking lot at UW Tower which crosses a sidewalk, and there was a pedestrian walking past at the time who came close to being hit. A reminder to be aware of your surroundings in these situations.
- Sonia: That reminds me of driving in my neighborhood once, and there was a bicycle with a headlamp and I turned and almost hit them.

### **Review of Last Meeting’s Minutes**

- Nigel motions to approve the January 2023 meeting minutes. Collin seconds. Approved.

### **U-Wide Report**

- Norm and Brett attended.
- Brett: There was a Lab Safety Update by Tracy Harvey. The presentation covered:
  - 2022 Lab Safety milestones
  - Inspections for research vessels
  - Chemical inventory – the MyChem platform was covered
  - New hands-on training for chemical hygiene officers (72 people have been trained to-date)
- There was an EH&S update by Katia Harb
- Norm: It was a pretty short meeting, there wasn’t much to the group reports.

### **Review Action Items**

- Nigel: We still have open positions to fill.
  - Derek: Not much movement recently.

- Nick: Cesar Escobar was elected for BIT.
- Real Estate position is still open.

### **Group Reports**

- Asset Management:
  - PDG (Nigel): Nothing to report.
  - Engr Services (Collin): Nothing to report.
  - Real Estate: No report
- BI/IT (Nick): Nothing to report.
- BSD (Aaron and Daniel): Nothing to report.
- CEUO (Eric): Nothing to report.
- F&A (Eshak): Nothing to report.
- M&C (Norm and Ken): Nothing to report.
- RMO (Alison): Nothing to report.
- Transportation Services (Derek and Austin): Nothing to report.
- UW Safety (Tracey): We're partnering w Labor Relations and Union, and talking about human waste and drug paraphernalia and setting in place when we'll use contractors vs when we'll use UW employees.
- Washington Federation of State Employees (WFSE) (Mike): Nothing to report.

### **OARS Reports**

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- 004 -- Employee who has walked on concrete floors for many years has developed foot pain.
  - Joe G: Employee was offered a podiatrist and options to change footwear.
- 005 -- Employee was using equipment to lift 200 lb when it fell, scraping and bruising their knee.
  - Eric B: What does campus do to teach proper rigging techniques?
  - Tracey: If you're operating a crane you have to be a certified rigger. The only group we have that needs to have that is Charles Thompson's group; Ron Fouty is just starting to start up another training program
  - Sonia : We have a couple new hires and Brian Allinger will be the primary for that particular safety element.
  - Tracey: There is a difference between a certified rigger and people who just need to know some of the fundamentals.
- 010 -- Employee tested positive for COVID and suspects workplace transmission.

- No comments
- 018 -- Employee strained shoulder pulling on exit door.
  - Sonia: I recall supervisor's comments said they were pushing the wrong way on the door, and is there something that says the door operates different than it really does?
  - DJ: I've noticed around campus that sometimes the handicap doors feel "heavier" and was that a contributing factor for this particular door?
  - Aaron: Sonia is right, the supervisor recommends that a sign be put on the door.
- 020 -- Employee was walking backwards using a leaf blower when they tripped over the cord and fell, hurting their elbow and back.
  - Brett: Don't walk backwards while using corded equipment.
  - Tracey: Isn't cord management part of onboarding training?
  - Aaron: That's correct, it gets discussed more than once.
- 028 -- Employee discovered that work van was stolen from UW parking lot.
  - Sonia: Does everyone know that submitting an OARS report does not replace contacting UWPD for this type of incident?
  - Daniel: Yes I did this and I am aware.
  - Tracey: In interactions with unhoused people, if you can complete an OARS report it is very helpful in order to build the picture of what's happening on campus, so that when we have conversations with University Admin, we have data that we can share.
- 029 -- Employee got wood splinter in left middle finger while crawling on scaffolding in tight space.
  - Anne: The shop put in a work order to replace the wood on the scaffolding, and wearing gloves will be brought up at the next safety meeting.
  - Eric B: Are these green-tagged or red-tagged?
  - Ken: Yes, Shop 54, decks are green-tagged when they're complete.
  - Tracey: I'll ask Al Sherman (head of Shop 54).
- 030 -- Employee backed and turned work van into wrong driveway and hit bollard.
  - Joe G.: We've seen several of these incidents; just take the time to do a walk around the vehicle, identify hazards nearby, if possible have someone help you back up.
  - Tracey: If you can back in when you first arrive at a site it's a good idea because your awareness of your environment is more acute at that time.
- 040 -- At end of workday, as employee walked out of building their foot started hurting.
  - Ken: Is custodial staff covered under the Boot Allowance?
  - Tracey: No, just the window washers.
- 045 -- As shuttle vehicle approached intersection, passenger walked form back to front and fell when employee braked for pedestrian. Passenger not injured.
  - Sonia: Kudos to this group, they are good about reporting incidents.
- 053 -- Employee backed work vehicle into parking sign pole.
  - Brett: Similar to above, be aware of your surroundings while backing up.
- 061 -- During early morning parking lot checks, employee was scared by a pit bull from a camping van.

- Joe G: This is the 3rd incident with a person with a pitbull.
- Tracey: Besides UWDP, calling Animal Control is also appropriate.
- 062 -- Twice while lifting a full trash liner, employee felt pain between shoulder blades.
  - Eric B: Was it the height of the trash can that was the problem?
  - Aaron: Custodial has a weight limit and proper lifting techniques demonstrated to the staff. A lot of times since they do the same tasks day after day, this can affect their procedure. In this case the bin liner had been loaded with a heavy load and so the staff should have lifted with the approach of 'Not Knowing How Heavy Something Is'. And then he tried again without asking for help - so this issue is about re-training.
- 063 -- Employee in UW golf utility vehicle was rear-ended by a truck, and has a headache and neck pain.
  - Norm: The driver of the truck said something fell off the seat of his vehicle and that lead to driver inattention, but luckily this occurred at a slow speed. This is along Stevens Way between Founders Hall and the Art Building, right by the new housing where there's a temporary stop sign, and the construction has basically wrapped up but the sign is still there, it's not well placed.
  - (Ken) .. and may be smaller than regulation.
  - Tracey: Will email PDG and Transportation Services to see if these are supposed to be removed.
  - Ken: We could see about adding lighting to these cart vehicles and put the lighting higher up
  - Norm: I'll look into this.
- 064 -- Employees accessing locked electrical room in parking garage encountered intruder therein.
  - Derek: Our manager was touring the facility with UWPD and other parties when they happened upon this. We're going to add reinforcement like we have with storage room in C-6.
- 071 -- Employee was backing work truck when they hit a bollard, causing a dent over the right front wheel.
  - Brett: This is another vehicle backing-up incident.
- 072 -- Employee had respiratory arrest, colleagues called 911 and did CPR, but employee passed away.
  - No comments.
- 074 -- Employee exposed to COVID but did not get it.
  - No comments
- 079 -- Employee found electrical cord extended on ground between buildings, causing trip hazard and electrical hazard.
  - Tracey: Was this Facilities doing work or the occupants that did this?
  - Mike C: I saw these cords previously, and since then it was deemed necessary to create a work order to install the charging stations on the wall. So there won't be any more cords on the docks for charging. Hopefully students using the boathouse will be trained to use the charging stations and not create these tripping hazards.
- 082 -- Employee tested positive for COVID.
  - No comments.

- 085 -- Employee bumped and cut their head on an HVAC ducting bracket.
  - Brett: This was in D Wing mech room.
  - Alison: This was one of our employees, so we will put out a reminder about head gear PPE.
  - Tracey: Great reminder, this, to do your Husky PAWS before you start work.
- 090 -- While walking on stairs, employee fainted and fell without injury.
  - Brett: They went to ER and were released.
  - Sonia: Be careful about driving people to the ER. See if you can have emergency responders come to you instead.
- 093 -- Employee reversed work vehicle out of stall, damaging adjacent vehicle in blind spot.
  - Norm: Maybe the frequency of these backing-up incidents is because windows are fogged up at this time of year.
  - Tracey: This was at 11am, but it would be good to see if ones at earlier hours were because of fogged windows.
- 098 -- Employee tried to lift heavy coil from awkward position and strained back.
  - Brett: There's a recommendation to use a chain hoist.
  - Tracey: This report sounded a bit like "blame the employee", so let me say: We should consider what things are in place for this employee; have they asked for help and been denied? We should look at what management is doing or maybe not doing.
- 099 -- Employee carrying a dust mop was walking down stairs when they missed a step and fell, hurting their ankle.
  - Brett: "If there's a handrail always use it", I heard in a meeting and that comes to mind.
  - Norm: But if you're carrying something...
  - Brett: Yes, and there's a comment here to use the elevator if you're moving equipment.
- 100 -- A contractor engaged in verbal altercation with an agitated member of the public, and an employee de-escalated the situation.
  - Norm: This was one of my employees. Many times we've gone over ways to deescalate situations, so I think the employee did the right thing to help defuse the situation.
- 110 -- Employee was walking when they slipped on unseen ice and fell, bruising shoulder(s), arm(s), wrist(s), back, buttocks, and hip.
  - Norm: When we're out with the de-icer we try to get to these areas. Bricks are particularly slippery. At this location it almost looked like someone had a bucket and deliberately poured water to create an ice sheet between Schmitz and the George Washington statue. If we could get specific locations for these incidents it would help.

### **EH&S Report**

- Sonia: A reminder that the OSHA 300A's should be posted and it should go on each departments bulletin board. Also, you should all have Tableau access (a demonstration ensues showing the Tableau platform and what's available, filters, etc)

## New Business

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Meeting adjourned.

- Next UW-wide meeting is March 8, 2023
- Next HSC-2 meeting is March 16, 2023

CC: Lou Cariello, Vice President of Facilities, UW Office of the President  
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