# **McMaster University Faculty of Engineering** Joint Health and Safety Committee Minutes Wednesday, July 11, 2012 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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Management Member	Department	Attendance
Ian Bruce (Co-Chair)	ECE	Present
Kostas Apostolou	BTech	Regrets
Carm Vespi	Alumni	Absent
Doug Keller (Certified Member)	Management Cert. Member	Present
Ridha Khedri	Computing and Software	Regrets
Ken Sivakumaran	Civil Engineering	Absent
Marek Niewczas	Materials Science	Absent
Jie Yu	Chemical Engineering	Absent
Stephen Tullis	Mechanical Engineering	Regrets
Qiyin Fang	Engineering Physics	Absent
Robert Fleisig	Engineering1	Present
Vladimir Mahalec	SEP	Absent

Worker Member	Department	Attendance
John Nakamura (Co-Chair)	Computing and Software	Present
Anna Robertson	Civil	Present
Doris Stevanovic	CEDT	Absent
Dulcie Amaral	SEP	Regrets
Elizabeth Takacs	MMRI	Regrets
Jim McLaren (Certified Member)	Mechanical	Present
Ed McCaffery	Materials Science	Regrets
Justyna Derkach (Certified Member)	Chemical	Present
Kent Wheeler	Civil	Absent
Maneesh Khanna	MMRI	Absent
Frances Lasowski	CUPE	Present
Omar Danta	BTech	Regrets
Peter Jonasson	Engineering Physics	Absent
Tyler Ackland	Electrical & Computing Engineering	Present
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	
1. Minutes & Announcements		
Minutes Approval:		
Ian Bruce, Faculty Co-Chair:	Final May and June minutes were not	
	submitted to EOHSS because of not having	
John Nakamura, Worker Co-Chair:	quorum	
2. Business Arising		
Online Room Inspection System – Testers Needed		
D. Keller D. DeMan and J. Nakamura are using this system right now. J.		
Nakamura moved the system to Faculty of Engineering Machine. The system		
was previously on a machine that was local, so unless you were wired, you		
could not access the system. D. DeMan added that the inspection system can now be accessed wirelessly and it is compatible with iPhones. If anyone is		
interested, contact J. Nakamura and he will send you an email with		
instructions. A Robertson wants to try it. J. Nakamura said L. Allen in		
science, is doing some similar projects, and he will talk to her and see how		
far they have progressed with their projects.		
3. New Business		
None		

### 4. Incident Reports

#### 2 for the month of June

1<sup>st</sup> – individual walking down stairs of JHE loading dock, he is not an engineering employee. Walking down the stairs holding stair railing. Employee cut his hand on the chipped paint on stair railing. Facility services was contacted to fix the railing

2<sup>nd</sup> is from civil – employee lifting the display case off the car. As the case was lifted the doors of the display case were shut on the finger of the employee. Supervisor instructed employee to secure doors before moving display case.

Central committee sent back the incident from May incident where student stuck their head in the fume hood. Central wants the JH&S committee to discuss this incident further. D. Stevanovic has more details on the incident, so this can be discussed further once she comes back. The supervisor that signed off on this incident report was Ravi Selvaganapathy. I Bruce said it may be the supervisor's fault or it may be the SOP that needs to be revised

J. Nakamura mentioned he received some emails and an incident report about a mice problem in ETB. The incident will be discussed next meeting. People should be clearing out their office garbage to the main garbage in the lobby daily, since the lobby garbage is cleared out regularly.

## 5. Safety Reports

Area	Report Submitted
B Tech	No
CAS	No
Chemical Engineering	No
	No fresh air going in or coming out in one of
	the rooms. It was reported to facility services.
	They did a manual fix.
	Also found in many of the offices were dirty air
	supplygrills
	Inspected 5 labs, 2 of the labs were ok and in
	the rest of them the inventory needs updating,
	samples unlabeled, lights out.

Civil Engineering	No
ECE	Yes
	5 rooms inspected no problems
Engineering 1	No
Engineering Physics	No
General Engineering	No
CEDT	No
Materials Science and Engineering	No.
Mechanical Engineering	No
MMRI	No
SEP	No

### 6. Central Committee Minutes/Incidents

### 7. Other Business

Heat Stress program RMM 408. Building Air quality program RMM 400. If the temperature is more than 24 degrees, facility services will have to investigate. If the humidex exceeds 45C, only medical supervised work can continue. EOHSS is providing heat stress training for the summer months.

Summer camps are in full effect and there are a lot of extra people on campus. Please use extra care when driving on campus.

## 8. JHE Restructuring

JHE 131 was a lab belonging to chemical engineering but it has been cleared out and transferred over to McDermid (Materials). This needs to be updated in the room inspection database.

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 8th, 2012 in JHE A114.** 

Motion to adjourn. (no quorum)

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you cannot attend this meeting please send regrets to Usama Seraj at <a href="mailto:engfac@mcmaster.ca">engfac@mcmaster.ca</a>