

The Evergreen State College

Health and Safety Committee Minutes: September 6th, 2024

Meeting began at 10AM sept 6th Both in person and online.

Sina brought meeting to order. Attendees: Eric, Zeb, Daniel, Sina, Taylor, Jackie, Beth, Devo
Sina, Eric - difficulty in working with transcript, recording. Need for OWL and regular room for meeting.

Accident reports/Investigations:

- Taylor reported two accidents- one a hand injury while scraping materiel – one a shoulder injury due to lifting.

Monitoring Update: Sina...Several Asbestos abatements recently in COMM, CUP, Neon Studio. Please get any area tested before doing work .

- Daniel talked about the MOLD removal in RAD structures as well as ensuring air movement and ventilation, window sealing and deep cleaning in all student housing etc. Sina asked for SOP from RAD to be sent to EHS.
- Taylor updated group on MOLD, black mold in general as it is relatively rare.

Sub Committee work:

- Teresa went before SLUG with smoking shelter suggestions for shelters in several different locations around campus. SHOPS / Motor Pool locations to come.

Safety Program Updates:

- Taylor spoke of work being done to ensure emergency evacuation procedure and signs. Both Jackie and Todd have been working to ensure this happens around campus. Work to ensure that handicap students, employees can safely be evacuated from all floors areas on campus etc. Great deal of work in combination with McLane fire dept.

Training and safety Concerns/updates:

- SHOPS HAZO storage area cleanout, vault located and being identified etc. As a result of cleaning this area an unknown electrical hazard was identified and corrected. Very important that any “close calls” be reported as well as pre work walk through and use JHA forms.
- EHS waiting on Ecology Dept inspection report that covered entire campus. Taylor and Sina asked that any work area(s) that need cleaning and organizing be a priority to eliminate hazards as much as possible. Please ask for help with disposal and or identification.
- Need for system to dispose of Bio Waste, separate acct etc.
- Discussion about the importance of keeping unauthorized traffic out of student housing areas and around campus in general. Move in week(s) coming review of move in procedure in relation to who does this work. Training for volunteers and student workers.....SOP to be developed.

Other concerns/updates:

- On the 17th-18th will be Great Shake Out. College will participate. Earthquake practice at 10:17 on 10/17.
- In addition, there will be a fire extinguisher training 27th on RS. RAD training on the 18th.
- Awareness of need for improved cross walk signage etc. at both ends of E Parkway.
- COVID update by Sina. Be aware of possible uptick as many, many students and staff come back to campus. Procedure, reporting basically the same. No significant changes. EHS website full of useful info. Please visit for instruction and info.

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- Need for permanent location/ room for this meeting continues. Beth has OWL for use going forward.
- Sina spoke to desire to step down from SC chair position if anyone is interested. Will continue for near future as needed.

Meeting ended at 10:45.