

# The Evergreen State College

## Health and Safety Committee: Minutes, October 7, 2020

### Requisite Agenda Items:

1. Welcome to visitors—Peter
  - a. Welcome Erin Brewster, Emergency Planning Coordinator. Erin has been at evergreen for 6 months, with a background in Emergency Response and Communication, and is a Masters student here. Erin has been working on Emergency and COVID planning activities.
2. Approval of September's meeting minutes—Peter
  - a. Motion to approve by Kyle, Second by Shon, all were in favor, none opposed.
3. Accident investigation reports: Review 301 Reports—Scott
  - a. One farm worker tripped over hose on concrete. Scott noted that should we have a confirmed COVID case it would be a 301 reportable item.
4. Sub-committee progress reviews, if any
  - a. 301 Report tracking database/app Sub-comm: On Hold—Peter
    - i. On hold
  - b. Sub-comm re Moving EHS Operations Reporting Line, Feasibility Study—Shon
    - i. New head of EH&S will be starting soon and will take this over. Some discussion of the authority this role might need to be independent and effective.
  - c. Sub-comm re which WISHA statutes apply to each workgroup: On Hold—Eric
    - i. On hold
  - d. Test Process Monitoring Sub-comm (asbestos/air quality/water quality/etc.)—Scott
    - i. Wes is doing some system flushing. A trainer came in and trained 9 folks on ladders and did some ladder inspections. To get a ladder inspection submit a work order. Working on lift inspection and fall training. Lift inspection coming shortly.
  - e. Sub-comm re Campus Smoking Policy—Em
    - i. Paul reports that smoking is reduced on campus in the last several months.

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#### 5. COVID-19 Reports by Area

- a. Updates from Members on current practices, news, issues—
  - i. Peter asks how each of us are doing with COVID
    1. Michelle: re: material pickup, would like to discuss general practices, policies, and protocols to get an understanding of how Arts and Sciences is handling this. Staff is spending a lot of time meeting COVID protocols.
    2. Paul: working with Gen Bio lab program. Concerned about lack of air flow in stairwells, we tell students to use stairwells but they have no air flow.
    3. Sina: Want to better understand best practices for students to pick up needed equipment on campus.
    4. Jason: Library has been doing curbside pickups for months but not large volume, not dealing with large groups, just handing off books when students contact them. They bag the items, place them on a cart, and meet students at the bus loop or in front to the library or at the loading dock. They do serve the public and do not check for HVFs, very short interactions.
    5. Dawn: There is no requirement for an HVF for anyone to be on campus, it's a public space. Masks are required inside of buildings but not outside. It is a misdemeanor to not wear a mask in a state building. Ideally not complying with mask wearing would be handled by a supervisor or Scott or the Deans. (Scott said that police can ask folks to put on a mask if they feel it is required). There have also been multiple issues with graffiti since the students have returned. Someone got access to spaces near the clock tower area on the upper levels of the Library building and tagged several rooms.
    6. Peter pointed out that we could be operating under these or similar protocols for the next 12 months or longer before a vaccine or other treatments are widely available to the public so thinking of longer term structures/systems to deal with remote learning or limited access to campus facilities should be thought of in those terms.
    7. Erin pointed out that these structures and systems could have application in future emergencies so they would not be only applicable to the current pandemic and could have lasting value.
  - b. Report on how things are going with return of students, Fall –All
    - i. Included above in 5a.

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6. **Current EH&S Leadership**—Update on hiring of EH&S Safety Manager—Scott
  - a. New person starting soon. Once they start there are a number of safety items for them to work on. Scott will keep working on COVID issues initially until the new person gets settled.
  
7. **Program Updates?**—Scott
  - a. Starting up on line awareness training including ladder training. About 12 to 15 courses are available and Scott is working out who needs which trainings. The training is from an outside agency and can look like spam.
  
8. **Discussion of HSC Topics/Tasks we SHOULD be working on right now**—Peter
  - a. The group did not have any urgent issues that came to mind. Shon offered that we might want to think about safety at home since most folks are working from home. Scott shared that an issue that has been discussed was what happens if someone collapses at home on a Zoom meeting how should we respond.
  - b. Shon pointed out that since we are not occupying buildings as much and incident such as a minor plumbing issue, that got noticed quickly, having the potential of running for a couple of days before it gets noticed and then becoming a major issue.
  
9. **New Business**
  - a. Call for Agenda Items for next meeting?
    - i. Scott mentioned that the academic plan call for no in-person activities after Thanksgiving. However students may be returning items and checking out new items shortly after traveling home which could bring increased risks of transmission.
  - b. Visitor agenda items
    - i. None
  - c. Nascent (unplanned) agenda items (time permitting)
    - i. Paul asked about voting Erin onto the committee. Peter will set this up separately.

In Attendance: Peter Robinson (Chair), Kyle Flynn, Jacob Usher, Jason Mock, Theresa Bravenec, Dawn Gedenberg, Scott Morgan, Shon Forsyth, Sina Hill (Co-Chair), Eric Lakewold, Michelle Pope, Paul Paroff (notes), Erin Brewster (guest)