

# The Evergreen State College

## Health and Safety Committee Minutes: February 1st, 2023

1. **Welcome to visitors**—Sina
  - a. No visitors
2. **Motion to approve previous month's meeting minutes**—Sina
  - a. No quorum so approval of January minutes postponed to next meeting.
3. **Accident investigation reports: Review 301 Reports**—Taylor
  - a. Follow-up on reports from last month
    - i. Concussion – From December, not followed up on yet.
    - ii. Wasp sting – Happens a lot in summer, we should set traps.
  - b. New reports
    - i. No new accidents in 2023. In all of 2022 we had 12 reportable injuries.
4. **Monitoring Updates (asbestos/air quality/water quality/etc.)**—Taylor
  - a. Another round of monitoring for the Asbestos program is underway.
5. **Sub-committee progress reviews, if any**
  - a. Sub-comm re Safety Policy (*previously Moving EHS Operations Reporting Line, Feasibility Study*) - Sina, Taylor
    - i. Still in Executive Committee.
  - b. Sub-comm re Campus Smoking Policy: Smoking Shelter by Shops? - Paul, Eric, Teresa
    - i. New shelter under construction.
    - ii. Paul noted Vaping has become more widespread on campus. (Paul followed up with William Ward who felt it was the same as smoking and should be regulated the same way.)
  - c. Sub-comm re Clean Woods – Eric
    - i. No update
  - d. Sub-comm re Dog Waste – Beth, Ray, Eric
    - i. No update
6. **COVID-19/Flu/Other Respiratory Virus Updates and Reports by Area** –
  - a. Updates from members on current practices, news, issues
    - i. None
  - b. Updates on new campus protocols or announcements

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- i. New HVF rolling out, is now anonymous. We still want folks to who are sick to stay home, fill out the HVF form, and get tested. Email Sina if there are any issues with the new system.
- ii. Taylor asked about us getting rapid tests. Sina is checking with the county to see if we can get some to supplement the tests we have. We will have both the PCR and rapid tests at each of the four stations around campus. PCR tests are still free, rapid tests may end up costing money.
- iii. Sina asked how the folks at housing feel about PCR vs. rapid tests. Daniel offered to ask folks in his area.
- iv. Another Flu clinic will be offered on Friday.

### **7. Safety Program Updates – Taylor**

- a. With Jackie coming on we are revitalizing, revamping, and redeveloping a lot of the emergency management plans. We will be getting back into doing regular fire drills. Taylor emphasized that you should always exit the building when you hear an alarm and not assume it's a false alarm or a drill that can be ignored.

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

- a. Sina sked what folks are talking about in their safety meetings? Devotion mentioned that they do safety training every 10 weeks to train new hires and refresh safety rules and practices. They cover topics including PPE, first aid, asbestos awareness, ladder safety. They update folks whenever new information or new guidelines come out. Taylor said that they have separate department and safety meetings. Devotion says they do general info in the first part of their meetings then safety training as a second part.
- b. Paul asked how often ladder safety training was to be refreshed. Sina said that once you are in the system it should automatically refresh but since the sciences were among the first to try out the HSI system that it may need to be looked into and/or refreshed.
- c. Daniel asked about whether resident housing employees of the college were exposed to liability law suits if they apply first aid and a problem happens or if they are trained and don't apply first aid. Sina thought that the same "Good Samaritan Laws" applied to everyone but will see if there is any issue there. Daniel had the same questions about Nar-Can for emergency drug overdose treatment (this is something our Police are looking into making available on Campus).
- d. Taylor asked about AEDs (Automatic Electric Defibrillators) at Housing. Daniel thought they had three but Sina said Health and Safety only had one on their list for that area. Sina will check on the status of these. Sina said that the list of folks who are responsible for checking on these units across campus needs to be updated. The goal is to have an automated email go out to custodians of the AEDs across campus to check on them periodically. Daniel will check them and let Sina know their status.

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- e. Taylor asked about hazardous waste management and how RAD deals with hazardous waste disposal. Everything goes through the RAD shop including liquids, solids, and batteries. They dealt with a bunch of paints recently.
- f. Taylor asked if RAD budgets for waste. Daniel thought it comes out of RAD's general maintenance budget. Taylor pointed out that it's important to label any wastes because "Unknown" waste is the most expensive to dispose of. Sina said even if you are not sure what the waste is, if you can supply an educated guess it's helpful for the disposal company to know where to start when evaluating unknown waste. Daniel will go through their stuff and make sure it's all labeled.
- g. Sina asked about the gasses stored under the hood in the old radiation room. This is something Peter Robinson was cleaning out and Paul offered to check in with Peter about disposal or moving it to a more appropriate storage location.
- h. Daniel asked about flammables cabinets needing to be anchored to the wall. Sina said they need to be secured for earthquake protection. Any wall will do, there isn't a fire rating requirement. Taylor offered that perhaps this was an issue that the Fire Department could include in their safety inspections of Campus.

### **9. Area Safety Meeting Discussion –**

- a. Time for missed comments from last month
- b. What are you all talking about in February - Sina

### **10. Visitor agenda items -**

- a. No visitors

### **11. Call for Agenda Items for next meeting –**

- a. None

In Attendance: Sina Hill (Chair), Taylor Slaughter, Daniel Mountain, Teresa Bravenec, Devotion Crawford-Heim, Paul Paroff (notes)