

**ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE JOINT HEALTH AND  
SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

*Wednesday April 19th 2023*

*10:30 am to 12:00 pm*

*Remote Meeting - Teams*

**Present:** *Mckay, J (chair). Elliot, C. Steele, L. Bourdeau, K (secretary). Sedore, K (co-chair). Niro, N. Lee, M. Hudon, N. Strike, K. Langham, D. Rowsome, P. Boyd, G*

**Regrets:** *Samson, S. Tremblay, E. Sanjeev, D. Whan, G.*

The meeting was called to order by John McKay. Motion to accept Agenda: Kyle, seconded by Chelsea.

**1. Injury/Incident Reports: none**

**2. Workplace Inspection Reports:**

- a) Biosciences: no comments
- b) Nicol Hall: last inspection for chem eng / blank
- c) Mclaughlin Hall: no comment

Common themes: mechanical = clutter, chem = labelling needs improvement, sharps and disposables and fume hoods that should be mindful of (and mining). Look at improvements / changes.

**3. Old Business:**

- a) Inspection schedule: sign up for at least 3 (if possible) → need workers; have a shared document for sign up from here on out.
- b) MOL field visit report (chem eng) → report of arsenic poisoning (arsenic is a designated substance), investigation had to be done with environmental health and safety.
  - Medical testing was done: 30ppb needs to be 300ppm for it to be dangerous.
  - Air quality testing was done / hazardous assessment: monitors, ppe : no traces of arsenic to be found in the air or exposed areas (ie benches)
  - Research has been suspended since October. Verbal discussion regarding continued research
  - Waiting for designated substance report finalization\* → timeline unknown but draft has been done (as stated by Dan Langham)
  - Question regarding procedures done in advance for designated substance assessments – like checking soil prior to

**4. New Business:**

- Nicolas Hudon: Training of PPS with respect to labs → issue with a worker they cleaned a bench and destroyed some cultures. Want to avoid issues in labs whilst cleaning.
- Dan: review of training, orientation in lab environments do happen (in the past) and dos and don'ts of cleaning (hazards, knowing hazard symbols, etc)

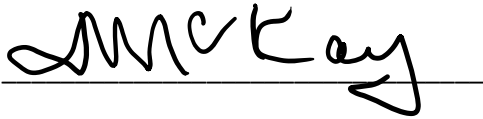
- Discussion on online training / modules
- Glass removal from labs – appropriate processes to divert from landfills / contamination.
  - Removal of phones: emergency phones in basement → Stephen hunt is the go-to, John will inquire.

Heads up: dealing with critters / pests and resolution (ants, rats, pigeons, lady beetle etc) may come up.

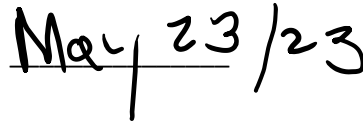
5. **Next Meeting** – To be held on July 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-12:00 – **(Remote/Teams)**

**Meeting adjourned**

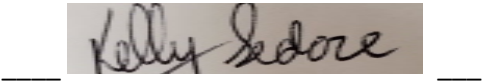
*John and Nicolas motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Larry.*



J. McKay, Management Chair



Date



K. Sedore, Worker Co-Chair

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Date