

**McMaster University
Faculty of Engineering
Joint Health and Safety Committee Minutes**

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

JHE A114

Management Member	Department	Attendance
James Chen	ECE	Present
Mukesh Jain	Mechanical	Present
Doug Keller	Management Cert. Member	Present
Dmitri Malakhov	Materials	Present
Michael Tait	Civil	Absent
Carm Vespi	Alumni	Absent
Michael Soltys	Computing and Software	Regrets
Prashant Mhaskar	Chemical Engineering	Present
Qiyin Fang	Engineering Physics	Absent
David Novog	Engineering Physics	Absent

Worker Member	Department	Attendance
Rob Lemmon	Materials	Present
Jeanne Norris	General Engineering	Absent
Terry Greenlay	Electrical and Computing Engineering	Present
Justyna Derkach	Chemical	Present
Jim McLaren	Mechanical	Present
John Nakamura	Computing and Software	Present
Doris Stevanovic	CEDT	Present
Peter Jonasson	Engineering Physics	Present
Anna Robertson	Civil	Present
Kent Wheeler	Civil	Present
Frances Lasowski	CUPE	Absent

Consultants	Department	Attendance
Sheila Rieth	EOHSS	Present

ISSUES FOR CENTRAL TO ADDRESS

Action Items

No issues were reported.

1. Minutes

<p>Corrections to February's minutes were submitted. All were in favour, and the minutes were approved.</p> <p>Minutes Approval:</p> <p>Dr. Mukesh Jain, Management Co-Chair: _____</p> <p>John Nakamura, Worker Co-Chair: _____</p>	<p>February's final minutes were sent to EOHSS on March 24, 2009</p>
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2. Business Arising

<p>a) Summary Inspection Lists</p> <p>General Engineering Department's inspection summary sheet is still outstanding.</p>	<p>Waiting for C Hurley's response regarding which departments still have outstanding inspection summary sheets.</p>
<p>b) Inspection Sheets</p> <p>S Reith continues to try getting consistency with all inspection sheets and is preparing a word document for distribution.</p> <p>D Stevanovic mentioned that on the Laboratory Workplace Inspection sheets, there is no entry for ceiling diffusers, air quality, etc.</p>	
<p>c) Work Order-Tandem Accelerator Building</p> <p>D Stevanovic has got a reply from C Hurley about the outstanding work order regarding yellow city water.</p>	<p>J Emberson from Facility Services and L Morine from EOHSS will look into this.</p>

3. New Business

<p>No new business was added.</p>	
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4. Incident Reports

<p>A chemical spill occurred in the CEDT during waste removal. D Stevanovic will make sure an incident report is filled out.</p> <p>DBAC custodian slipped on an ice patch on a loading dock close to the garbage bin. MOL and Security were contacted. Ice patch was cleared.</p>	
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Safety Reports

Area	Report submitted
CAS	No
Chemical Engineering	Yes
ECE	No
Engineering Physics & CEDT	Yes
General Engineering	No
Materials Science & Engineering	Yes
Mechanical Engineering	Yes
MMRI	No

Mechanical Engineering inspected 8 rooms and reported a squirt bottle that was not labelled, general housekeeping needed. No MSDS for certain substances and no Hazardous Material inventory sheets for Rooms B108, 101 & 106B.

Laboratory Workplace Inspections were received from Engineering Physics, Civil and Chemical Engineering and CEDT.

5. Central Committee Minutes

No updated minutes have been posted in LearnLink. Last checked on February 17, 2009	
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6. Other Business

<p>a) First Aiders D. Stevanovic indicated that BSB first aiders list must be put up on the Health and Safety board of the building.</p>	
<p>b) Water Damage D Stevanovic reported that in BSB B207/207A there was water damage due to the melting snow.</p>	
<p>c) Spill kits D Malakhov brought a concern about spill kits not being available in chemistry stores. He wanted to know if EOHSS is responsible for providing the kits as he had contacted EOHSS to provide him with some and never got a response.</p>	S Reith will look into spill kits and get more details from EOHSS office.
<p>e) Toxic Gases (Sewer Gas Smell) A student working in lab noticed a sewer gas smell. Doug Keller and another person cleared lab and contacted Sandy Miller to have Facility Services look into whether the smell was toxic. Facility Services poured water down the cup sink. They informed that there had been similar problems in the lab before. The pouring of water down cup sinks and floor drains must be done at least once a month to avoid the smell.</p>	M Curtis will look into this & S Reith will contact C MacDonald to look over JHE A105/106 & elevator by JHE A114 where there is a similar smell.

7. Re-structuring

Nothing new to report. Machine Shop's new room location TBA.	
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The meeting was adjourned at 10:05am

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 9:30am in JHE A114.

PLEASE NOTE: If you cannot attend this meeting please send regrets to G Rivas at

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