The meeting was called to order at 11:10

The meeting minutes for November 13, 2012 were approved.

No new University Health and Safety meeting minutes were available to discuss with the committee.

There was a concern brought up about a photo of a couch torched by students in celebration of the Apple Cup win over UW published in the Daily Evergreen. Nothing was decided but Rich Villa could pass the information along to the Police Advisory Board if concerns still exist.

There was a brief discussion about WSU’s emergency management team structure. Rich Villa informed us that the structure is still open to some changes. The Office of Emergency Management is working hard at simplifying protocols for emergency situations and will have updates soon.

A general discussion about chemical storage, chemical inventory and hazardous wastes, and chemical hygiene plans/MSDS files was opened. The discussion led to broader conversations of the organization and role of the CAHNRS safety committee and who is the teeth behind the committee’s recommended actions for potential hazards or accidents. Ralph Cavalieri is currently the safety officer for the college and Sheila is the safety coordinator. There was some discussion about the redundancy of departmental level accident prevention programs, particularly for departments that share building locations. A suggestion was having accident prevention programs based on physical locations, rather than departments and that are followed by all occupants of the location. Also there is some redundancy with where MSDS sheets should be kept for records. Some departments keep MSDS sheets housed at the department level. While keeping them there helps the departments keep track of hazardous chemicals, MSDS sheets should be kept with the chemical to which they apply.
Meeting adjourned 11:55 AM. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday Jan. 15, 2013 at 11:10 in Hulbert room, 409.