

The Evergreen State College

Health and Safety Committee Minutes: November 1st, 2024

Meeting began at 10 AM

Attendees: Sina, Taylor, William, Eric, Daniel, Aaron, Jay, Devo, Trish, Ahniwa

Sina began meeting with introductions.

No Quorum – could not vote on last month's minutes.

Accident Reports/investigations:

- Taylor reported three accidents last month including needle poke, slip and trip at Welcome House, trip on carpet at library.
- Follow up includes BBP training and PPE review as well as replacement of old carpet in library and a warning/info about slippery surfaces this time of year due to weather conditions etc.

Monitoring update:

- Sina stated that Asbestos testing and identification is ongoing.

Safety Issues and Concerns:

- Eric spoke to the need for increased safety awareness on the parkway due to speeding and inattentive/uncaring drivers for staff and work crews. Possible assistance by the campus police – making drivers aware by increased/scheduled police presence as needed. Increased use of signage for work crews etc.
- Sina asked about the situation in housing as it relates to cars and trucks in and around dorms using the internal access roads and walkways. Daniel commented on increased awareness and monitoring UPS and other delivery services. Devo mentioned the need for all vehicles including TESC vehicles to slow down and be aware of RAD crew and workers – it was reported that a TESC vehicle has been going too fast around RAD workers etc.
- William commented on the desire to have speed- flashing awareness signs in and around the parkway. Need for crosswalks at both ends of the parkway as well as increased police presence when possible, depending on police schedule and work/project schedule(s).
- William updated group on the work being done in parking lot F involving increased sight lines, tree work, increased/improved lighting, and possible cameras in the future. Goal to make lot F much safer for our students.
- Sina spoke to the E mail she sent out that asked that safety comm members review TESC Accident Prevention Program for the upcoming Dec meeting. Members to report back, discuss with group assigned areas etc.

Additional safety concerns/subjects:

- Eric addressed the possibility of work group specific safety officers and possible benefits of reporting during Tuesday facilities safety meeting to increase safety awareness and open discussions etc. Possibility of designated crew chief per job/project.
- Taylor asked if everyone has read and or is aware of TESC APP. Please do so if not to prepare for next meeting.

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- Taylor spoke to the importance of “tail gate” safety meetings in which all workers involved in a specific job have safety meeting before beginning work each day etc.

Remainder of meeting, starting at 10:35 in Lab II, spent touring classrooms and labs. Sina supplied safety checklist to increase awareness, identify and report possible unsafe conditions etc. Group visited several areas that members might not go to on regular basis. Goal to look for safety concerns to increase awareness in members normal work area, day to day.

Meeting broke at 11:10.