

# **The Evergreen State College**

## **Health and Safety Committee Minutes: April 5th, 2024**

Meeting began at 10 AM. Attendees: Sina Hill, Jason Mock, Aaron Cruz, Eric Lakewold, Daniel Mountain, William Ward, Teresa Bravenec, Jackson Parr, David Brunckhurst

Sina let everyone know that Zach Young has resigned from Committee to concentrate on studies, job, at this time. He will remain an ardent supporter. Thank you, Zach, for your participation!

Sina noted that we are having problems getting all members to attend meetings. Please make every effort to attend as we need representation from all parts of campus at each meeting and in fact when we do have full attendance, we have a good representation from a wide variety of work groups. If you have suggestions for a better day and or time etc., please bring these concerns and suggestions forward. We very much value everyone's concerns, ideas, observations etc. and the opportunity to discuss, plan and work together at these meetings.

Sina asked for motion to approve last month's minutes. Jason, motion to approve. Daniel seconded the motion. Sina asked for vote. All members voted to approve. Current and past minutes to be posted on web site.

301 accident reports: One report currently, concerning employee's exposure to an operating Ozonator off campus/site. Follow up at next meeting as details become clear.

Sub Committee work: No reports currently.

Respiratory Illness updates: Sina reported that state guidelines have changed slightly regarding staying off site for 5 days if you have COVID and being fever free without medication for 24 hours before returning to work. Details and precise changes to be posted on website.

Safety Program Updates: Sina asked members for their concerns, ideas and input, current goings on. William reported that he has approved the purchase of an ATV to be used by trail crew/team to do maintenance on trail system on campus. Program being developed with SLUG committee/leadership to maintain trails in safe and effective manner. To be discussed in future safety committee meeting(s). Sina discussed the disposal and collection of hazardous materials. An example being Alkaline batteries. Intranet environmental health and safety site being constructed to offer guidelines and solutions, answer user questions etc. Other topics to include E waste disposal and collection for example. Note that currently we can set work areas up with battery collection buckets and bins as well as offer disposal and collection of phones, computers etc. Note that anything having to do with printers such as used cartridges can be dropped off at library loading dock. In addition, we have safety procedures and help for leaking or broken batteries etc. Please reach out to Sina for questions etc.

Sina made everyone aware of current Health and Safety Policy online. Please review and if you or co workers see unsafe situations please report them. Noted that supervisors play a vital role when it comes to safety. The need/requirement for supervisors to visit job sites, arrange pre job Safety meetings etc. Complete knowledge of safety protocol and requirements etc. Supervisor to work closely with the EHS office to ensure safety for all employees and staff. Clear understanding of expectations for all. Eric brought up need for Parkway tree and brush trimming. Some areas getting hard for larger vehicles to pass.

Teresa brought forward need to remove Pigeon's from campus buildings, walkway's, railings etc. Constant mess and hazardous. In addition, need to spray smoking shelters each year for Hornets.

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Eric updated info on Squirrel problem regarding garbage containers and cans. New metal cans on the way to be used all around campus. Hopefully cut down on amount of garbage being spread around. William updated group on the vast planning, changes in procedure, structure, safety and hiring personal in RAD that are coming soon. In addition, William updated group on the planning that is currently taking place to ensure a safe and secure upcoming graduation for all.

Teresa questioned the black rodent boxes ( traps) use and rather they are being emptied etc.

William informed group about ongoing questions concerning dispatch/police smoking policy near and around building and the need to always be nearby facilities. More to come.

William asked about status of smoking shelter planning around campus and the need to get info to the SLUG committee for future planning purposes. Teresa and Eric committed to getting this info updated and in front of SLUG.

Questions about Horses on campus? What is or will be the policy going forward. Leadership to examine and put forth a plan. How this will affect trail, grounds maintenance?

A Huge Thank You to everyone who is a member of this committee for your work and participation!

Meeting adjourned at 11AM.