

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

Present: Paul Dodez, John Eckel, Kendra Golden, John Hopkins (Chair), Bryan Lubbers, Kathleen Hutchison (Secretary), Fred Miller, Kathy Rogers, Marvin Viney, Shane Watkins

Absent: Elliot Broze, Nicole Redman, Dan Schindler

6/18/2019 meeting minutes approved. Posted on the Safety Committee webpage - <https://www.whitman.edu/environmental-health-and-safety/safety-committee>.

Welcome to Marvin Vinney, Security Director. Marvin is starting to work with building assistants across campus to plan for emergency issues (i.e. active shooter) within their buildings. Anyone who wants to start that process, please contact Marvin.

OLD BUSINESS

- Fire Extinguisher Training scheduled for Monday, Sept. 23, at 8:00am. Eighty people have signed up. Presented by Oxarc Fire Services.
- No update on confined spaces (LNI Letter – WAS 296-809-2002).

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussed parking on campus. There is no campus parking policy. If a vehicle needs to be moved, security will run plate numbers and try to find owner. Towing is last option.
- A complaint was filed with Labor & Industries about concerns of RF Radiation levels from Cell Towers on the roof of Maxey Hall. Fred confirmed that L&I Compliance Inspectors are currently doing an investigation, and we are working with the investigators. Fred asked that this topic be tabled for now. No roof access allowed at this time.
- Kathy Rogers reports seven injury/accidents on campus since June's Safety Committee meeting:
 - 1 - Pinched finger in shelving
 - 1 - Fall from ladder, sustained fracture of hand and finger
 - 1 - Trip/fall, contusion to ribs and knees
 - 1 - Struck by falling box off shelf, contusion to scalp
 - 1 - Insect sting
 - 1 - Burned fingers, contact with hot exhaust shield
 - 1 - Trip/Fall, contusion to knee
- Kathy mentioned that the college participates in the L&I Stay at Work program (SAW). This program offers the employer an incentive to keep injured workers on the job by offering light or modified duty. Incentive is that L&I will pay the employer back 50% of the employee's base wages.
- Concern about cracked/chipped corners on Library front steps that need repair. Service request submitted last spring is still pending. No injuries to date.
- Update on Science building lead in water. All drinking and handwashing faucets are clear. There are a few lab faucets that show lead levels. Concern voiced that this could screw up lab experiments.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 15, in WCTS room 132