

Health and Safety Minutes 9/3/14

Present: Joe Pollock, Nicholas Bense, Beth Hesketh, John McLain, Robyn Herring, Allie Van Nostran, Andi Seabert

1) Future recording of minutes

- Committee members will volunteer to take minutes for three months at a time
- Allie will do minutes at this and October meeting
- Nicholas will take minutes at November-January meetings

2) Minutes Approval

- Minutes from August meeting were reviewed and approved

3) Safety Concern: Intersection at Overhulse and Driftwood Rd

-In response to last month's visit from student Brandon Ebert, Allie called Jeanne Rynne, who called Robyn Herring

-Robyn has made contact with Police Services, who intend to increase police activity in the vicinity of the intersection and inform students during O-Week and beyond

-College is in control of Driftwood Road, but county owns Overhulse, so any comprehensive infrastructure changes would need buy-in from county

-Robyn has reached out to contacts at the county as recently as last week to discuss options and costs and has had no response as of yet

-John will reach out to Brandon Ebert to keep Brandon in the loop

-Committee will continue to follow up on this issue until more discernable progress is made

4) Accident Reports

-Committee reviewed accident report list from May-present

5) October Meeting

-Committee will use October meeting to review relevant WACs and rules, map out committee's work for the next year

-Committee members are encouraged to bring their ideas of issues/projects to take up to this meeting

6) Public Comment

-A number of recommendations were made for establishing a “public comment” opportunity during meetings:

- specific time period for public comment
- time limit for individual guest speakers
- having guests come to the table to speak, otherwise sitting in chairs away from the table

-We will revisit this item at our next meeting to make decisions

7) Ebola Outbreak

-Health Services staff are monitoring the situation

-All are advised to avoid travelling to affected areas, and to similarly advise students and others

-More outreach will be done during O-Week to raise awareness of this issue

8) Shinrin-yoku

-Health Services will be pushing this concept as a wellness measure during Orientation Week

-College is encouraging use of Japanese name rather than loose English translation (“forest bathing”) to avoid giving students the wrong idea

The meeting was adjourned.

ACTION ITEMS

Robyn – Attempt to contact Thurston County about safety measures at Overhulse and Driftwood

John – Email Brandon Ebert about progress on intersection safety

All – Bring ideas to October meeting for issues or projects for the committee to take up in the coming year