

McMaster University
Faculty of Engineering
Joint Health and Safety Committee Minutes

Wednesday, June 13, 2012

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

JHE A114

Management Member	Department	Attendance
Ian Bruce (Co-Chair)	ECE	Regrets
Kostas Apostolou	BTech	Present
Carm Vespi	Alumni	Absent
Doug Keller (Certified Member)	Management Cert. Member	Present
Ridha Khedri	Computing and Software	Present
Ken Sivakumaran	Civil Engineering	Absent
Marek Niewczas	Materials Science	Regrets
Prashant Mhaskar	Chemical Engineering	Present
Stephen Tullis	Mechanical Engineering	Present
Qiyin Fang	Engineering Physics	Absent
Robert Fleisig	Engineering I	Regrets
Vladimir Mahalec	SEP	Absent

Worker Member	Department	Attendance
John Nakamura (Co-Chair)	Computing and Software	Present
Anna Robertson	Civil	Absent
Doris Stevanovic	CEDT	Present
Dulcie Amaral	SEP	Absent
Elizabeth Takacs	MMRI	Regrets
Jim McLaren (Certified Member)	Mechanical	Regrets
Ed McCaffery	Materials Science	Present
Justyna Derkach (Certified Member)	Chemical	Regrets
Kent Wheeler	Civil	Regrets
Maneesh Khanna	MMRI	Regrets
Frances Lasowski	CUPE	Absent
Omar Danta	BTech	Present
Peter Jonasson	Engineering Physics	Absent
Tyler Ackland	Electrical & Computing Engineering	Absent
Julia Profetto	Computing and Software	Away - 6 months

Consultants	Department	Attendance
Dane DeMan	EOHSS	Present

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

<p>Minutes Approval:</p> <p>Ian Bruce, Faculty Co-Chair: _____</p> <p>John Nakamura, Worker Co-Chair: _____</p> <p>No changes were brought up to May minutes.</p>	<p>May minutes have not been submitted to EOHSS because of not having quorum in June meeting</p>
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2. Business Arising

<p>None</p>	
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3. New Business

<p>Online Room Inspection System</p> <p>J. Nakamura and D. DeMan are working on a new room inspection system. It is still in the beta stage, so if anyone wants to test it out, send J. Nakamura an email and he will set you up. D. Keller will like to try it on. It is also compatible with iPad.</p> <p>D. Stevanovic asked if the ministry of labour will be ok with saving a report electronically. D. DeMan confirmed that it is ok to save an electronically copy. You can always print it and sign it.</p>	
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4. Incident Reports

3 for the month of May

1st – Health care incident from Dean’s Office. The employee reported pain in neck and back while working at a computer workstation. EOHSS completed ergonomic assessment. Supervisor to implement recommendations.

2nd – Mechanical engineering – While moving a steel plate to a skid, the student reported skid falling on toe. The supervisor instructed student to wear mandatory safety shoes.

3rd – Biomedical Engineering – Student reports experiencing dizziness and blurred vision after placing head inside fumehood to view experiment using organic resin solution (SU 8) more closely. Supervisor reinstructed student on proper safety procedure i.e. work towards the back of the fumehood.

5. Safety Reports

Area	Report Submitted
B Tech	Yes Burnt out bulbs in ETB, were reported to facility services.
CAS	Yes Nothing major. One of the grad students brought a led based solder but the supervisor will have it removed.
Chemical Engineering	No
Civil Engineering	No
ECE	No
Engineering 1	No

Engineering Physics	Yes CEDT Labs. 4 people inspected. Door signs are out of date. Chemical inventory needs to be updated in all of these labels. Labels on squeeze bottles need replacement. Temperature reported to be too hot.
General Engineering	No
CEDT	No
Materials Science and Engineering	Yes Missing Door signs.
Mechanical Engineering	No
MMRI	No
SEP	No

6. Central Committee Minutes/Incidents

<p>None.</p> <p>As part of the central package in April/May. Some highlights from 2011 incident summaries. Between 2008 and 2011, the number of incidents have trended down, but the severity of some of the incidents in 2011 has trended upwards.</p>	
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7. Other Business

<p>Heat stress program for summer month RMM408. Also an indoor air quality program for summer months RMM 400. If your room is more than 24 degrees Celsius you can call facility services and submit a work order.</p>	
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8. JHE Restructuring

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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 11th, 2012 in JHE A114.

Motion to adjourn. (no quorum)

PLEASE NOTE: If you cannot attend this meeting please send regrets to Usama Seraj at engfac@mcmaster.ca