

The Evergreen State College

Health and Safety Committee Minutes: April 4th, 2025

Meeting began at 10am

In attendance: Sina, Taylor, William, Daniel, Jason, Aaron, Devo, Eric, Tereasa, Katie, Trisha, Tony

Last month's minutes approved (quorum of 5)

Accident Investigations:

- Taylor reported on two 301 one a hand injury, one a slip and fall. Taylor met with Tammy in custodial for review.
- Sina inquired as to rather the college currently has a footwear policy, with Taylor responding that we do not.

Monitoring Updates:

- Taylor reported that L&I measured noise levels in the CUP and in the Mail room areas. All areas fell below the required 85dB.
- Sina noted that work is being done to measure noise levels of equipment used in Grounds dept.
- William noted the new working enclosure within the CUP which measures considerably lower noise level within CUP.
- Hearing tests to be conducted for staff in April, notification has been sent out.

Subcommittee Reports:

- Taylor presented a preliminary draft outlining the use of motorized Scooters in and around campus. Taylor asked for review by group.
 - Daniel spoke to the difficulties of dealing with lithium batteries in dorms and on campus in general. Group discussion about charging stations and locations, risk of fires etc. and need for specific fire extinguishers.
 - Tony outlined considerations in developing use policies as related to enforcement and education. Tony explained challenges of enforcement. Emphasized education and development of written policy that details all aspects of use on campus.
 - William spoke to the need for community awareness and universal speed limits for all campus roadways and paths, sidewalks etc. as well recent close calls with Scooter users and the need for extensive signage etc.
 - Daniel and RAD staff working to identify specific charging locations and facilities.
- Sina working on a campus Fire policy. Goal to develop a written policy that outlines all aspects of having recreational fires.
 - Example being the Long House fire pit, grilling at student gatherings, CRC events, evenings etc.
 - William and Tony noted the need for fire extinguishers, awareness of weather conditions and things like spark screens etc.

Eric mentioned identifying areas in and around housing in need of vegetation clearing to ensure clear sightlines to ensure safety for pedestrians.

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Safety Program Updates:

- Taylor reported that she and Sina and Devo in RAD have been working to identify locations of all fire extinguishers on campus to have a working directory including signage and online access available to all campus users.
- In addition, Sina working to map emergency equipment such as AED units, eyewash stations, emergency showers etc.

Safety Concerns/trainings:

- Teresa noted that many sinks the custodial staff use are not safe and in need of repair and modification. In addition, many drains around campus “stink” and in need of service.
- William let group know that he is and will be working (with Taylor) to ensure that the TESC is getting good value for contacted work on campus. Need for increased review and follow up on all projects, examples being elevator work and fire suppression.
- William asked that everyone please be aware of the incredible workload of facilities due to many factors including deadlines and budget.
- William let group know that campus property is being abused and vandalized in several cases and increased inspection and monitoring is needed going forward.
- William asked that everyone please be aware that safety can suffer when staff and crew is tired due to workload and to please take the time needed to be safe and look out for each other in order to be safe.
- Sina reviewed campus Health and Safety policy and asked for suggestions and ideas etc. Tony mentioned having a clear and direct path for student to report safety concerns as well as detailing building security. Sina mentioned identifying for contact purposes all groups responsible for safety on campus.
- Eric mentioned need for review of spill procedure, clean-up, handling, supplies, in a upcoming facilities safety meeting.

Meeting ended at 11:07.