

**Safety Committee Meeting
Whitman College
September 22, 2020 at 1:00 pm**

Present: Elliot Broze, Steve Davis, Paul Dodez, John Eckel, Kendra Golden, Bryan Lubbers, John Hopkins (Chr), Kathleen Hutchison (Sec), Tony Ichsan, Telara McCullough, Fred Miller, Jolene Rodriguez, Kathy Rogers

Absent: Dan Schindler

Approval of Minutes

8/25/2020 meeting minutes approved. Posted on the Safety Committee webpage - <https://www.whitman.edu/environmental-health-and-safety/safety-committee>.

Welcome to Steve Davis who is our new Security Director!

OLD BUSINESS

Accident Prevention Program-Appendix 4:

There were no additional questions or comments. John will make sure that Fred has all of the suggested edits to update the EHS website.

Covid-19 update:

Tony explained changes in the EOC Task Force over the past six months. Peter Harvey chaired the EOC during end of spring semester and then needed to focus on financial aspects, so Josh Jensen as the Vice Chair stepped up to chair during the summer months and worked on the strategic aspect of reopening campus buildings, student access, etc. Peter Harvey is once again the Chair for fall semester, and Josh will continue as Vice Chair. There are two sub-groups that will now include Division Chairs to ensure information gets to each faculty member and the administrative assistants. Currently the Task Force is working to assess three general options for Spring semester (continue remotely, hybrid options, or in-person classes) and the goal is to decide by late November or early December. Tony ensures there is awareness about improving communication to the campus community. Telara shared that she has been working on building accesses, following up on daily wellness checks, and reports no new positive Covid-19 cases on campus. The WA States Unemployment program started September 8 for college employees and the process seems to be working okay so far. Employees haven't received their first paycheck but that is because of the Pandemic issues slowing things down. The state employees are being incredibly flexible to help people and are currently overloaded.

NEW BUSINESS

Review and discussion of Accident Prevention Program Appendix-1 which explains Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

Fred reviewed the accident prevention program which is posted on the college's Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) website. This includes technical details where examples are given, and information about Whitman specific programs. The titles of the program are live with links to equipment specific information, and regulations are cited and linked to the State of Washington compliance webpage. The introduction talks about the purpose of this program at the college. Supervisors are responsible for making sure their employees get proper training and use appropriate protective equipment. The EHS staff assists supervisors, provides necessary training, and ensures hazard assessments are completed and documented. Student employees

and volunteers engaged in work at the college should be trained on how to use PPE. Since we have licensed healthcare professionals working on campus, Fred will add specific PPE regulations to the EHS website for those employees. Employees are encouraged to review the EHS website about PPE information and discuss any concerns and needs with their supervisor.

Kathy reported one muscle strain injury since last meeting, and did not result in a claim.

Fred wants everyone to be aware of a new post that was added to the EHS main website that provides a list of authorized sanitizers to use on campus. If there is a product not on this list that is needed, please contact Fred for review before use. The EHS staff are available to meet with staff, and recently met with custodial staff yesterday to reexamine their use of disinfectants and equipment on campus.

Flu shots are coming to campus and will be scheduled this Fall. Watch for an announcement soon about the process during this pandemic.

Next meeting - TBD