

# The Evergreen State College

## Health and Safety Committee Minutes: May 3rd, 2024

Meeting began at 10AM

Attendees: Taylor, Sina, Trish, Daniel, Eric, Jason, Zeb, Aaron, Teresa, William

Sina asked for motion to approve last month meeting. Meeting minutes unanimously approved.

Accident Reports/investigations:

Minor hand accident involving scraped hand.

Incident off campus involving an Ozone machine which was left plugged in and unmarked resulting in exposure to RAD personnel.

Note that accident reports etc. can be found online thanks to Sina.

Monitoring updates:

Water line break in SEM II. Testing of water proved negative for any pollution. 24 hours for test results.

Sub Committee reports:

Smoking shelter location work continues. Paperwork completed to identify (suggested) areas for smoking shelters on upper campus and at shops and grounds facility. To go before SLUG.

Safety Program updates:

Taylor outlined progress in getting employees trained to test and work around limited amounts of Asbestos. Several more employees getting training.

Safety concerns and needed training:

Sina working to discuss Health and Safety policy with MAST (managers and supervisors) committee. Working to make sure everyone involved is aware and following policy that came out last year.

Questions about status of having active building managers. Taylor mentioned ongoing work in this area and the fact that there are employees doing this work currently.

Sina mentioned that upcoming OSHA fall protection event is something to be aware of. Fall protection starts at four feet and is something all employees should be using as needed. Please ask that all employees be aware and report questionable fall protection use.

Questions about employee procedure in the event of encampments on campus like recent Red Square situation. Making sure that interaction and cleanup for example is safe for employees. Making a work plan for such situations going forward.

William addressed the work concerning animals such as horses, dogs etc. resulting waste and clean up. SLUG to review and make decisions as to rather horses will be allowed on property. Possible waste stations for pet waste coming. Who is responsible for clean up etc.

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Taylor mentioned the upcoming work in warm and or hot weather season protection and procedure. Avoiding heat related illness. Making sure we have correct hydration systems, supplies and training in place for all workers. Ice makers in strategic locations etc.

Question about status of ATV and trail maintenance crew? William reported planning is ongoing with consideration to use and safety of ATV and financing of trail maintenance.

Tereasa reminded committee of ongoing need for pigeon control in and around campus buildings.

Extensive discussion concerning active shooter and emergency procedure in general. Faculty responsibility/training in letting students know what to do in an emergency as well as staff training in this area to help students and ensure campus safety emergency procedures are understood, universal training for all on campus. Sub committee to be developed to address this issue(s).

Other areas of concern:

Taylor pointed out that with upcoming graduation, safety is number one priority. The need for all employees to slow down and be sure to follow all safety procedures so as to insure no interruption in work as well as personal safety.

Meeting ended at 10:45.

Thank you everyone for attending these meetings and working to ensure a safe campus!