

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

Wednesday, July 14, 2010
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
JHE A114

Management Member	Department	Attendance
Ian Bruce (Co-Chair)	ECE	Present
Barb Eftekhari	BTech	Regrets
Carm Vespi	Alumni	Absent
Doug Keller (Certified Member)	Management Cert. Member	Present
Ghani Razaqpur	Civil Engineering	Absent
Marek Niewczas	Materials Science	Present
Prashant Mhaskar	Chemical Engineering	Regrets
Qiyin Fang	Engineering Physics	Absent
Robert Fleisig	Engineering 1	Absent
Vladimir Mahalec	SEP	Absent
Yiping Guo	Civil	Absent

Worker Member	Department	Attendance
John Nakamura (Co-Chair)	Computing and Software	Present
Anna Robertson	Civil	Present
Doris Stevanovic	CEDT	Regrets
Dulcie Amaral	SEP	Absent
Elizabeth Takacs	MMRI	Present
Jeanne Norris	Engineering 1	Present
Jim McLaren (Certified Member)	Mechanical	Present
Justyna Derkach (Certified Member)	Chemical	Present
Kent Wheeler	Civil	Present
Manessh Khanna	MMRI	Present
Michelle LePalud	CUPE	Regrets
Omar Danta	BTech	Present
Peter Jonasson	Engineering Physics	Absent
Terry Greenlay	Electrical & Computing Engineering	Present

Consultants	Department	Attendance
Sheila Rieth	EOHSS	Present
Dane DeMan	EOHSS	Present

ISSUES FOR CENTRAL TO ADDRESS	Action Items

1. Minutes & Announcements

<p>Minutes Approval:</p> <p>Dr. Ian Bruce, Management Co-Chair: _____</p> <p>John Nakamura, Worker Co-Chair: _____</p> <p>Some minor changes were made to the June 2010 minutes. Minutes were then unanimously approved by the committee.</p>	<p>Approved June 2010 minutes were submitted to EOHSS on July 16, 2010</p>
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2. Business Arising

<p>Inspections List – Please hand in J. Nakamura asked if there were any outstanding Inspection Lists. Engineering Physics and Engineering 1, still need to submit lists.</p> <p>H&S Representative – General Engineering The committee is still looking for one volunteer for a General Engineering representative. A letter has been sent to the Dean to ask whether or not there has been any progress with finding a representative.</p> <p>Fire Alarms – Decibel Level S. Rieth is still looking into this. She will find out more information and report her findings at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Co-chairs to follow up with status of General Engineering Representative.</p>
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3. New Business

<p>Designated Substance Notice S. Reith stated that on June 28th a notice from EOHSS was sent out reminding everyone of the amalgamation of the designated substances into one green book. If departments know of designated substances that have not been assessed; they need to be done. Please remind the lab managers that this needs to be done as soon as possible.</p>	
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Testing of Drinking Water

S. Reith wanted to inform the committee that testing has been done on the drinking water in buildings that were built before 1991. Some buildings have resulted in high testing numbers coming back and water coolers have been put in place as a safety precaution until proper filter systems can be installed.

It is suggested that people go to the Ministry of Environment website for future guidelines and read their Q&A Section to get a better understanding for the drinking water testing. JHE was tested and the results came back below the Ontario drinking water guideline. Further testing to other areas of JHE and the Annex will be conducted, and the results of this testing will be placed on the Health and Safety board in the main lobby of JHE.

D. Keller asked where the lead in the drinking water was coming from. S. Reith informed the committee that the age of the piping system has a lot to do with it, as years ago they use to solder with lead.

J. McLaren asked whether it is safe to drink the water in JHE and when the water coolers will be removed, as he sees the coolers being a potential problem when the students return in the fall. S. Reith indicated that the water is safe to drink in JHE, and that the coolers are a temporary solution until more filters can be installed.

4. Incident Reports

Engineering had no incidents to report	
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5. Safety Reports

Area	Report Submitted
B Tech	Yes – No major issues, just some electrical cords that need to be tidied up.
CAS	No
Chemical Engineering	Yes – Inspections were done on some faculty offices and 2 labs. There were no major issues except for small labeling and inventory issues in the labs.
Civil Engineering	No
ECE	No
Engineering Physics and CEDT	No
General Engineering	No
Materials Science and Engineering	Yes

Mechanical Engineering	Yes – No major issues, just minor housekeeping issues
MMRI	Yes

6. Central Committee Minutes/Incidents

<p>There were no comments.</p> <p>CJHSC minutes can be found in the following link: http://www.workingatmcmaster.ca/eohss/prevention/jhsc/</p>	
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7. Other Business

<p>O. Danta had a few questions with regards to inspections.. The first one being whether or not exit signs had to be posted in every classroom. S. Reith said she would find out and get back to the committee with the proper protocol for exit signs.</p> <p>*Update* Since the meeting S. Reith has informed us that it depends on the seating capacity. Small classrooms do not require an exit sign, while large lecture theatres do.</p> <p>O. Danta also asked whether or not the 88 Emergency signs had to be posted in classrooms, as while inspecting he noticed they were only posted in the hallways. The committee informed him that as long as they are posted in the hallways near the closest phone, then it is acceptable.</p>	
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The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 11, at 9:30 a.m. in JHE A114.

PLEASE NOTE: If you cannot attend this meeting please send regrets to Lindsay DeVuyst at devuyst@mcmaster.ca