

**Safety Committee Meeting
Whitman College
January 11, 2021, at 1:00 pm**

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

Absent: Tony Ichsan, Jolene Rodriguez, Dan Schindler

Approval of Minutes

12/7/2020 meeting minutes approved. Posted on the Safety Committee webpage - <https://www.whitman.edu/environmental-health-and-safety/safety-committee>.

OLD BUSINESS

Campus Fire Safety this spring semester:

Fire Drills were suspended fall semester due to students not being on campus. Fred shared that the local fire code authority will be satisfied with one Campus Fire Drill for spring semester, and regular fire drill schedules will resume this summer. Stephen Davis will research Clery Act fire drill requirements, schedule an in-person campus fire drill, and the option of doing a virtual fire drill via Everbridge.

NEW BUSINESS

Coronavirus Task Force update:

Telara shared that sub-group has reviewed and updated the Covid-Captain job duties for this spring semester which is pending EOC approval. Any member of the Whitman community who anticipates being on campus at any time this spring semester for classes, recreation, or work will begin receiving the Daily Wellness Check, and should have the Everbridge green approval checkmark on their cell phone while on campus.

Gas Leak protocol:

There was concern about the use of fire alarm pull stations in gas leak situations because the fire alarm equipment is not rated for use in a flammable or explosive atmosphere. Fred reached out to Timothy Thompson, WW Fire Department Inspector, who researched and confirmed that, yes, we should use fire alarm pull stations in case of a gas leak to empty out building. The yellow emergency information flyers posted around campus will be updated to reflect this change.

Accident/Injury Report:

Kathy Rogers reported no new accidents or injuries since last meeting. The year end report is in progress and due by end of February.

Security update:

Stephen Davis reports there was a shooting near campus last week. The suspect is in jail pending bail hearing. A separate incident of suicide attempt occurred over the weekend on campus. Individual was talked down and taken for evaluation. Neither individuals were members of the Whitman community.

Announcement: John Hopkins reminded everyone about the Community Learning Days workshop this week, and encouraged everyone to register and attend.

Next meeting is scheduled Friday, February 12, at 11:00 am via Zoom.