

# The Evergreen State College

## Health and Safety Committee: Minutes, November 3rd, 2021

1. **Welcome to visitors**—Sina
  - a. No visitors.
2. **Welcome to new members** – (no new members)
3. **Approval of September’s meeting minutes**—Sina
  - a. Beth moved to approve the minutes from the October 2021 meeting as written. Jason seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.
4. **Accident investigation reports: Review 301 Reports**—Taylor
  - a. Follow-up on reports from last month
    - i. Taylor was not in attendance to provide any updates.
  - b. New reports
    - i. Taylor was not in attendance to provide any new information.
5. **Test Process Monitoring (asbestos/air quality/water quality/etc.)**—Taylor
  - a. Taylor was not in attendance to provide any new information.
6. **Sub-committee progress reviews, if any**
  - a. **On Hold:** Sub-comm re 301 Report tracking database/app – Taylor
  - b. Sub-comm re Moving EHS Operations Reporting Line, Feasibility Study - Shon, Kyle, Sina
    - i. Comments for members
      1. Shon shared the Health and Safety Mission and Policy document and invited comments. Document is on H&SC MS Teams files. The policy is intended to undergird the possible structure of the EHS organization. Send Shon or Sina any feedback. The subcommittee working on this has been meeting weekly so if you want to take part in the discussion contact Sina.
    - ii. Moving this forward
      1. Next step is to put in front of management for comment.
  - c. **On Hold:** Sub-comm re which WISHA statutes apply to each workgroup - Eric
    - i. Shops/Motor Pool/Grounds – PPE/Dress code update
  - d. Sub-comm re Campus Smoking Policy: Smoking Shelter by Shops? - Paul, Eric, Teresa
    - i. No updates
  - e. Sub-comm re Clean Woods – Eric, Dawn

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- i. Dawn explained that there are several problem areas in the woods. There are encampments, piles of garbage dumped, rope swings, biohazards including feces and drug paraphernalia. Looking for how to address these issues. Looking for possible volunteer groups with instruction and safety gear. May have to contract out the worst areas. Could create patrols to check problem areas periodically. Dawn shared some photos of these areas. One campsite had to be cleaned up by a contractor at a cost of several thousand dollars to the college. There is an area known as “The Shrine” that is a party area where they have fires. Trash cans get stolen and used at these sites but they don’t get dumped so are overflowing. There are some “art” installations that folks add to. Dawn would like to see possible student groups organized to help with patrols and cleanups. It needs some policy that Dawn asked for help writing. We should check with SLUG on any such plans or policies.

### **7. COVID-19 Updates and Reports by Area –**

- a. Updates from members on current practices, news, issues
  - i. Erin shared that our safety policies seem to be working as evidenced by the lack of transmission on campus.
  - ii. Teresa shared that folks need to wear their masks. Sina offered to let her know of such instances and she could help report those.
  - iii. Jason mentioned the folks at the Basic Needs Center (CAB) were working indoors together unmasked.
- b. Updates from Erin/Scott on new campus protocols or announcements
  - i. None

### **8. Program Updates – Taylor**

- a. Sina mentioned that this relates to lead and asbestos issues.

### **9. Safety Concerns by Area and Training Needs – Sina**

- a. Sina said that First Aid training will be coming back to campus in the near future. Let Taylor know if your area needs/wants training.
- b. Erin is seeing some confusion as folks come back to campus. She has been fielding a lot of questions

### **10. Building Manager Discussion - plays a role in emergency management, safety, COVID - Erin**

- a. Erin has suggested that we have building safety managers in each building in case of emergencies and when primary communication and controls may break down. Larger spaces like the Library building could use several managers for the various areas. A position like Science Operations Manager could be a likely candidate for the Labs buildings. The committee is supportive of this concept but we don’t know what to do to implement this. Erin will reach out to William Ward to see what he thinks.

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### 11. Visitor agenda items

- a. No Visitors

### 12. New Business –

- a. None suggested

### 13. Call for Agenda Items for next meeting –

- a. None suggested

In Attendance: Sina Hill (Chair), Shon Forsyth (Co-Chair), Paul Paroff (notes), Beth Mason, Dawn Leopardo, Erin Brewster, Eric Lakewold, Teresa Bravenec, Jason Mock.