

Faculty of Engineering
Joint Health and Safety Committee Minutes
March 10, 2021 (Virtual Meeting)

Management Member	Department	Attendance
Lucian Balan	SEPT (BTech/SEP)	Absent
Jonathan Bradley	Engineering Physics	Present
Robert Fleisig	Engineering 1	Regrets
Fei Geng	SEPT (BTech/SEP)	Absent
Raja Ghosh	Chemical Engineering	Present
Wenbo He	Computing and Software	Present
Doug Keller - <i>(Certified Member)</i>	Management Cert. Member	Present
Shahin Sirouspour	Electrical Engineering	Absent
Kristina Trollip	Management Staff Rep.	Present
Stephen Tullis (Co-Chair)	Mechanical Engineering	Present
Carm Vespi	Alumni	Regrets
Lydell Wiebe	Civil Engineering	Present
Igor Zhitomirsky	Materials Science	Regrets
Worker Member	Department	Attendance
Tyler Ackland	Electrical Engineering	Absent
Parmveer Bola	iBiomed	Absent
Paula Gremmen	SEPT (BTech/SEP)	Present
Monica Han	Civil	Regrets
Maddison Conway (CUPE)	CUPE	Present
Michael Lee	Mechanical Engineering	Present
Vacant	Engineering 1	-
Heera Marway	MMRI	Regrets
Ed McCaffery	Materials Science	Regrets
Simon McNamee	Engineering Physics	Present
John Nakamura (Co-Chair)	Computing and Software	Present
Daniel Picone	Hatch Building	Regrets
Timothy Stephens <i>(Certified Member)</i>	Chemical Engineering	Present
Doris Stevanovic <i>(Certified Member)</i>	CEDT	Present
Kent Wheeler	Civil	Present
Vacant	General Eng	-
Vacant	Biomedical	-
Consultants/Guests	Department	Attendance
Leah Allan	EOHSS	Present

ISSUES FOR CENTRAL TO ADDRESS	Action Items
None.	

1. Minutes and Announcements

<p>Minutes Approval: Stephen Tullis Management Co-Chair: _____ John Nakamura, Worker Co-Chair: _____ February 2021 – 2 small changes corrected on page 4 and a couple of typos. Approved, 1st D. Keller, 2nd by M. Conway</p>	<p>February 2021 Minutes sent to EOHSS on March 12, 2021</p>
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2. Business Arising

<p>1. Room Inspection Summary Lists (September–August yearly) None</p>	
<p>2. Room inspections – Lab inspections – extra eyes None.</p>	

3. New Business

<p>1. Valved masks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on different types of masks, including valved (N95) masks. - It was brought to our attention that individuals are wearing valved masks in Labs. - Valved masks are very bad, under the current situation, because you are protecting yourself, but are blowing out toxins. - University has updated the Guidance document and sent out a tweet with this update regarding valved masks not being acceptable as they don't offer community protection. - Unless you are working alone you cannot wear these masks, it is best to double-up, or buy the un-valved N95 masks. - Health Science Stores should have the N95, if not N95, then equivalent masks for purchase. Also, EOHSS office has some equivalent to N95 masks available if you are in need. <p>2. Defibrillator boxes on campus have been changed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The box has been changed because it was difficult to disarm the old style. It has been replaced with a new container that can easily see if anything is expired, or if the battery needs changing. It is very visible now and also easier to disarm. - Speak with Ron Lodewyks if any questions as he is in charge of defibrillators for Engineering. 	
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4. Incident Reports

ABB-466: (Chemical Eng)-While disposing of an empty syringe in sharps container, Graduate student poked thumb with needle. - In future needles will be used with tips that have blunt/flat end and will not penetrate skin.	
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5. Safety Reports

AREA	REPORT SUBMITTED
1. CAS	Yes. Some general rooms. Nothing major, just a couple lights out.
2. Chemical Engineering	No.
3. Engineering Physics/CEDT	Yes. 2 Faculty Offices, JHE-413 and 417. With the new phone system – no dial 88 stickers needed. Note: no sticker is needed any longer as long as the pink poster is in the area.
4. Civil/ADL Engineering	No.
5. General	No.
6. iBiomed	No.
5. Electrical Engineering	No.
6 Engineering 1	No.
7. Mechanical Engineering	No.
8. Materials Science & Eng.	No.
9. MMRI	No.
10. SEPT	No.
11. HATCH	No.

6. Central Committee Minutes/Incidents

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When doing inspections, check First Aid Kits. Remind everyone to keeps these kits updated. Make sure bandages are in the kit and the list of the bandages that were taken out. Confirm all other supplies don't need to be replenished. - Reminder to be aware of the resources available on the Employee Wellbeing Website (hr.mcmaster.ca) there is important information on this site, especially during COVID time. - Reminder that full inspections will be required once we go back to campus. - Reminder that we are still in Red Zone because of COVID. 	
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7. Other Business

None.	
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8. JHE Restructuring

None.	
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Motion to adjourn: 1st D. Keller and 2nd by P. Gremmen

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 14, 2021

PLEASE NOTE: If you cannot attend this meeting please send regrets to Ginny Riddell at ginny@mcmaster.ca