

APPROVED 11-03-21

Environmental Health and Safety Committee October 6, 2021

Zoom Online Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Present: Chief Knight, Gardenia Malone, Robert Sewell, Jennifer Weis, Chris Shelby, Virginia Moran, Joseph Martinez, Diane Wollan

Absent: David Albarran, Steve Dwiggin, Cathy Ekpo, Hamid Eydgahi (excused), Frederick Board (excused), Eternity Loymeyer

Minutes from the September meeting were approved. MSc: C. Shelby/ J. Martinez

Operating Agreement – Chief Knight said we were able to add one adjunct faculty member to the committee membership – It was presented at College Council – committee voted to accept the operating agreement – Chris Shelby made the motion to approve and Joseph Martinez seconded the motion.

Gardenia recommended that we do a self-audit in each of our respective areas looking for safety concerns. Chris Shelby expressed the desire of the Art Department to add a ceramics class however, there is concern about the OSHA standards and the particles that become air born during this type of class. Chief Knight recommended finding out how other community colleges with ceramics classes address this issue and making it an agenda item for our November meeting. Jennifer Weis offered to assist Chris in this effort.

Round Table Discussion:

Diane Wollan expressed concern over students who have been officially dismissed from the college but then show up on campus which happened recently in Bldg. 23. According to Chief Knight, Student Discipline needs to notify teachers and other front-line employees concerning this issue. Chief and/or Virginia Moran will bring this up at the next College Council.

Gardenia Malone asked if VVC could purchase iodine as requested by some of the Biology and Chemistry faculty. This will also be placed on the November agenda.

Chris Shelby addressed the issue of lack of faculty parking available in front of Bldg 22. She asked if the sign could be made larger or if a loading zone could be provided. Chief Knight offered to investigate.

Joseph Martinez mentioned that the lights outside Bldgs 31, 32 and 33 are not on after late classes get out. Chief acknowledged that the situation went from no lights to limited lighting and he will look into it.

Remember the Great Shake Out on October 21 at 10:21 a.m.

Gardenia shared that two quotes were obtained for the radioactive waste disposal but she is looking for more due to high cost. Virginia Moran offered to check with DeeDee Garcia at Barstow CC and Joseph Martinez offered to check with some high school connections.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.