

# The Evergreen State College

## Health and Safety Committee: Minutes, March 2nd, 2022

1. **Welcome to visitors**—Sina
  - a. Welcome William Ward
2. **Welcome to new members** – (no new members)
3. **Motion to approve previous month's meeting minutes**—Sina
  - a. Didn't have quorum to vote on accepting last month's minutes.
4. **Accident investigation reports: Review 301 Reports**—Taylor
  - a. Follow-up on reports from last month
    - i. Nothing to report
  - b. New reports
    - i. Two reports, one ergonomic injury from using damaged equipment. Facilities met to discuss this and is taking damaged equipment out of service. Also a minor hand injury. No further follow-up.
5. **Test Process Monitoring (asbestos/air quality/water quality/etc.)**—Taylor
  - a. No updates, some discussion in the Program Updates section below.
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. Meeting every two week with William Ward and Ray Ruiz. Looking at how to make safety more campus wide instead of separate areas. William shared that he has a 90 day goal for this effort. He is at the fact finding stage with a range of areas on campus with the goal of expanding Safety as a priority across Campus and not just a Facilities responsibility.
  - 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?
  - d. Sub-comm re Campus Smoking Policy: Smoking Shelter by Shops? - Paul, Eric, Teresa
    - i. No progress.
  - e. Sub-comm re Clean Woods – Eric, Dawn
    - i. New campsite discovered, abandoned Teepee tarp around a tree, pretty elaborate, 100 yards into the woods, a hazard to remove. Police services posted a vacate notice and it's now up to Facilities to clean up. No hazardous materials found there. They are working on a procedure to clear such sites i.e. make sure that a site is not occupied or contains

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hazards before it's cleaned up. The risk for this site seems low but Dawn recommended that at least two people are present during clean-up, or more for larger sites.

- f. Sub-comm re Camera Surveillance – Dawn, Taylor, Paul
  - i. No update.

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

- a. Updates from members on current practices, news, issues
  - i. Question about Mask Mandate in light of Governor's plan. William shared that the COVID team recommends that the Mask Policy remain in place through the end of Winter Quarter. There may be more direction coming from the Governor's office regarding schools and Higher Ed. We will be getting directives by the 11th from Leadership. William shared that some areas in the world are seeing an uptick in COVID infections largely due to a new Omicron variant. Statewide running average is still 33 deaths per day from COVID. Eric pointed out that it might be wise to wait for students to return from spring break and see what infections levels are at that point before making changes.
  - ii. The new COVID test drop off system is launched and seems to be working in the early days of implementation.
- b. Updates from Erin on new campus protocols or announcements
  - i. Erin not present for updates

### **8. Program Updates – Taylor**

- a. Chemical inventory is being worked on, starting process with Facilities
- b. Internal Asbestos sampling program is on hold, we continue to use an outside contractor. Some discussion followed about waiting for the new AAG to review our paperwork.
- c. Hazardous waste will be picked up shortly
- d. Working on replacement program for the AEDs on Campus.

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

- a. Not covered

### **10. Updates on Recruitment and Retention of HSC Members – Sina**

- a. Eric has someone he is talking with about joining. Teresa has spoken with Ray Finn from the CRC who is willing to join. We will check with Beth about the process for them joining. Our goal is to have wider representation from more areas on campus e.g. students, faculty, arts, etc.
- b. Eric mentioned that a Campus union rep named Samuel Kirk was interested in having access to our meeting minutes and being invited to our meetings as a guest. Paul asked Eric to send their email address and Sina offered to send them a link to the minutes pages.

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### 11. Visitor agenda items

- a. William expressed appreciation for attending and shared that he plans to attend more often.

### 12. New Business (if time allows) –

- a. Sina asked if we are able to access the Teams pages that have our committee documents. Sina will put together a how to guide to access Teams info.
- b. Taylor is scheduling Audiograms for hearing checks.

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

- a. No new items suggested.

**In Attendance:** Sina Hill (Chair), Paul Paroff (notes), Teresa Bravenec, Eric Lakewold, Officer Dawn Leopardo, Jason Mock, Taylor Slaughter, William Ward