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Faculty of Engineering
Joint Health and Safety Committee Minutes
April 8th, 2026 (Virtual Meeting)

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

Carrigan, Kristen	University Biosafety Officer	Guest	Present
Carte, Carole	Research Compliance Auditor	Guest	Present
Vacant	FUSE	Management Member	-
Vacant	180 Bloor Street	Worker Member	-
Vacant	Biomedical	Worker Member	-
Vacant	Hatch Building	Worker Member	-

ISSUES FOR CENTRAL TO ADDRESS	Action Items
None.	

1. Minutes and Announcements

<p>Minutes Approval:</p> <p>Stephen Tullis Management Co-Chair: _____</p> <p>John Nakamura, Worker Co-Chair: _____</p> <p>March 11th, 2026 minutes minor changes</p> <p>Minutes were approved by 1st by D. Stevanovic and 2nd by M. Han</p>	<p>March 11th, 2026 Minutes sent to UHS on May 27, 2026</p>
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2. Business Arising

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

3. New Business

<p><u>McMaster Biosafety Office</u></p> <p>-Kristen Carrigan, University Biosafety Officer and Carol Carte, Research Compliance Auditor attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the Biosafety Office. Additional information can be found on the Biosafety website https://protocol.mcmaster.ca/ as well through SharePoint (with your macid)</p>	
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4. Incident Reports

<p>Presented by S. Sathiyavanthan:</p> <p>JHE-253 – Chemical Engineering First Aid - Burn – Right Finger(s)</p> <p><i>Incident:</i> Was working with hot polymer (290 deg C) wearing heat resistant gloves and had left a penny size polymer to cool on lab bench before disposal. During clean-up, picked up the material without heat resistant gloves, thinking it was cool, but it had not cooled.</p> <p><i>Resolution:</i> Update SOP to reflect the modification to the cleanup procedure. Heat resistant gloves to be worn and confirm the polymer has cooled sufficiently using the thermocouple pyrometer.</p>	
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5. Safety Reports

AREA	REPORT SUBMITTED
1. CAS	No.
2. Chemical Engineering	No.
3. Engineering Physics/CEDT	No.
4. Civil/ADL Engineering	No.
5. General	No.
6. Biomedical	No.
5. Electrical Engineering	No.
6 FUSE	No.
7. Mechanical Engineering	Yes, report received by M. Robinson.
8. Materials Science & Eng.	No.
9. MMRI	No.
10. SEPT & BTech	Yes, report received by M. Robinson.
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><u>Safety and Health Week</u> -S. Sathiyavanthan highlighted the upcoming Safety and Health Week taking place May 4-9 and encouraged members to attend the vendor fair and BBQ on May 6 from 11am-2:30pm in MUSC Atrium. - Joint health and safety committee members (JHSC) will enjoy a complimentary lunch as a thank you for their contributions toward health and safety. - The Health and Safety Award of Excellence winner for 2026 will also be presented at the event. She will post a link in the Teams chat with more details.</p> <p><u>National Day of Mourning</u> -S. Sathiyavanthan also highlighted the National Day of Mourning on April 28, 2026. The university will observe the National Day of Mourning at 12:00pm in Gilmore Hall Council Chambers. Threads of Life, Tara Scharama will speak about how constant silica dust exposure caused her to contract Scleroderma causing permanent damage to 65% of her body and forcing her into early retirement. Members are encouraged to visit that day and be part of this observance.</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 1st by D. Stevanovic and 2nd by J. Longley

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 13th, 2026

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

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