

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

Wednesday, September 8, 2010

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

JHE A114

| <b>Management Member</b>       | <b>Department</b>       | <b>Attendance</b> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Ian Bruce (Co-Chair)           | ECE                     | Present           |
| Kostas Apostolou               | BTech                   | Regrets           |
| Carm Vespi                     | Alumni                  | Present           |
| Doug Keller (Certified Member) | Management Cert. Member | Present           |
| Ghani Razaqpur                 | Civil Engineering       | Regrets           |
| Marek Niewczas                 | Materials Science       | Present           |
| Prashant Mhaskar               | Chemical Engineering    | Present           |
| Stephen Tullis                 | Mechanical Engineering  | Absent            |
| Qiyin Fang                     | Engineering Physics     | Regrets           |
| Robert Fleisig                 | Engineering 1           | Present           |
| Vladimir Mahalec               | SEP                     | Absent            |
| Yiping Guo                     | Civil                   | Absent            |

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

| <b>Consultants</b> | <b>Department</b> | <b>Attendance</b> |
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| Sheila Rieth       | EOHSS             | Absent            |
| Dane DeMan         | EOHSS             | Absent            |

| ISSUES FOR CENTRAL TO ADDRESS | Action Items |
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## 1. Minutes & Announcements

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| <p><b>Minutes Approval:</b></p> <p>Dr. Ian Bruce, Management Co-Chair: _____</p> <p>John Nakamura, Worker Co-Chair: _____</p> <p>No changes were needed to the August 2010 minutes. Minutes were then unanimously approved by the committee.</p> | <p>Approved August 2010 minutes were submitted to EOHSS on September 8, 2010</p> |
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## 2. Business Arising

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| <p><b>Inspections List/Inspection Summary Sheets – Please hand in</b><br/> Inspection lists are still needed from Engineering 1, and MMRI. Both representatives said that they will be handed in shortly. Inspection summary sheets need to be handed in as well by each department. These do not need to be detailed, just a check list indicating that all rooms in your areas have been inspected this year (Sept 2009 – Aug 2010).</p> <p><b>H&amp;S Representative – General Engineering</b><br/> No updates on the status of the new General Engineering Representative. If anyone knows of someone who would like to volunteer, please let J. Nakamura know.</p> <p><b>Fire Alarms – Decibel Level</b><br/> No representation from EOHSS was that this meeting, therefore there is no update on the fire alarm decibel level.</p> <p><b>SOP – Mechanical Engineering Fluidized Bed</b><br/> J. Nakamura posted an SOP on the webpage for the committee to review. There were some wording changes and additions suggested by J. Derkach in which J. McLaren made note of and will address these changes accordingly. J. McLaren will add the date reviewed to the SOP, and forward to J. Nakamura to post on the webpage.</p> <p>J. McLaren suggested that when departments are submitting SOPs to review</p> | <p>Co-chairs to follow up with status of General Engineering Representative.</p> |
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| that it would be beneficial if they label the title accordingly and add the department or specific area to the title. This makes for easy identification when trying to find a certain reviewed SOP on the webpage. The full SOP name should also be used when listed as an agenda item. |  |
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### 3. New Business

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| <p><b>Selection of worker co-chair</b><br/>The management members left the room while the committee decided on a nomination for the worker co-chair. J. Nakamura was nominated. He agreed to serve as the worker co-chair for another year. All were in favour.</p> <p><b>Review of Terms of Reference</b><br/>J. Nakamura posted the terms of reference on the webpage for the committee to review. Please read through them and if you have any suggestions or changes, please make note of them, and we will discuss any revisions at the meeting in October.</p> |  |
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### 4. Incident Reports

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| There were no incident reports. |  |
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### 5. Safety Reports

| Area                              | Report Submitted |
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| B Tech                            | No               |
| CAS                               | Yes              |
| Chemical Engineering              | Yes              |
| Civil Engineering                 | Yes              |
| ECE                               | Yes              |
| Engineering Physics and CEDT      | Yes              |
| General Engineering               | No               |
| Materials Science and Engineering | No               |
| Mechanical Engineering            | Yes              |
| MMRI                              | No               |

CEDT inspected some rooms in ETB, and there were some concerns about the construction zone being so open and accessible to individuals walking through. It was noted that garbage has not been removed from certain areas, as well as the temperature is too cold in the building. There have been some complaints about the building temperature, and the feeling of having a wind tunnel in some offices and hallways.

D. Keller suggested for D. Stevanovic to contact Stuart Young about complaints for the new Engineering building.

Some labs in ABB were also inspected. The inspectors found that in ABB 138, there were a lot of misused chemicals, unlabeled chemicals as well as chemicals being stored improperly. There was a concern regarding this particular lab, as it appeared that it was in disarray because the supervisor was away.

D. Keller mentioned that EOHSS has been doing their own lab inspections, and it might be beneficial if this particular lab was inspected by them.

J. Nakamura asked the committee where he could obtain "Dial 88" stickers. D. Stevanovic stated that they are obtained through Telecom.

## 6. Central Committee Minutes/Incidents

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| No items needed to be discussed. |  |
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## 7. Other Business

### Lead - Testing Water

D. Stevanovic wondered if there are results from the lead testing done for the water in the Tandem Accelerator Building. After seeing a posted sign about not drinking the water as the lead levels were 2-3 times the acceptable limit, some individuals are concerned, since people have been drinking that water in that building for years.

A. Robertson explained to the committee that because the evolution of people becoming concerned about this, as well as the ability to measure the lead in the water; this is becoming more of a concern. It doesn't necessarily mean, that this was not a concern 20 years ago; it's just that the ability to measure the levels has evolved.

J. Nakamura stated that the results of these findings were found on the webpage.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 13, 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](mailto:devuyst@mcmaster.ca)