

**Safety Committee Meeting  
Whitman College  
March 12, 2021, at 1:00 pm**

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

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**Approval of Minutes**

2/12/2021 meeting minutes approved. Posted on the Safety Committee webpage - <https://www.whitman.edu/environmental-health-and-safety/safety-committee>.

Paul Dodez is no longer working at Whitman College, and Dan Schindler is on sabbatical leave. John Hopkins will reach out to staff in HJ Theatre and Fouts Center to fill these committee positions.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Emergency Flyers:

Fred Miller has flyers press-ready and will send to Print Shop soon.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Coronavirus update:

- Tony Ichsan reports that Coronavirus sample testing is scheduled every Monday and Tuesday from 9:00am-2:00pm with results reported on Friday. A notice has been sent to non-compliant employees about completing Everbridge training and the pledge, and consequences about current campus access being turned off. People have been assigned to the Wellness Team and their role is to make follow up calls when community member responds “yes” for symptoms on the Daily Wellness Check. Campus activities are reviewed continually, and rapid testing is completed in Cordiner as needed, in order to follow the current Phase-2 procedures of the roadmap to recovery.
- Telara McCullough explained that when employees are selected for Covid testing while they are away from the college for non-Covid related issues, they and/or their supervisor should contact Human Resources staff as soon as possible to let them know situation.

Disaster-preparedness plan for Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC):

Kendra Golden explained that the IACUC oversees safety for animals that are used on our campus for research purposes, and there is a Federal Office that certify us yearly. Chris Wallace, our IACUC chair, contacted Kendra about how to develop emergency protocol for checking on the animals to ensure their safety. There was consensus that EHS and Plant Services staff should support the IACUC committee to review campus facilities, as well as protocol and procedures at similar institutions, in order to come up with an animal care emergency plan for our campus.

Campus accident report:

Kathy Rogers reports no accidents or injuries thus far for 2021. She has completed the 2020 accident report which included seven injuries: one person required 29 days off work; the other six required a total of 232 days of restricted or modified duty. This is a very good report especially because we participate in the stay-at-work program where the college gets up to 60% of employees base wage returned.

**Next meeting** is scheduled Friday, April 23, at 11:00 am via Zoom.