

The Evergreen State College

Health and Safety Committee Minutes: March 7th, 2025

1. Welcome to visitors – Sina

- No visitors

2. Motion to approve previous month's meeting minutes—Sina (1 min)

- Approved

3. Accident investigation reports: Review 301 Reports—Sina (5 min)

a. New Reports

- Slip and fall while putting down ice melt

4. Monitoring Updates (asbestos/air quality/water quality/etc)—Sina (2 min)

- Taylor noted that we will have Labor and Industries out to assist with noise monitoring on April 2nd.

5. Sub-committee progress reviews, if any (3:10 – 5 min)

a. Subcommittee Updates

- No updates

6. Safety Program Updates – Sina (2 min)

a. APP has been updated

- Sina reported that the Accident Prevention Program has been updated and is waiting for approval. EHS will report on relevant changes to the committee once they are accepted. Sina thanked the committee for their help in the review process.

7. Safety Concerns by Area and Training Needs – Sina (2 min)

- Beth wanted to let the committee know that the PNW has been experiencing an uptick in earthquakes and would like to see some information to the campus on what to do in an earthquake.

8. Committee Membership – Sina

a. [Review bylaws](#)

b. Vote next month on new members

- Sina would like to have the committee review the bylaws and vote on new/continuing members.

9. [Health and Safety](#) Policy – Sina

a. Review for April Meeting

- Sina mentioned that we should also review the Health and Safety Policy. She would like to discuss any changes/updates in April.

10. Additional Subcommittees - Taylor

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a. Outdoor Fire Program

- Taylor would like to start a subcommittee on putting together a policy for outdoor fires. Multiple areas on campus do/want to have outdoor fires and we need a common policy for them all to work from. Sina said she would assist on that subcommittee.

b. E-Scooter Program

- Taylor would like to start a subcommittee on e-scooters and other electric vehicles. There have been issues with them moving on campus walking paths too quickly and posing a hazard to others on the paths. Sina, Daniel, and Jay said they would like to participate on this committee.

11. Tree/Brush Cutting Review

- Eric wanted to discuss the hazard posed by the encroaching forest into the roadways. The brush is causing sightline issues in some areas and shrubs/trees are hitting vehicles in others. Eric said he would assist in identifying areas of overgrowth and report to EHS.

12. Other Topics as Time Allows – any member (3:30 – 3:50)

- Teresa mentioned that work orders are not being followed up on and some of these are safety related. Examples include bathrooms in the CAB and CRC (in this case the stall partition is precarious and there is worry it may collapse). There is an overall understanding that everyone is busy, but more communication would be helpful. A question came up about how WO are prioritized. Beth is going to see if there is a way to add a safety box to the WO system and Sina recommended explicitly stating it is a safety issue in the WO.
- Additionally, there was a concern about standing water in the greenery dish pit. Daniel will put in work order.
- Teresa also, wanted to ask about what buildings were okay to do exterior window cleaning, considering issues with PCBs. Taylor said that buildings built after 1980 should be fine. Everything before that may contain suspect materials. EHS will work with Building Services to come up with window washing protocols.
- Concerning work near the parkway, Eric would like to have the signage more clearly defined. Perhaps a map. EHS will discuss with facilities management.
- Eric mentioned that there was some illegal dumping of hazardous chemicals. The chemicals are contained (did not go into the environment). Sina will go by and investigate chems and prepare them for disposal.

13. Visitor agenda items - (5 min)

- No visitors

14. Call for Agenda Items for next meeting - (no later than 3:55)