

**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) report of arsenic poisoning (arsenic is a designated

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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 2019 and 1km. Our 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 .

- 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.

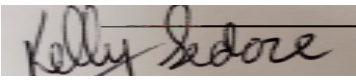
5. **Next Meeting** – To be held on July 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-12:00 – **(Remote/Teams)**

**Meeting adjourned**

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

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J. McKay, Management Chair

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

K. Sedore, Worker Co-Chair

Date