

McMaster University
Faculty of Engineering
Joint Health and Safety Committee Minutes

Wednesday, January 13th, 2010

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

JHE A114

Management Member	Department	Attendance
Mukesh Jain (Co-Chair)	Mechanical	Present
Prashant Mhaskar	Chemical Engineering	Present
Yiping Guo	Civil	Absent
James Chen	ECE	Regrets
Qiyin Fang	Engineering Physics	Absent
Doug Keller (Certified Member)	Management Cert. Member	Present
Marek Niewczas	Materials Science	Present
Carm Vespi	Alumni	Absent

Worker Member	Department	Attendance
John Nakamura (Co-Chair)	Computing and Software	Present
Doris Stevanovic	CEDT	Present
Justyna Derkach (Certified Member)	Chemical	Present
Anna Robertson	Civil	Present
Kent Wheeler	Civil	Present
Terry Greenlay	Electrical & Computing Engineering	Present
Peter Jonasson	Engineering Physics	Present
Jeanne Norris	General Engineering	Regrets
Rob Lemmon	Materials	Present
Jim McLaren	Mechanical	Present
Elizabeth Takacs	MMRI	Present
Maneesh Khanna	MMRI	Present
Michelle LePalud	CUPE	Present

Consultants	Department	Attendance
Sheila Rieth	EOHSS	Present

ISSUES FOR CENTRAL TO ADDRESS	Action Items
No comments.	

1. Minutes

<p>Minutes Approval:</p> <p>Dr. Mukesh Jain, Management Co-Chair: _____</p> <p>John Nakamura, Worker Co-Chair: _____</p>	<p>Approved December 2009 minutes were submitted to EOHHS on January 13th, 2010.</p>
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2. Business Arising

<p>ETB Safety Team Update</p> <p>Two ETB management representatives have been nominated to be part of the Safety committee.</p> <p>They are:</p> <p>Bachelor of Technology Partnership – Barbara Eftekhari</p> <p>Engineering I- Robert Fleisig</p> <p>No nominations of worker and management members have been received for the School of Engineering Practice and Biomedical Engineering. A worker member to represent B. Tech has not been selected.</p> <p>A notice was sent out to all Faculty of Engineering worker members seeking worker members to join the Engineering joint Health and Safety Committee for the ETB and General Engineering. No volunteers yet.</p> <p>B Eftekhari and R Fleisig will be invited to the February committee meeting.</p>	
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3. New Business

No comments.	
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4. Incident Reports

Behind JHE's loading dock– Transmission fluid leaked from the McMaster Engineering Custom Vehicle Team into the storm sewer drain. Facility Services contacted EOHSS. EOHSS placed flattened cardboard underneath the vehicle to absorb the oil. The sewer grate was removed and five absorbent pads were used to absorb all visible transmission oil. The sawdust that was originally applied by Facility Services was swept up. The hazardous waste (45kg) was removed during regular chemical waste pick up for the campus.	
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5. Safety Reports

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

Civil – Minor housekeeping issues.

Mechanical – No major issues.

Chemical – Minor issues reported.

6. Central Committee Minutes/Incidents

December 2009 CJHSC minutes have been posted on EOHSS website. CJHSC minutes can be found in the following link: http://www.workingatmcmaster.ca/eohss/prevention/jhsc/	
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7. Other Business

There have been complaints about an ongoing funny smell at JHE's south side stairwell in the third floor. Both D Stevanovic and P Jonasson checked the area for anything that might be causing the smell. C Hurley has been contacted about this. S Reith took note and will follow up. Similar smell has been detected in the MMRI labs. A suggestion for the smell is burned/chipped exhaust fans. It has happened before and created a strong funny smell.	
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8. Re-structuring

ETB 403 – Q Fang’s office ETB 431 – Q Fang’s lab JHE 212A – now belongs to Mechanical Engineering. Inspections will be done.	
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The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 10th, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in JHE A114.

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

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