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**Faculty of Engineering**  
**Joint Health and Safety Committee Minutes**  
**February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (Virtual Meeting)**

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<b>Member</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
<b>Al-Fadhi, Abdullah (Aboud)</b>	Experiential Learning Office (ELO)	Worker Member	Present
<b>Arbi, Ramis</b>	Engineering Physics	Worker Member	Absent
<b>Bola, Parmveer</b>	iBiomed	Worker Member	Absent
<b>Bradley, Jonathan</b>	Engineering Physics	Management Member	Present
<b>Brook, Amelia</b>	Civil	Worker Member	Regrets
<b>Cleaver, Jim</b>	Machine Shop	Worker Member	Present
<b>Culley, Doug</b>	Materials Science	Worker Member	Present
<b>Danta, Omar</b>	SEPT	Worker Member	Present
<b>Deboer, Arina</b>	Materials	Worker Member	Absent
<b>Vacant</b>	Experiential Learning Office	Management Member	Absent
<b>Geng, Fei</b>	SEPT (BTech/SEP)	Management Member	Absent
<b>Ghosh, Raja</b>	Chemical Engineering	Management Member	Absent
<b>Giamou, Matthew</b>	Computing and Software	Management Member	Present
<b>Han, Monica</b>	Civil	Worker Member	Present
<b>Harwood, Ron</b>	Electrical Engineering	Worker Member	Absent
<b>Kish, Joey</b>	Materials Science	Management Member	Absent
<b>Laframboise, Lisa (Certified Member)</b>	Chemical Engineering (Cert. Member)	Worker Member	Regrets
<b>Lee, Michael</b>	Mechanical Engineering	Worker Member	Absent
<b>Longley, Jeff (Certified Member)</b>	General Eng & Civil	Management Member	Present
<b>Mak, Lawrence</b>	General Eng	Worker Member	Present
<b>Malakhov, Dmitri</b>	Materials Science	Management Member	Present
<b>Marway, Heera</b>	MMRI	Worker Member	Present
<b>McCaffery, Ed</b>	Materials Science	Worker Member	Present
<b>Nahid, Babak</b>	Electrical Engineering	Management Member	Absent
<b>Nakamura, John (Co-Chair)</b>	Computing and Software	Worker Member	Present
<b>Olaizola, Stephan</b>	Electrical Engineering	Worker Member	Absent
<b>Princz, Marta (Certified Member)</b>	Biointerfaces Institute	Worker Member	Present
<b>Raja, Haseeb</b>	Civil - ADL	Worker Member	Present
<b>Rajabzadeh, Amin</b>	Biomedical	Management Member	Absent
<b>Sabados, Maya</b>	iBiomed	Worker Member	Present
<b>Sathiyavanthan, Suba</b>	University Health and Safety	Consultant	Present
<b>Shakib, Aryen</b>	CUPE Unit 1	Worker Member	Absent
<b>Stephens, Timothy (Certified Member)</b>	Chemical Engineering	Worker Member	Absent
<b>Stevanovic, Doris (Certified Member)</b>	CEDT	Worker Member	Regrets
<b>Tullis, Stephen (Co-Chair)</b>	Mechanical Engineering	Management Member	Present
<b>Waldon, Emily</b>	Outreach	Management Member	Absent
<b>West, Leanne (Certified Member)</b>	Biointerfaces Institute	Management Member	Present
<b>Xu, Fei</b>	CUPE Unit 3	Worker Member	Absent

<b>Yang, Cancan</b>	Civil Engineering	Management Member	Absent
<b>Zhang, Boyan</b>	Biomedical	Management Member	Absent
<b>Vacant</b>	180 Bloor Street	Worker Member	-
<b>Vacant</b>	Biomedical	Worker Member	-
<b>Vacant</b>	Hatch Building	Worker Member	-

ISSUES FOR CENTRAL TO ADDRESS	Action Items

### 1. Minutes and Announcements

<p>Minutes Approval:</p> <p>Stephen Tullis Management Co-Chair: _____</p> <p>John Nakamura, Worker Co-Chair: _____</p> <p>January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 minutes</p> <p>Minutes were approved by 1<sup>st</sup> J. Longley and 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Han</p>	<p>February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Minutes sent to UHS on March 26, 2026</p>
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### 2. Business Arising

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

### 3. New Business

None.	
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### 4. Incident Reports

<p>Presented by S. Sathiyavanthan:</p> <p>JHE-220 – Civil Engineering Fainting – Head Injury – Healthcare-Non-Compensable</p> <p><i>Incident:</i> During the lab safety session, student feeling unwell collapsed and hit back of head losing consciousness. EFRT and paramedics were called. Student recovered and completed the session. No contributing factors from the lab itself.</p> <p><i>Resolution:</i> Students are advised to speak up if feeling unwell or sit down if needed.</p> <hr/> <p>JHE-109 – Chemical Engineering No Injury – Hazard</p> <p><i>Incident:</i> A bag of lab waste containing canola meal and NaOH was mistakenly disposed of as garbage. Waste was being boxed and temporarily left unattended. Waste tag had fallen off, so no clear</p>	
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<p>indication that it was chemical waste.</p> <p><i>Resolution:</i> Lab members have been made aware of the incident and reminded to clearly label all waste bags, specially those temporarily left unattended to avoid being mistaken as garbage.</p>	
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## 5. Safety Reports

AREA	REPORT SUBMITTED
1. CAS	No.
2. Chemical Engineering	No.
3. Engineering Physics/CEDT	Yes
4. Civil/ADL Engineering	No.
5. General	No.
6. iBiomed	No.
5. Electrical Engineering	No.
6 Engineering 1	No.
7. Mechanical Engineering	Yes, report received by M. Robinson
8. Materials Science & Eng.	No.
9. MMRI	No.
10. SEPT & BTech	No..
11. HATCH	No.
12. Machine Shop	No.
13. 180 Bloor Street	No.
14. Biointerfaces	No.

## 6. Central Committee Minutes/Incidents

None.	
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## 7. Other Business

<p>S. Sathiyavathan reported there has been an increase in requests for chemical disposal. She is working on compiling a guide to highlight what to look for in chemicals and in peroxide testing. She reiterated that when you purchase chemicals, that at the time they may not be explosive, but can become explosive over time. Explosive chemicals are very expensive to dispose of. She encouraged members to review their chemicals and try not to hold on to chemicals for too long. If they are no longer needed, they should be disposed of as soon as possible. She will share the guide with the university once it is finalized.</p> <p>S. Sathiyavathan highlighted the EHS well-being team and the upcoming sessions that they host. This month's theme is The Heart of McMasters – Our People. They have sessions that are on yoga, programs at Pulse such as PACE, a session to highlight the Employee Assistance Program, and finally a session on Heart Healthy, Making the right choices for heart health. A link will be posted in the Teams chat after the meeting.</p>	
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**8. JHE Restructuring**

A reminder that any restructuring should be sent to J. Nakamura and cc'd to J. Longley.	
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Motion to adjourn: Motion to adjourn 1<sup>st</sup> J. Longley and 2<sup>nd</sup> by O. Danta

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

PLEASE NOTE: If you cannot attend this meeting, please send regrets to Melissa at [thehub@mcmaster.ca](mailto:thehub@mcmaster.ca)