

The Evergreen State College

Health and Safety Committee: Minutes, February 2nd, 2022

1. **Welcome to visitors**—Sina
 - a. No Visitors
2. **Welcome to new members** – No new Members
3. **Motion to approve previous month's meeting minutes**—Sina
 - a. Motion to approve January 2022 minutes by Jason, Shon 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. No follow-up
 - b. New reports
 - i. No new reports
5. **Test Process Monitoring (asbestos/air quality/water quality/etc.)**—Taylor
 - a. Asbestos testing (internal) paused due legal liability language that we are waiting to get feedback on from the AAG. This does not apply to other tests such as lead testing.
6. **Sub-committee progress reviews:**
 - 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. Shon shared that they are meeting with William Ward next week for feedback on the draft policy they shared with him.
 - 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. Paul reported that there were no updates.
 - e. Sub-comm re Clean Woods – Eric, Dawn
 - i. (Audio problems) There is a faculty group that has been caring for our woods headed by Dylan Fischer. They maintain trails and clean up trash as well as maintain some scientific monitoring equipment. Dawn and Eric will meet with them soon to see about coordinating efforts.

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- f. Sub-committee Camera Surveillance – Dawn, Taylor, Paul
 - i. (Audio problems) Dawn is finding that it's more complicated and involved than we first hoped. Dawn met with IT and learned the scope is much larger than adding cameras to an existing system. More effort will be required to define objectives and scope. We are also looking at the Campus surveillance policy and see how this effort might fit. Eric stated that the chain link fence that surrounds the facilities yard is no longer enough to protect our equipment and that video surveillance could help. In addition to car prowls we have a problem with off-campus folks dumping their trash into our dumpsters resulting in higher waste management fees for the school. Sina asked if as a group we wanted to still pursue this and the response from the subcommittee was positive.

7. COVID-19 Updates and Reports by Area –

- a. Updates from members on current practices, news, issues
 - i. Paul asked about how many students will be returning to classes in person in February. Erin estimated another 150 students on campus each week, about double the population in January.
 - ii. Eric shared an incident he had heard about concerning someone who seemed sick and coughing in some common areas on campus and asked what sort of follow-up or cleanup or decontamination might be performed. Erin explained what they did to follow up and that it was helpful to learn about these sorts of incidents as soon as they occur for optimal response. Sina said it's good to email the COVID team with such issues.
 - iii. Paul asked when we might register or upload boosters like we have done with vaccines. Sina said info may be coming out shortly about uploading booster information and we will likely follow state protocols if and when they are made them mandatory.
- b. Updates from Erin on new campus protocols or announcements
 - i. Erin can answer any questions anyone may have. Erin suggested we look at the COVID WordPress site for updated reporting of case counts.

8. Program Updates – Taylor

- a. Union receive a complaint about HazCom reporting. Taylor has been working to shore up the policy (relating to chemical handling and secondary container storage and labelling).

9. Safety Concerns by Area and Training Needs – Sina (2 min)

- a. HazCom trainings will be updated in terms of who is signed up to receive training (HSI on-line platform)
- b. If anyone wants or needs training contact Sina.

10. Recruitment and Retention of HSC Members – Sina/Eric

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- a. Eric asked how we might build up membership on the committee. Shon said that Kyle considers himself off the committee as his term had expired.
- b. Sina would like us to figure out how to make the committee more visible to build interest or to attend for interest. Paul suggested the new “Inside Evergreen” email newsletter might be a place to let folks know when we are meeting and how to tune in (Shon suggested that this should include a link to our web site). Eric suggested we distribute the minutes more widely to grow interests in our work. Erin asked if we are looking to grow membership or campus representation. Sina agreed that we want participation but also that people think of us as a resource. Eric asked if the Cooper Point Journal might want to publicize our meetings. Taylor said that student staff is under-represented as a group on our committee. Eric asked if we might get a RAD student worker on the committee. Sina suggested we try communicating the meeting through “Inside Evergreen”. Paul offered to contact them and see about listing the next meeting. Erin asked if we might reach out to the GSU to ask for student representation. Dawn suggested we ask the GSU leader who is a representative on the Board of Directors. Shon offered to see if anyone in the grounds department might want to join the committee and that we think of other folks who might want to join. Erin thought that someone from Access Services might want to be on the committee as they may be aware of unique safety concerns on campus. Paul asked about representation from the Tacoma Campus to replace Kyle and he asked about our terms and when to cycle off or reenlist. Sina will share the table of members and start dates. We agreed that some student and some faculty representation on the committee would be desirable.

11. Visitor agenda items-

- a. None

12. New Business (if time allows) –

- a. None

13. Call for Agenda Items for next meeting –

- a. None suggested but Email Sina with ideas.

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