

The Evergreen State College
Health & Safety Committee Minutes –Sept 2, 2020

Requisite Agenda Items (3:00-3:30):

1. Welcome to visitors—Peter (1 min)
No Visitors
2. Approval of July’s meeting minutes—Peter (2 min)
Kyle moved to accept, Shon seconded, all approved

There was no August meeting, so no minutes.
3. Accident investigation reports: Review 301 Reports—Ricky Lee (10 min) [3:03-3:13]
Scott reporting: One RAD injury, one cut, and a third minor injury (details were not available at this meeting)
4. Sub-committee progress reviews, if any (1 min each) [3:13-3:18]
 - a. 301 Report tracking database/app Sub-comm—Peter
Peter was working on digitizing the process but it is on hold indefinitely.
 - b. Sub-comm re Moving EHS Operations Reporting Line, Feasibility Study—Shon
On hold awaiting the hire of an Enviro Health & Safety manager
 - c. Sub-comm re which WISHA statutes apply to each workgroup—Eric (on hold)
No report
 - d. Test Process Monitoring Sub-comm (asbestos/air quality/water quality/etc.)—Ricky Lee
Scott: Wes has been doing testing and abatement of old insulation
 - e. Sub-comm re Campus Smoking Policy—Em
Em: No movement, Smoking on campus is down

Working Agenda Items (3:18-4:20)

5. COVID-19 Reports by Area (35 min)
Em: Involved in Health Assessment Team, Determining whether team sport will happen this year. Determination will be made by Sept 15th. Leaning toward “No” which would mean an impact to student athletes. No COVID cases on the Olympia Campus. Student Wellness is working remotely. Em related that there is a spike in college campus COVID cases. Campus residential students will quarantine for 14 days once they arrive. Folks with COVID symptoms can get local free testing.

Shon: Folks are wearing masks and social distancing.

Kyle: Tacoma; Nothing to report. The campus is working remote, Pierce County was hit hard.

Michelle: Working on support of couple of arts programs and advanced students.

Paul: Worked with several on campus science programs. COVID canvas quiz was a challenge for students as was getting into the habit of filling out the Health Verification forms before coming to campus. A couple of programs met outdoors and one indoors. Students met guidelines but contractors, staff, and faculty don’t always comply with mask wearing indoors. Students used laptops to work in Zoom breakout rooms to get everyone in the program involved with the lab whether they could come to campus or not.

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Scott: Working on response protocols. 2 cases in the same group within 14 days would trip the “outbreak” notice. They are managing the Health Verification alert responses and seeing mostly false responses. Adding all staff and faculty to the training before classes start and all students in their first week on campus. Greenery opening for food service on Sept 24th for pickup. Our protocols for closure are similar to Thurston county public schools. A lot of details to work out.

- a. Updates from Members on current practices, news, issues—(20 mins)
We are all trying to figure out how to work in the Pandemic environment
- b. Plans for return of students, Fall –Peter (15 mins)
260 student will live in campus housing
6. Current EH&S Leadership—Update on hiring of EH&S Safety Manager—Peter (5 mins)
A candidate has been made an offer.
7. Program Updates?—Ricky Lee (10 min)
Scott: All safety work on campus has been put on hold due to COVID. Ladder inspections are in the works. Fall protection program restarting. Working with an on-line vendor to provide training. Starting with the basic levels of training.
8. Further discussion of list of all people representing “Campus Areas of Interest”, to whom we will send minutes and H&SC summaries—Peter (15 min)
 - a. Purpose of this list (idea was proposed at June’s meeting)
List of areas from last meeting was not added to at this time.
 - b. Confirm areas represented by current members of H&SC
Area were confirmed.
 - c. Proposed list for Areas of Interest Members includes: COM (Karen), CRC, SEM2, Grounds, CUP, Food Services, Student Housing, Childcare Center, COVID, Other?
No new areas were suggested.
9. New Business (4:20-4:30)
 - a. Call for Agenda Items for next meeting? (2 min)
for next meeting: Scott asks to discuss: Working up a communications protocol for all buildings and work areas on campus and hoping this communication group could be a foundation for other emergency notification processes across campus and tie into this committee.
 - b. Visitor agenda items (5 mins)
No visitors.
 - c. Nascent (unplanned) agenda items (time permitting) (3 mins)
Discussion of COVID operating plans and concerns.

In Attendance: Peter Robinson (chair), Paul Paroff (notes), Michelle Pope, Scott Morgan, Em Jones, Kyle Flynn, Shon Forsyth, Theresa Bravenec.