

UW Bothell
Health and Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2009

Attending:

Deborah Conley-Staerk, Ken Jones, Marilyn Cox (guest), Barney Harvey, Clay Horton, Dave Leonard (ex-officio), Armin Liedtke, Kai Martin, Janet McDaniel, Sharene Peltier, Tim Rhoades, Mike Steer, Amy Van Dyke (ex-officio), John Miller (guest)

Absent:

none

Excused:

Nicole Sanderson
Christy Cherrier

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

Minutes:

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes.

Marilyn Cox thanked all members of the committee and noted that health and safety issues are a highest priority, despite budget constraints. She asked the committee to look at minor campus safety improvements and to think about issues involved with the anticipated addition of modular buildings on campus. She wished us well.

Elections – Deb read the duties of the chair. Amy commented that having Co-Chairs worked well; both Deb and Ken agreed to stay on as Co-Chairs and were nominated, seconded, and “Election [elected] by acclamation”.

Area Reports:

Admin (Amy)

Amy reported that Cascadia CC agreed to share in some expenditures – some health and safety related.

Security & Campus Safety and U-Wide (Ken)

Ken noted he has to move forward on the No U-Turn signs. Questions about locations; continued discussion. More discussion about campus snow/wind closures - visibility affecting where vehicles can U-turn; discussion. Ken congratulated the campus as a whole, not having seen any accident reports. Tim asked if Security & Campus Safety would ticket U-Turners; Ken replied possibly, but likely a warning issued. Deborah noted that there is a RCW for the U-Turn violations and the officers could issue citations under that violation.

Facilities (Barney)

Barney recapped past repairs – streetlight, UW2 elevator, NCEC stage. He also discussed how the pathway barriers have gone from being an item of convenience to life saving; one of the snow barriers sheared off due to the weight of the snow on the roof. Facilities is making a request to Capital Projects for new signage based on recommendations about sightlines from the City of Bothell. Mike brought up that he has been working on signage for “No U-Turn(s)” at Ken’s request and suggested that a better

deal might be possible if we combined all the signs to be ordered in one purchase and to work jointly regarding sign placement. Barney noted there would not be a lot of signs but it would still be good to share and asked if this committee would assist in paying for development cost. Ken asked if Cascadia CC will be sharing the costs. Discussion; Amy asked that Barney provide his list of signs to Ken and Mike and to work jointly and to discuss with Cascadia.

It was reported there was a slip and fall in the South Parking Garage stairs; the A/I Quality Improvement Report was being filled out by a staff person who witnessed the event.

H&S Bulletin Board (Kai)

Nothing new to report.

Open/Old Business:

Snow – Barney noted we had some snow. Discussion about campus snow routes on the roads and promenade; he noted this was a 20/30 year snow event. It was noted there was also a wind event that felled some trees but not in campus areas.

Emergency phones - Mike discussed issues regarding the identification information on the phone location. Question about what happens if a phone is moved; does it need to be reprogrammed? A suggestion was made to send an Nball about standard phone identification practices. Amy will speak with UW Technology and get back to the committee. Discussion - this involves only the emergency line.

New Business:

New committee members welcomed. Tim and Sharene introduced themselves and talked about why they wanted to be on the committee.

Armin talked about private vehicles at the construction sites not stopping at stop signs. He commented on the great job done routing people during the snow events but he and Janet noted some spots, such as the location of the BECU ATM, just outside the main library doors, to be careful of if walking by/through.

EH&S Safety Manager Report:

Dave thanked Barney and Facilities for their work during the snow events. Dave reported he had training in driving a snowplow.

He offered to do give a refresher on health and safety committee responsibilities for the new members at the next meeting. Deborah will add to agenda.

Dave noted OARS to be the topic at the next U-Wide meeting on Jan 14th. Dave said he would be willing in the future to give 10-minute trainings on different subjects (asbestos, slips/falls, etc.).

Finally he noted the third candidate for EH&S Director was being interviewed and also addressed possible budget cuts.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be February 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in UW1-103.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.