

**Safety Committee Meeting
Whitman College
July 16, 2021, at 1:00 pm**

Present: Elliot Broze, Stephen Davis, John Eckel, Kendra Golden, John Hopkins (Chr), Kathleen Hutchison (Sec), Tony Ichsan, Telara McCullough, Fred Miller, Jolene Rodriguez

Absent: Bryan Lubbers, Andrew Somoskey

Approval of Minutes

5/14/2021 meeting minutes approved. Posted on the Safety Committee webpage - <https://www.whitman.edu/environmental-health-and-safety/safety-committee>.

OLD BUSINESS

- EHS Coordinator position will be filled soon.
- Fred Miller reports that Emergency Information flyers are being replaced around campus. Student employee is dispersing the flyers while also moving furniture back to normal in campus buildings.
- Regular scheduled fire drills will begin as the campus comes back to life this fall.

NEW BUSINESS

- The past week the campus has experienced power interruptions on campus. These have caused damage to one fire panel and to a number of fire sprinkler systems in several buildings. The Covid supply chain backlog is causing problems in properly fixing these. Everything is taking a bit longer than normal. HVAC hoods are not working in Hall of Science, and Fred has given procedural ways to proceed without use of the hoods. Elliott requested a schedule of when the repairs will take place.
- The heat wave is being monitored carefully, and Fred is following up with staff who work outside to help them stay healthy.
- Fire Extinguishers are missing. Please look around your areas .
- Safety Committee member roster on the EHS webpage needs to be updated. John and Kathleen will update the webpage. There are some member positions that need to be filled. Telara suggested that Fred reach out to the Staff Advisory Committee for assistance in filling these elected positions.
- Fred Miller reports one employee with a blood blister from use of pliers, but no reportable accidents/injuries since last meeting.
- Telara shared that the college's workers comp insurance premium is part of a retrospective ratings plan which means that we pay monthly premium based on our safety rate.

Next meeting is scheduled Friday, September 10, at 11:00 am via Zoom.