

The Evergreen State College

Health and Safety Committee: Minutes, January 12th, 2022

1. **Welcome to visitors**—Sina
 - a. No Visitors
2. **Welcome to new members** –
 - a. No new members
3. **Approval of December’s meeting minutes**—Sina
 - a. Beth Moved to accept the December 2021 minutes, Eric seconded the motion. Sina abstained, all others were in favor, none were opposed, motion carried.
4. **Accident investigation reports: Review 301 Reports**—Taylor
 - a. Follow-up on reports from last month
 - i. None
 - b. New reports
 - i. Three new accident reports, two were a slip and fall, one was at the Tacoma Campus and resulted in hospitalization. The other at the Olympia Campus with no hospitalization. Also had a pinched finger from hand placement by a cabinet. Slips were weather related. Walkways have been salted.
5. **Test Process Monitoring (asbestos/air quality/water quality/etc.)**—Taylor
 - a. Asbestos abatement at the COM building, completed last week.
 - b. Wes Wonder had been the only person taking samples for asbestos testing. We now have two more trained sample takers; Randy Magallan and Tamara Parrish.
 - c. Asbestos awareness training may show up for folks in their training programs
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. Document in William Ward’s hands for review
 - c. **On Hold:** Sub-comm re which WISHA statutes apply to each workgroup - Eric
 - i. Shops/Motor Pool/Grounds – PPE/Dress code update
 - ii. Other areas?

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- d. Sub-comm re Campus Smoking Policy: Smoking Shelter by Shops? - Paul, Eric, Teresa
 - i. Facilities and SLUG planning on reinstalling the smoking shelter between the SEM2 and COM buildings. A bench has been added (replaced) in the smoking shelter by the Long House/Carving Studio.
- e. Sub-comm re Clean Woods – Eric, Dawn
 - i. Surveyed more areas that need to be cleaned up. They propose developing a flow chart to delineate clean-up steps when different sorts of sites are found. If we cannot handle any cleanups with staff on hand then a vendor could be brought in.
 - ii. Erin mentioned that Dawn’s expertise in the detection of hazardous drug materials is important in assessing the safety aspects of cleaning up some of these sites in coordination with TESC Facilities or an outside vendor.
 - iii. Eric expressed concern about possibly being confronted by a returning camper while a site is being cleaned up by Campus Staff.
 - iv. Eric also described how arduous a process it could be to haul out heavy materials by hand in some of these inaccessible locations. We may need a specialized piece of equipment to aid in waste removal from some of these sites. Having a group of volunteers would also be helpful.

7. COVID-19 Updates and Reports by Area –

- a. Updates from members on current practices, news, issues
 - i. Leadership mentioned that they will be obtaining KN95 masks. Taylor offered clarification that N95 masks are considered respirators and this requires testing and training. KN95 masks are not considered respirators and can be used without specialized testing and training. Wearing either of these types of masks is not required but is highly suggested.
 - ii. Wearing of KN95 masks and doubling of masks (surgical under a cloth mask) has been recommended by the various health agencies (CDC, DOH)
 - iii. Contact Tammy Van Natta for KN95 masks. KN95 masks are disposable but can be reused if kept clean and allowed to sit for a few days in an unsealed bag (paper preferred) between uses.
 - iv. Jason shared that they have some KN95 masks available at the Library Circulation Desk for students to use.
- b. Updates from Erin/Scott on new campus protocols or announcements
 - i. Erin Shared that Omicron is here on Campus in similar rates as Thurston County based on preliminary data. Need to get boosters to be considered fully vaccinated according to the Dept. of Health. Folks who are not fully vaccinated are considered higher risk and should not come onto Campus if they come into close contact with a confirmed COVID positive person. Self-Isolation has been shortened to five days, then test and if negative you may return to campus. If you test positive for COVID you need to be off campus for 5 days with

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symptoms improving and no fever for at least 24hrs you may return to Campus with very strict masking and social distancing. This information is all in the four flowcharts that were sent out. Erin asked that we have patience with the process as it keeps changing with changing guidelines. We are eligible for boosters now after 5 months instead of 6 months. The Booster is not required but not having a booster will result in more restrictions.

- ii. Testing is available each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from noon to 2:00PM outside the Library on Campus. Testing from 50 to 150 people each of these two hour periods. At first were seeing positivity rates close to Thurston Co. now seeing a little lower rate of 12 positive each test day (about 12%).
- iii. We need to report to the state when 10 or more employees, including student employees, have COVID within a 2 week period. The last 2 week period we are up to 18 cases (since 12/28).

8. Program Updates – Taylor

- a. Nothing pressing, EHS is focused on COVID.

9. Safety Concerns by Area and Training Needs – Sina

- a. Jason mentioned that the AED in the Library needs a new battery.
- b. Beth mentioned tunnel switch gear area has water on floor and lighting is an issue. Taylor said that our electrician, Ben said it wasn't high voltage. It is still an issue and needs to be addressed.
- c. Taylor shared that First Aide training is coming March 23rd (Wednesday)

10. Car Break-ins/Theft – Sina

- a. Dawn shared the following data from 2021:

2021 VEHICLE CRIMES ON TESC CAMPUS									
	F-LOT	B-LOT	C-LOT	SHOPS	MARINE DR	CUP	DISC GOLF	MODS	2021 TOTAL
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2								2
VEHICLE PROWL	17				1		3	2	23
CATALYTIC CONVERTER	3	4	4	1	1	1			14
2021 TOTAL									39

Most issues in F Lot near student housing and folks that park to hike the trails. There isn't much that the Campus Police can do besides write a report to help with insurance claims. Dawn feels that people are prowling our parking lots every day. Dawn suggested camera for increased security. Dawn is hoping that this group can elevate this issue to the Administration to invest in increased security (cameras). There is not a high incidence of personal safety crimes. These are property crimes. Sina suggests we discuss and plan further to develop some proposals for

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Campus Leadership to consider for increase video surveillance. Sina would also like to understand any historical concerns about having more cameras on campus. Dawn proposes a subcommittee on Camera Surveillance on Campus. Please contact Dawn if you are interested in working on this issue. Eric feels strongly that cameras overlooking the Shops area would protect a lot of expensive equipment.

11. Visitor agenda items

- a. No Visitors

12. New Business (if time allows) -

- a. None.

13. Call for Agenda Items for next meeting -

- a. Eric would like to discuss recruitment and retention of committee members.
- b. Any other suggestions could be forwarded to Sina and/or Shon.

Present: Sina Hill (Chair), Shon Forsyth (Co-Chair), Officer Dawn Leopardo, Teresa Bravenec, Eric Lakewold, Paul Paroff (notes), Jason Mock, Taylor Slaughter, Daniel Mountain, Erin Brewster, Beth Mason.