

The Evergreen State College

Health and Safety Committee Minutes: August 2nd, 2024

Safety Committee meeting 8/2/24 10AM

Attendees: Sina, Eric, Aaron, Daniel, Trish, Teresa

Meeting began at 10AM with introductions around room. Not enough members attending to vote, approve minutes etc.

Accident reports: No new accidents

Monitoring-Sampling report:

- On- going Asbestos and Lead testing as needed. Daniel reported on mold/mildew testing in RAD apartments. All tests came back negative.

Sub Committee reports:

- Smoking shelter committee prepared to go before SLUG.

Safety Program concerns/subjects:

- Sina reported on changes in Storm Water testing and policy as well as new policies on pressure washing around campus.
- Teresa reported a “sewer” type smell coming from drains in and around SEM II daily. To be investigated – Sina.
- Teresa mentioned continuing concerns over bird waste in and around the elevated walkways. A work order has been sent to address this situation – installation of protective spikes etc.

Other safety concerns include:

- service vehicles (UPS, Amazon, food delivery, contractors) driving/parking in and around internal roadways meant for TESC service vehicles and emergency vehicles only. In many cases these vehicles are blocking fire lanes and well as garbage and recycle stops in addition to driving far in excess of speed limits while using phones etc. This results in a very dangerous condition for students who may be distracted and or are walking in areas that are not meant for cars and thus not expecting them.
- Ensuring that new hires (temps) are safety trained before beginning work. Idea presented that High Vis clothing be part of all Facility clothing while working anyplace on campus = safety and identification. JHA form review discussed.
- Questions about current possible uptick on COVID. Sina gave brief COVID update and review – what to do if sick with COVID etc.
- Aaron had questions about the accident reporting procedure – forms etc. Sina reviewed for group and emphasized that when and if a doctor/emergency room is required that accident is reported from the start as a work-related injury/report.
- Treasa had questions on the proper procedure to dispose of Chemicals – Sina reviewed.

Safety Updates:

- Sina went over new “Time out” procedure which allows anyone working on a project etc. to stop work for safety concern(s) and have a group discussion/meeting before moving on. This is an option for any worker on any project and is and will be non-punitive in nature. More to come. Discussion about best way to proceed when requesting a Time Out as well as the making sure

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that all safety rules and regulations are understood before starting a project for all workers involved.

Other subjects/discussion:

- Sina mentioned that it would be positive to have another member serve as Chair of Safety Committee at some point. She is willing to serve as Chair for now.
- A Faculty member will be joining the Safety Committee this fall as well as another student representative when classes start this fall.
- Search for assigned permanent location for this meeting continues. More to come.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50