ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE JOINT HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday July 21, 2021
10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Remote Meeting - Teams

Present: J. McKay (Management Co-Chair), D. Langham (Director, EH&S), S. Stilson (Secretary), G. Whan, E. Tremblay, P. Rowsome, N. Hudon, G. Boyd, M. Lee and C. Elliott

Regrets: K. Sedore (Worker Chair), T. Li, L. Steele, S. Smith, K. Strike, J. Brown

1. The meeting was called to order by J. McKay.

2. Injury/Incident Reports
None

3. Workplace Inspection Reports
   a. CHEE - Dupuis Hall – June 16, 2021
      It was noted that a number of researchers were not wearing compulsory safety eyewear and that broken glass was left on the counter. It was confirmed that there were adequate sharps containers for safe disposal but had not been used. Due to the pandemic, faculty supervisors have been in the labs less frequently and some students appear to not be following all guidelines and protocols. It was stressed that students need to be aware that lab privileges can be revoked if they are not following lab rules and protocols. The JHSC will recommend that the Department remind supervisors and researchers about eyewear and sharps procedures as condition for lab privileges. It was noted that safety eyewear fogs up while wearing the compulsory safety masks and the JHSC will recommend that the department investigate different masks and antifogging compounds.

4. Department Updates on COVID-19
   a. Mechanical
      • Everything is still going well and getting ready for Fall 2021
   b. Electrical & Computer
      • Queen’s security noticed a computer was running and seemed to be work hard. They contacted P. Rowsome, Department Manager, to investigate. Dust had built up on the computer’s fan system blocking air flow. The situation was resolved but it’s a good reminder to all to be mindful of situations like this.
   c. Chemical
      • No concerns. Preparing for Fall 2021
   d. Civil
      • Field research is progressing. Safety plans are in preparations for the Fall term as well as course delivery preparations.
   e. Mining
      • No updates.
   f. FEAS

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g. **Campus wide**
   - Return to campus strategy was sent out and well supported and received.
   - Further guidance will be coming within the next few weeks from the Ministry
   - We are currently in Step 3 and the numbers are still low in our region
   - Vaccinations are still strongly encouraged and we are working towards as many as possible getting vaccinated as quickly as possible.

5. **Old Business - None**

6. **New Business - None**

7. **Next Meeting** – To be held on Wednesday August 18, 2021 from 10:30-12:00 – (Remote/Teams)

8. **Meeting adjourned**

   Meeting did not have quorum; therefore, no motions or adjournment took place. J. McKay called the meeting to close.

J. McKay, Management Co-Chair

K. Sedore, Worker Co-Chair

Date

J. McKay: 07/27

K. Sedore: July 27