

The Evergreen State College

Health and Safety Committee Minutes: December 5th, 2025

Meeting began at 10AM dec 5th - RM301 CAB building

Attendees: Sina, Taylor, Eric, Emma, Teresa, Eniga, Tony, Katie, Aaron, Martin, Beth, Alex, Julie

1. Sina began meeting inquiring about how many members would be available for next meeting which fell on the 2nd of Jan 2026.
 - a. Motion to approve last month's minutes; Motion approved.

Note.. Audio problems lasted about 3 minutes.

2. Accident Reports:
 - a. Staff member hit by a car while riding a bike, off campus while attending a conference.
 - b. Campus member hit in head by a pull-down type of stair/ladder while attempting to access an attic like area.
3. Monitoring Updates:
 - a. Ongoing Asbestos and Lead testing as needed.
 - b. Asbestos abatement to take place in custodial closet, Lab 1, first floor. Alex requested time/work schedule as rest rooms in that area are heavily used by Lab 1 staff and students.
4. Sub Committee progress reports:
 - a. Sina inquired about battery charging stations' progress. Taylor mentioned that Daniel Mountain working on gathering info from other colleges and universities.
 - b. Discussion and questions about smoking shelters and the process to build new ones. Teresa, Eric (having served on smoking shelter SC in past) reported on the process, apply to SLUG committee etc. Currently have up to three areas that have been identified as possible needed/new locations. Discussion about what makes up the core of campus and how that relates to smoking in and around campus. Alex mentioned the pressing need to have a shelter near the Lab buildings as of now the parking lot is the unofficial area due to distance from buildings etc. Other needed areas identified being the Farm and in and around the Longhouse area. Note that currently the Farm has a makeshift tent covered area near the outer parking lot and street. Questions as to rather smoking is officially allowed in parking lots as it relates to Core areas etc.
5. Safety Program Updates:
 - a. Taylor informed the group about the need to stop using (misusing) electrical power strips. Power strips being used for long durations with far too many extension cords, etc. Need to review the use of both all over campus as the dangers are real and may lead to fires and electrical shocks etc.
 - b. Alex inquired as to who (what dept and or facilities) pays for (Work Orders) electrical improvements in order to eliminate the improper use of extension cords and power strips? Need to question George and Facilities staff going forward to get clear picture as far as costs and who will pay for such improvements etc.
6. Safety Concerns and Training Needs:
 - a. Alex asked for a hands-on training for the AED units. Sina to check with Jackie for possible training schedule and availability. Possible AED training units for practice, etc.

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- b. Taylor mentioned that if anyone has extra time and or desire to help with and or take safety training in a variety of areas please reach out to Jackie LaVerne.
 - c. Sina started a group discussion about the continued problem of delivery drivers and others driving in areas that are reserved only for TESC staff and emergency vehicles. Taylor and Alex mentioned possible solutions include everything from designated parking area for delivery vehicles to contacting delivery services about designating certain areas off limits etc. Emma mentioned Housing a big concern due to number of students walking in areas that there should no outside vehicles etc. Emma suggested having a designated area that delivery drivers could use to drop off and or deliver items to students, etc. Possible area exits for this in and around A Dorm. Alex mentioned contacting TESC Board of Trustees/college president and possible legislate laws and WACs that would make clear rules and laws concerning this issue.
7. Call for Agenda Items for next meeting:
- a. Please contact Sina ASAP.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45. Thank you to everyone for participating.