

Campus Safety, Health, and Security Committee Agenda

Date:

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Members
Attending: Haydee Guzman
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Guests:

Agenda Items:

1. Introduction
2. Review of Inspection Reports
 - a. 3 departments have submitted reports, but review will be Tabled until fall semester to get more attendance
 - b. All areas should be due to complete inspections at this point. Scott will work on coordinating with specific units to complete theirs.
 - c. Checklists:
 - i. General work areas - <https://policies.wsu.edu/prf/documents/2017/10/2-50-self-inspection-checklist.pdf/>
 - ii. Labs - <https://tricity.wsu.edu/documents/2025/05/lab-inspection-checklist-2.pdf/>
 - d. Plan template: <https://tricity.wsu.edu/documents/2024/07/campus-safety-plan-2.pdf/>
3. Review of Accident/Investigation reports
 - a. Pullman
 - i. Employee in child care center twisted ankle and broke a bone stepping off a curb. A few days later, a child having a tantrum kicked the employee in the injured ankle and aggravated the injury. Injuries can compound from multiple incidents, be aware of situations and try to protect existing issues. Also, people around us should be considered potential hazards – especially when dealing with unpredictable ones like children.
 - ii. Student in laboratory was boiling ether and developed a headache due to exposure to fumes. Several questions arise from this: why was a student boiling ether, which is a highly flammable liquid? Why was this not being done in a fume hood? Why was PPE not being worn? Review your processes and make sure that they make sense. Don't create hazards by performing tasks that are inherently dangerous, and make sure that you're using proper protective measures.
 - b. Tri-Cities –
 - i. Students on overnight trip, including minors. One passed out on the bus, and employee was notified, who called the mother. Mother told employee that this was a known condition, they should not call 911 or take her to the hospital. Any seizure or loss of consciousness should immediately result in a 911 call. We don't know the cause. Even if they have a condition that is the likely cause, we can't be sure. Call 911, get the person examined by professionals. This costs nothing until the person is transported. Also,

participants in field trips, especially overnights, should be strongly encouraged to share information about medical conditions that may impact them during the trip.

- ii. Lab employee had pipettes immersed in a hot water bath. When removed, one shattered, leading to cuts on the hand. Wherever feasible, use tools (such as tongs in this case) and design procedures to reduce exposure to potential risks

4. Issues/Questions/Concerns previously discussed/unresolved

- a. Area inspections – Still need to assemble groups for this
- b. Wayfinding signage: TCOL has no exterior signage. East and Floyd need some sort of demarcation to indicate where you are.
 - i. Observe the first week of classes and note the locations students need help finding
 - ii. Building identifiers (TEST for East) are not necessarily intuitive, and may need to be included in signage
- c. Slick sidewalks - This has been sent to facilities, they are working to find a removal method that won't damage the concrete
- d. Bus stop - South bus stop has been moved to the steps of Floyd. Bus drivers so far have not reported any issues, so this may become permanent. Campus and BFT will work on placing a shelter if this becomes permanent
- e. First Aid-CPR training – Nothing new
- f. TCOL 124 hood – Random tripping of hood alarms, not necessarily when it's windy. Need to have facilities look at controls
- g. Exterior signage – Gateway signs at Sprout and University are being rebuilt. The sign at Crimson/University may have impacts on driver sightlines that need to be assessed. Scott will look.
- h. CIC ADA doors – ADA openers at main CIC doors are not working. 2nd floor library restroom has a heavy door, but no opener. Scott will look into whether one is required

5. New Issues/Questions/Concerns

- a. Med school building – CBC was going to go to 24/7 fob access, but this is not going to happen.
- b. It's getting hot and some buildings are having AC issues. Take frequent breaks, drink water, find a cooler location if needed. There are rules for outdoor work in heat, talk to Scott if you're not aware of them.
- c. Snakes and spiders are back, and there are wild turkeys on campus. Leave them alone.