MINUTES – Engineering and Applied Science Joint Health and Safety Committee, July 18, 2018

ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE JOINT HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Wednesday July 18, 2018
10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Beamish Munro Hall, Room 310

Present: J. McKay (Management Co-Chair), D. Langham (Director, EH&S), S. Stilson, T. Li, W. Badger, A. Walker, E. Tremblay, G. Whan and J. Brown

Regrets: K. Sedore (Worker Chair), L. Steele, S. Smith

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

2. The minutes of April 18, 2018 were reviewed.
   Motioned by G. Whan to adopt the minutes. Seconded by W. Badger. Motion carried.

3. Injury/Incident Reports
   a. Incident Report: Mechanical & Materials - January 28, 2018 Employee was transporting a needle to a sharps container when needle portion broke off and pierced the employee’s left hand. D. Langham confirmed that procedure would be looked at and if any steps were needed to be taken to further safety they would be addressed.

4. Workplace Inspection Reports
   a. ILC Competitive Team Areas, Beamish Munro Hall March 7, 2018. Some of the rooms were very cluttered, however S. Smith is addressing this and holding people accountable for the unnecessary messes.
   b. Explosive Lab, Mining Engineering May 9, 2018. No issues, except waiting for the minutes to be updated.
   c. Godfrey Field Site, Civil Engineering May 23, 2018. The site was very over grown with weeds and there was a concern of ticks and infections weeds on behalf of the inspectors. In fact, one of the inspectors did have a tick on them after the inspection. D. Langham spoke of creating a Safety Bulletin to educate and offer guidance in the future with respects this situation.
   d. Kennedy Field Station, Civil Engineering May 23, 2018. Everything was addressed and signed off.
   e. Goodwin/Jackson Hall, Mining Engineering June 13, 2018. Issues were addressed and signed off.
   f. Dupuis Hall, Chemical Engineering June 20, 2018. J. McKay noted that some findings were signed off with ‘Responded on’ and it was unclear as to what that meant, therefore J. McKay is
going to follow up with K. Sedore for further clarification and be sure that the issues were addressed.

5. Old Business
   a. Beamish Munro Metal Structure - update
      S. Smith was not able to attend the meeting so we will address at the next meeting.
   b. 2018-2019 Inspection Sign-up sheet
      Inspection schedule for 2018-2019 still has vacancies and S. Stilson asked membership to sign up if available to fill in missing spots. J. McKay and G. Whan offered to sign up for additional inspections.
   c. Committee Membership - Update
      D. Langham confirmed that they are working on filling these vacancies and they are struggling to find candidates. He also confirmed that the union is aware of this.

6. New Business
   a. Update on WHMIS 2015 Transition for Container Labeling
      D. Langham mentioned that a lot of chemical containers still have old labeling and needs to be updated. This is a daunting task given that labels cannot be altered. It is being discussed whether to discard and replace chemicals, however that will be a very expensive course of action. They are seeking advice from other sectors to find a manageable approach.

7. Next Meeting – To be held on Wednesday October 17, 2018 from 10:30-12:00 – BMH HALL Room 310.

8. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.
   E. Tremblay motioned to adjourn. Seconded by J. McKay

J. McKay, Management Co-Chair  
Oct 17, 2018

K. Sedore, Worker Co-Chair  
Oct 17, 2018