Attending/Excused: Sign-in sheet on file with Safety Coordinator.

Call to Order: Nicole Sanderson called the meeting to order at 10:06am.

Approval of Minutes: The February meeting minutes were approved as written.

Area Reports

University Wide Health & Safety Committee Meeting – Nicole Sanderson
Nicole attended the February meeting. The committee training was reviewed, as well as a discussion of how elections went and how involved committee members were. A new chair and co-chair were appointed. The meeting minutes were distributed to the committee for review.

Administration – Elisabeth Goldstein
Elisabeth reported that Discovery Hall is on track for occupancy. The fence will be moving back soon and will remain there until we have building occupancy.

Facilities – Barney Harvey
Barney did not attend the meeting.

Security & Campus Safety – Rich Lewis
Rich did not attend the meeting.

Environmental Health & Safety – Gary Bangs
Gary said that he was contacted by Facilities on a question about wearing ear buds while working. Gary stated that he didn’t think there was a policy that addressed it, but as best practice, if you are completing work out in the public where you need to be aware of your surroundings, it’s best not to wear them.

Gary was also contacted by UW Bothell with the question of if the Wetlands needs a specific spill plan. Charlotte has some questions specific to the Conservatory that she will discuss with Gary.

EH&S is rolling out a lot more online safety training. Gary reviewed the specifics with the committee.
Incident/Accident Reports
The committee reviewed one report from January and two from February:

Incident# 2014-01-010 was from an employee who lost their balance while stepping off a ladder and injured their right knee. Gary asked if the employee had received ladder safety training, which the supervisor indicated that they did. The committee had no further comments or questions on the incident.

Incident# 2014-02-039 detailed an incident in which an employee reported to their supervisor that they felt chest pains off and on throughout their shift. The supervisor directed their employee to see a doctor or go to the emergency room if their symptoms got worse. Elaine asked if there is a procedure for chest pains for the campus. Nicole said she would follow up. Gary suggested contacting Suzanne Mason at the Seattle campus.

Incident# 2014-02-068 was from an incident in which an employee was lifting a tripe recycle station and felt pain in their back. The supervisor stated in their comments that materials should be centered on the dolly before moving them, as reaching to catch the tipping material is what caused the strain. Gary noted that the incident was a bit confusing because the employee’s incident details did not specifically explain how the incident happened. Nicole said she would follow up with the supervisor.

New Business
There was no new business to discuss.

Old Business
The committee discussed committee positions for the term. Elaine Haig-Widner nominated herself as co-chair, and it was seconded. There was no further interest in the co-chair position. The committee approved Elaine as co-chair unanimously.

Betsy Brown had previously expressed interest in being the elected U-Wide committee member, but had to withdraw her interest. Charlotte Rasmussen nominated herself, and the nominated was seconded. The committee approved Charlotte as the U-Wide committee member unanimously.

Brian Kerrick nominated himself to take meeting minutes, and it was seconded. The committee approved Brian as the minute taker unanimously.

Adjournment
Since there was no further business from the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21am.