HMSC Safety Committee  
November 12, 2009

Attending: Randy Walker, Londi Tomaro, Hollis Lundeen, Dave Jacobson, Devin Brakob, Vlada Gertseva, Rick Brown, Bill Hanshumaker, Dave Johnson, Steve Kupillas, Carol Cole

The meeting was brought to order at 9:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tsunami Drill:  
The drill went well, with no reported problems.

OSHA Meeting:  
The meeting with the OSHA industrial hygienist went well; OSU received high marks for its paperwork.

ODEQ Waste Discharge Permit:  
A meeting is set for November 18, for a review of the draft permit.

HMSC Housing:  
The railings and steps, as reported in an earlier meeting, need to be repaired. Randy noted that Facilities is behind with projects, due to vacations and other absences.

NEW BUSINESS:

Randy Walker briefed the committee on additional information he had learned about the potential for earthquakes, based on recently uncovered evidence. Sea Grant will have a speaker on this topic in January or February, and the Safety Committee should plan to attend this presentation.

FRAM Rep for Safety Committee:  
Devin will be leaving, and Vlada replace him as the FRAM representative for the Safety Committee. She had formerly served as Student Representative to the Safety Committee.

Tsunami Siren:  
A question was raised about the use of a siren for tsunami evacuation. Randy noted that we could not contain the sound on campus, that it would reach the Bayfront and some areas of South Beach, and we could not take responsibility for evacuating areas beyond this campus. He said that we should have a firm policy: if the ground shakes, evacuate.
ODF&W Locations:
Steve reported that ODF&W has another annex, which will house the Shellfish Program, as well as all of its equipment. The annex will be in what was formerly a body shop on Highway 101, across from the South Beach Post Office. Steve will represent this group, as well as the rest of ODF&W.
There was discussion about this group's options for tsunami evacuation. It's likely the Community College might be the best area; Steve will talk to Russ Engle at OCCC.

OSHA/Safety Committee requirements:
At one of the next meetings, Randy will set up an audio-visual unit for OSHA training, re OSHA requirements for Safety Committees. He'd received the information from the OSHA industrial hygienist.

Floor mat safety:
Janet Webster forwarded a message to the committee, to ask that individuals check their floor mats, as well as main entrance floor mats, to ensure they're set in place and provide a safe surface.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.