

**Safety Committee Meeting
Whitman College
Sept 10, 2019 at 1:00 pm**

Present: Elliot Broze, Paul Dodez, John Eckel, Kendra Golden, John Hopkins (Chair), Bryan Lubbers, Kathleen Hutchison (Secretary), Telara McCullough, Fred Miller, Marvin Viney

Absent: Nicole Redman, Kathy Rogers, Dan Schindler

Approval of Minutes

9/10/2019 meeting minutes approved. Posted on the Safety Committee webpage - <https://www.whitman.edu/environmental-health-and-safety/safety-committee>.

OLD BUSINESS

- Fred Miller reports that 68 employees attended the Fire Extinguisher Training held September 23. Live training scheduled every two years, and video-based training available at the Safety Office in the interim.
- Update on confined spaces (LNI Letter – WAS 296-809-2002): Fred reports that currently we are in active negotiations with the company we hired as consultant. John Hopkins accompanied the consultant on their campus visit along with other college staff who work in confined spaces, but to date they have not delivered a report. Instead, they have hit us with a change order to almost double cost without justification, and have sent invoices requesting payment prior to delivering a product. The scope/contract of the project was for a consultant to inspect campus spaces, determine if any space requires a permit, and then draft a report with procedures on how to enter each confined space safely. Fred has emailed and left voice messages, and expects to hear from the company's regional manager today. Fred asked John Hopkins to confirm how many days the consultant was on campus.
- Update on Maxey Hall – RF radiation investigation: Fred shared that an independent consultant was engaged to inspect all the antennas on the roof and has submitted a report with findings and recommendations. The Labor & Industry (L&I) inspector has given a verbal report that recent readings do not exceed 10% of the unprotected public exposure level. The college gave the L&I inspector a list of employees that access the roof, and L&I will visit with employees this week, then will review the consultant's findings before submitting a final report to the college. Based on the results, the consultant will create a worker protection and training plan for the college. Fred assures that the Law protects the Whistle Blower and the college won't ask for person's name.
- Update on chipped cement corners on Library stairs: John reports that Randy Coleman has called a person and is waiting for them to "get freed up" so they can repair the cement corners.
- Update on Hall of Science lead in water: John Hopkins reports that Jeff Donahue visited with the contractor, and was told they will work to fix the last two faucets during winter break, but all other work is complete.
- Handicap Parking update: John Hopkins reports that the City of WW will paint wheelchair sign for the two handicap parking spots on Stanton Street.

NEW BUSINESS

In Kathy's absence, there is no report of accidents/injuries.

Request to move meeting to different day of the week. John and Kathleen will look at schedules for other options.

NEXT MEETING is scheduled Tuesday, November 19, in WCTS room 132. On agenda is review of College's Accident Prevention Plan.