

Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: April 16, 2025 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Location: Y324 and Google Meet

Arleen Gallo	AVP, Human Resources	×
Paul Wozney	Chief Safety, Risk and Employee Wellness Officer; Co-Chair, JOHSC	V •
Owini Dixon	Manager, Youth Programs	
Crystal Koch	VP, MRSA Representative	V •
Shane Steininger	Environmental Science Technician and MRSA Representative, Co-Chair, JOHSC	V •
Jessica Carswell	Faculty Financial Officer, Faculty of Science and Technology	V •
Joe Frazao	MRSA Representative	V •
Maureen Evans	Director of Planning and Operations, Students Division	V •
Brenda Lang	President, MRFA	V -
Robert Siklodi	Manager, EH&S	
Scharie Tavcer	MRFA Representative	V •
Guest(s) to JOHSC: N/A	•	-

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Items & Topics

1 1. Approvals

1.1 February 12, 2025 Minutes

Action Items:

2. New Introduction(s)

2.1 Introduced Paul Wozney as the new **Chief Safety, Risk and Wellness Officer**, as well as the newest Co-Chair of JOHSC. The other committee members also introduced themselves, and their respective roles at MRU.

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Previous Business

3.1 JOHSC Training

- All committee members have completed the Joint Health and Safety Committees and Representatives training through the Alberta Municipal Health and Safety Association (AMHSA).
- Paul will be onboarded to this training before the June meeting.

3.2 Update on the Workplace Violence and Harassment Prevention Policy

- The drafts for the <u>Violence and Harassment Policy and Procedure</u> have been posted on the main website.
- All reported incidents should be investigated with documented outcomes for accountability and transparency.
- Language should reinforce the university's duty to respond to all reports to maintain trust and uphold OHS legislation.
- Recognizing and addressing patterns of harm aligns with the university's EDI goals and commitment to prevention.

3.3 G-Wing project work (ongoing until project completion)

- **February** schedule consisted of temporary hoarding installation, interior demo above ceilings, and exterior precast removal.
- March schedule consisted of tunnel shoring and slab removal, site cleanup, temporary road construction, detailed excavation, and dumbwaiter demolition.
- **April** schedule consisted of detailed excavation completion, wire mesh installation, and first lift of shotcrete

3.4 Learning Management System (LMS)

- Six workshops will be developed using Deltek (separate from D2L) to keep track of certifications.
- LMS workshops facilitated by Deltek are almost complete; criteria is being developed to differentiate between the LMS and D2L; no consultation or training has currently been set up.

Action Items:

4 New Business

4.1 JOHSC Membership/Training

- Scharie Tavcer has 1 more year remaining on JOHSC as a current MRFA rep.
- Training will be provided to the new Senior Grievance and Workplace Wellness Officer once selected.

4.2 Working Alone (MRU Now app vs. Desktop version)

• There was previously a desktop version available, which has since been discontinued due to non-use, with no future plans of reactivating on desktop computers.

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- Android OS: If a user does not interact with the app for a few months, the app will
 automatically be placed in hibernation state by the operating system. Use <u>this guide</u> to
 disable app hibernation and to ensure you continue receiving MRU Now notifications.
- iOS: There is a feature that will "offload" unused apps if device storage becomes low.
 Use <u>this guide</u> to disable app offloading and to ensure you continue receiving MRU Now notifications.
- MRU Now mobile app is available for <u>download</u>, and instructions for enabling push notifications for working alone can be found <u>here</u>.
- Alternatively, in the event that a user does not have a phone readily available, Security Services can be contacted via the office direct line at ext. 5900 to ensure check-ins can be frequently made during the time a worker is working alone on campus.

4.3 Terms of Reference Update(s):

- Proposed edits to the TOR were presented.
- JOHSC will review the revised draft, and a recommendation for formal approval may follow after the review is complete.

4.4 JOHSC Sub-Committee:

Discussion held on creating a sub-committee whose focus areas may include
accessibility of <u>incident reporting</u> and <u>work refusals</u>, campus-wide health and safety
messaging, as well as other items that could be brought back to the larger JOHSC group
for discussion and possible action.

Incidents; EHS Report; HR (V/H Metrics):

- 4 4.1 Incidents (November 1 December 31, 2024)
 - 12 EH&S incidents, and 14 Student/Visitor incidents.
 - 3 WCB claims with 1 lost time claim.
 - 2 Property Damage incidents.
 - 10 MRU Now app safety concerns.

4.2 Security

• Security responded to 87 incidents.

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