

Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

С	Name of ommittee:	University (C)HS(Employee Co-0 Employer Co-0		Colin Rankin		
	Date:	26 Jun 2025		Γime: ation:	12:00 Noon (called to order at 12:05 p.m.) Bloomfield Council Chambers		
GE	NDA:						
1.	Roll Call		7. Review Education and Training				
2.	Determinati	on of Quorum	8. Ongoing Business – Status of Action Items				
3.	Approval of	Previous Meeting Minutes	9. Regulatory Inspections				
4.	Review Incid	lents	10. New and Other Business				
5.	Review Haza	ards and Concerns	11. Next Meeting				
6.		kplace Safety Inspections (including any changes to nachinery or work processes that may affect the health or safety		g Adjou	urnment		

1. ROLL CALL					
Employee Representatives	Association/Union	Work Location	Present	Regrets	Absent
Daniel Kane	AUT	Human Kinetics	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$		
Susan MacKay	AUT (Alternate)	42 West Street	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$		
Colin Rankin (Co-Chair)	NSGEU	University Housing	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$		
Ronalda MacGillivray	NSGEU (Alternate)	Admissions		\square	
Tyson Ball	Non-Union	Student Advising	\square		
Willissa DeCoste	Non-Union (Alternate)	Library	\square		
Patrick Gillis	UNIFOR	Custodial	\square		
Erwin Branzuela	UNIFOR (Alternate)	Ancillary Services		☑	
Safety & Security Officer	CUPE	Safety & Security		☑	
Jacob Cruchet	Student's Union	President, SU		☑	
Landyn Cooke-Bithrey	Student's Union (Alternate)	Vice-President, SU			



Employer Representatives	Work Location	Present	Regrets	Absent
Lace Marie Brogden	Dean of Education	\square		
Randy Peters (Co-Chair)	Director, Risk Management			
Meghan Hayne	Manager, Ancillary Services	\square		
Jacqueline De Leebeeck	Director, Student and Residence Life		Ø	
Jacob Burghardt	Supervisor, Safety & Security (Alternate)		V	
Lisa Jackman	Manager, StFX Store (Alternate)		V	
Resources/Guests	Work Location	Present	Regrets	Absent
Erica Baker (non-voting advisory)	Wellness Advisor, People & Culture		Ø	
Laurie Reid (non-voting advisory)	Manager, Health, Safety, Security & Environment	\square		
Jeff De Leebeeck (non-voting advisory)	Manager, Facilities Management		I	

2. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM										
a. A minimum of five members;										
b. Employee representatives (faculty and staff employees who do not exercise managerial fur	b. Employee representatives (faculty and staff employees who do not exercise managerial functions) and employer representatives									
(management employees who exercise managerial functions);										
c. At least half of the members must be employee representatives;										
Is there quorum for this meeting Yes No										
* If quorum is not met, the meeting does not qualify as a monthly meeting. The monthly meeting will need to be										
rescheduled within the same month.	_									

CO-CHAIR: ASK IF THERE IS ANY NEW BUSINESS AND ADD IT TO SECTION 10.

3.	APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS JO	HSC MEETING N	MINUTES							
(St	(Statement to indicate minutes of previous meeting have been read & acknowledged and to record any corrections to it)									
Move to adopt minutes. Moved by: Meghan Hayne Sec					by: Patrick Gillis					
•	Accepted with the following changes: Meghan wasn't here, Tyson was here.									
Ar	e the minutes approved?			Yes ☑	No 🖂					

• Some details may be archived due to the long history of the issue, and those details can be found on the JOHSC website.

• Items discussed at this meeting are in bold.

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4. REVIEW OF INCIDENTS

See attached incident report:

• Monthly Incident List & Statistical Summary Report (For any <u>general</u> corrective action information that requires discussion or action, please record under "New Business" e.g. make note of trends etc. Any incident-specific items and follow up requests are to be listed below).

Review below and update, followed with new incidents reported to OHS.

(* See Legend at end for Priority and Status Codes)

CA=Corrective Action (taken or suggested)

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Incident Date	Priority	Description / Action Plan (Actions Taken/Need to be taken)	Assigned	Follow up	Status
		Worker was mowing near P10 when a small rock flew up and broke the		NA	
5 Jun 25	Г	driver's side window of a research student's vehicle.	NA		NI
5 Juli 25	E	Car fixed by student's father same day.	IVA		IV
		CA: Rake up rocks in area, assess if different way of turf care is needed.			

5. REVIEW OF CONCERNS/HAZARDS

Concerns and/or hazards should be raised with the employee's supervisor first. If it cannot be resolved or is not acted upon, it should then be escalated to a JOHSC member. Review below and update, then follow with Around the Table so each member can raise concerns/hazards.

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IAQ in 42 West Street Completed in December. New ventilation system in the bathroom. Replaced the old one that wasn't working properly. Monitor for issues In that particular washroom the new ventilation was completed in December. Ventilates to exterior rather than interior. Dan advised the other washrooms particularly the ones used most often by students are not ventilated. Jeff received an email from Charlene, three washrooms are being look at. A washroom in new section, one on the main floor in the main hallway near Biomechanics and one just at the top of the	Date Raised	Priority	Action Plan (Actions Taken/Need to be taken)	Assigned	Follow up	Status
main stairs down from the golf lab. Investigating and likely hiring	17 Aug 23 27 Mar 25	С	 IAQ in 42 West Street Completed in December. New ventilation system in the bathroom. Replaced the old one that wasn't working properly. Monitor for issues In that particular washroom the new ventilation was completed in December. Ventilates to exterior rather than interior. Dan advised the other washrooms particularly the ones used most often by students are not ventilated. Jeff received an email from Charlene, three washrooms are being look at. A washroom in new section, one on the main floor in the main hallway near Biomechanics and one just at the top of the 	Dan		



5. REVIEW OF CO	ONCERNS	S/HAZARDS			
22 May 25		 an external contractor to fix the ventilation in those spaces. Once in place, will update. Jeff advised they are working on the area and expect to have the air quality fixed before the end of August. 			
23 Mar 23 17 Aug 23 23 Nov 23 26 Sep 24 27 Feb 25	С	 Access at back of Keating / Ice Resurfacer operation area. There is no access control to the back (hazardous) area of Keating. People could be in the path of the ice surfacer. This has been raised several times previously. Locks have been changed on the outside doors (with very limited distribution of keys), and this seems to have made a difference in the traffic going through the back area. Installation of magnetic locks has been postponed until the Saputo project is complete because Blair advised all access points will be reviewed at that time. Still working on access in the building. We walked through looking at security and access to the various areas. Update next month and keep an eye on it. No update. Patrick advised people are using wet floor signs to prop doors in the complex. Seems to be better – all hockey players have swipe access to side entrance. Continue to monitor 	Jeff	Aug 2025	IP
18 Sep 23 24 Apr 25 22 May 25	С	 Air quality in the Library Willissa advised Kevin over this morning to map out the sensors, and there are still issues with reporting. Luc to finish commissioning on project after Saputo is straightened out. Also switched the carpet cleaning timeline to May to give them more time to dry. Willis received sensor map to know where the sensors are located. 	Jeff Willissa	Aug 2025	ΙΡ
		Carpet cleaning has been started.Saputo is not done yet.			

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5. REVIEW OF C	ONCERNS	/HAZARDS			
26 Jun 25		 Willissa – carpet cleaning was finished this week and that helped a lot. We get the humidity reading on Monday. It peaked when the carpets were being cleaned. Some follow-up on sensors. Still a little stuffy in some parts. Better dehumidifiers installed so there is a good level of humidity. Prefer hold-open devices for fire doors in the basement. Closing the fire doors has impacted the air circulation in the area. 			
22 Feb 24		 Magnetic Locks in Keating The magnetic locks located where the floor goes from black to 			
24 Oct 24 27 Feb 25	С	 The magnetic locks located where the hoof goes from black to stone are not strong enough to hold the door open. Reported to FM. Need to work with Kevin, still setting things up after project completion. Contractors were in during reading week and fixed up some of the issues. Still more being worked on. Any work orders are going 	Jeff	Aug 2025	IP
		through the project office. Look at it in the summer time.			
27 Jun 24 24 Apr 25	В	 Railings in Immaculata No update. Meet with Monica, then perhaps have RJ Bartlett in to assess. There are others on campus that should be confirmed and 'put on 	Jeff	Aug 2025	IP
22 May 25	Б	 the list' Jeff – moving forward with that work. Project is being set up and contractor will be hired. Design underway. 	Jeii	Aug 2025	IP IP
26 Jun 25		Work is underway.			

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5. REVIEW OF C	CONCERNS	S/HAZARDS			
		Uneven Stones in Front of Keating Centre			
		Reminded that the complaint was first brought forward because			
27 Jun 24		the way the water pools and freezes in the sunken areas of the			
		stone work.			
26 Sep 24		We will work with Tara to ensure they are aware of this issue and			
28 Nov 24		keep it well salted.			
		Keating – take person in at 6am to do salting.			
		Security to keep an eye and report.			
	В	 Jeff – it is on the list. Talked to Doug. Work for this summer. 			
		No reported incidents, so no need to cone off.	Jeff	Sep 2025	IP
		This was originally raised as an ice issue when the water pools and	3011	3CP 2023	"
24 Apr 25		freezes.			
		Goal is to have this completed before winter.			
		Some trip hazards have been recognized outside Governors as well.			
26 60 24		42 West Street Water			
26 Sep 24	С	Discoloured water coming out of taps.			
28 Nov 24		• Dan – there is quite a bit of signage. Water coolers in place.			
20 NOV 24		• Dan – to follow up with Susan and report back to the committee.			
24 Apr 25		Signage is in place, and there are several water coolers in the	Dan	Aug 2025	IP
24 Apr 23		building for potable water.			
		Flushing affects the colour of the water, so letting the tap run may			
		help.			
		Dan to double check with Susan before closing this issue.			
22 May 25		No update.			
26 Jun 25		• Susan – the water seems improved. Keep on the agenda – monitor			
		due to construction at International House.			
27 Mar 25	С	Art Department OHS			
		• External reviewers noticed some OHS areas were out of compliance			
		in the Arts Department, specifically WHMIS.			
		Every worker should have WHMIS training. Online options are			
		available.	Lauria	Can 2025	IP
		• It's not up to the instructor to make sure this happens.	Laurie	Sep 2025	IF

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5. REVIEW OF CO	ONCERNS	S/HAZARDS			
22 May 25		 Instructors and students who are exposed to or using hazardous products should also be trained in WHMIS. This could be the role of a Laboratory Safety Officer. Laurie to follow up with the department for WHMIS training and compliance, along with other departments. An online course is available through the OHS website. 			
27 Mar 25 26 Jun 25	С	 Phone availability when technology fails If there is a power outages and Wifi is down, and you don't have a cellphone, there is no way to call for help. Important and legitimate concern. Randy to get the information from ITs and share it with everyone. Where are the landlines are located? Perhaps share on a building by building basis (with power outage information). List of where dial-up phones are located on campus – ask Dawn MacLellan. Payphone – do you need \$\$ to call 911? 	Randy	Aug 2025	IP

6. REVIEW OF WORKPLACE SAFETY INSPECTIONS (including any changes to equipment, machinery or work processes that may affect the health or safety of Employees)

Distribute inspection checklist(s) and report(s) for meeting and use this table to record discussion and new recommendation(s). See inspection schedule at the end of this document.

✓ No actionable items noted

Looking at a mobile app with FM.

Inspection Date	Priority	Action Plan (Actions Taken/Need to be taken)	Assigned	Follow up	Status
22 Feb 24 27 Feb 25 27 Mar 25 24 Apr 25 26 Jun 25	В	Looking at campus-wide program implementation, using a mobile app. Waiting for Risk Management and ITS to respond about Cloud usage Jeff — negotiations are underway with TMA Working on it and should have it in place by mid-July. Clean up happening in preparation. Decision expected by October by FM on software preferences.	Laurie	Sep 2025	IP

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7. REVIEW EDUCATION AND TRAINING

(General discussion, confirm all training is up-to -date, etc. For all actionable items please list below)

Date	Priority	Action Plan (Actions Taken/Need to be taken)	Assigned	Follow up	Status
12 Jun 24		Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training			
		Erica is doing verbal de-escalation training for various groups on			
27 Feb 25	Е	campus, and will start offering it to other teams. 2.5 hours online, 3	Erica	Sep 2025	IP
		hours in classroom.			
22 May 25		Dates set for XPs for September 2025			
22 May 25		FM Employee OHS and Wellness training day			
22 May 25		Scheduled for May 28 th in the Barrick Auditiorium for all FM			
		employees, with a focus on mental health, violence and harassment	Laurie	Can 2025	N.
		in the workplace and bloodborne pathogens.	Erica	Sep 2025	N
26 Jun 25		Erica and Laurie will provide Violence and Harassment presentation			
20 Juli 25		to UJOHSC.			

8. ONGOING BUSINESS – Status of Action Items					
Date	Priority	Action Plan (Actions Taken/Need to be taken)	Assigned	Follow up	Status
23 May 24		Library – Fire Doors and Accessibility Challenges			
26 Sep 24		 Fire doors that used to be propped are now unpropped. Some doors are being propped so there is accessible access to the Tramble Centre, and the basement study room and washroom. Reported to FM – not sure how quick it can be fixed. Mag locks required. Blair to look at the Library as a whole. Student study spaces. Wrap up a project to look at a dollar cost to fix the challenging areas. Some doors are easy; some doors will be challenging. 	Jeff	Aug 2025	IP
27 Mar 25		No update. New project manager to be brought up to speed.			
27 Jun 24		Accessibility Compliance			
		Committee of NS universities and community colleges – speakers			
		from government side. Timelines will be provided. All universities			
24 Oct 24		have challenges.			
		Six criteria – Three to four years.	Standing		



8. ONGOING BUSINESS -	- Status of Action Items			
27 Feb 25	 Status and progress to be reported. By 2025 need a new plan, every two years. Who is replacing Blair as the UJOHSC rep? 	Item Randy	Aug 2025	IP
27 Mar 25	 Is there a member of JOHSC who is on the Accessibility Committee? Get update prior to next meeting. 			
26 Jun 25	Have Randy check with Monica to find out who is on the committee and how UJOHSC can be kept informed.			
24 Oct 24 27 Feb 25 27 Mar 25	 Power outages on campus How long do we keep a building open when the power fails? It was noted that it was very dark in some areas of the Library during the recent power failure. The recent power outage was longer, due to inspection of fault indicators, to try to identify where we have a problem with a high voltage line. Communication goes a long way - best case scenario and worst case scenario. Coordinate with VP and Provost. Blair to look at communication for power outages, including letting people how long it will be off (if known). Move it off until January – if policy is in place before that, it will be pretty self explanatory. Communication of outage is the issue. How do we let people know the status? Bob, Jeff, John, Randy and Laurie met to discuss what happens when power goes out. Developing lists of what happens where when the power goes out. Generators – what happens in the different buildings. Being worked on in an organized way. During the last power outage, StFX Alert went out, but public were entering Keating. Make sure it gets out beyond the StFX community. 	Randy Jeff	Aug 2025	IP

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8. ONGOING B	JSINESS – Status of Action Items			
26 Jun 25	 Suggested to coordinate communication with the Registrar's office. Need a step where the Registrar's Office provides spaces to move classes to, or help decide about cancellations. Overall what happens and drill down to specifics in certain buildings. Give thought to buildings with hazards. How does it affect me/you? See where we are after June 27th The list shows some buildings as having full power, but they do not have full power. Communication should include how the generator power affects the specific operations of the buildings. Emergency power only last for so long. What durations? Are they all 30 minutes? 			
28 Nov 24	 Campus Lighting Lamp posts in front of Keating were not working the other night Side of Governors was also noted as dark Doug advised that all lights should be on, so if they are not, report to FM, preferably with a picture. 			
27 Feb 25 26 Jun 25	 Lighting south of Keating is a project. Lighting audit – in September or October. Look at old report and priorities. If there's a streetlight out, report it to FM. Colin explained lighting audits to student representatives, and that they are welcome to contribute input to outdoor lighting on 	All	Sep 2025	IP
28 Nov 24	campus. This initiative originally came from SU. E-Scooters			
27 Feb 25	 Looking at what other universities are doing and will be developing our own 'policy' about their use and storage on campus. Issue is storing them. Some people have concerns about batteries. Bikes should not be stored indoors. Report if seen. 	Laurie	Aug 2025	IP



B. ONGOING BU	USINESS –	- Status of Action Items			
26 Jun 25		Fire hazard when being charged indoors. Recent incident in the Valley of e-bike being charged started a fire.			
20 N 24		Air Quality in Health & Counselling			
28 Nov 24	С	,			
27 5-1- 25		• Issues with circulation since the renovations earlier this year.	Jeff	Aug 2025	IP
27 Feb 25		Monitoring suggested using CO2 monitors or velocity measurements	Jen	Aug 2023	IF
27 Mar 25		A project has been put forward and are waiting for approval.			
		Project is moving forward – assigned to the new project manager,			
		Paul Thompson.			
22 May 25		Moving forward. Hired company to do design and hopefully all will			
ZZ IVIAY ZS	-	be installed by the end of August			
27 Feb 25	С	Golden X Liquor Room			
27 Mar 25		There are tiles next to our ice machine for which a worker was sent			
		to FM a couple times, but there has been no response.	l = ff	۸۰۰- ۲۰۵۲	ID
		Katie to forward email to Jeff to follow-up.	Jeff	Aug 2025	IP
		Sean was supposed to forward it – Katie to remind Sean.			
24 Apr 25		Jeff sent a couple emails and has no info back.			
22 May 25		Nothing back. Laurie to follow-up with Sean Ryan.			
·		Jacob C. was pretty sure it's been done			
24 Apr 25	В	Library Exits			
		One of the exits in the Library was reported to Safety & Security by a			
		student as a concern because it was locked. This door unlocks when			
		the fire alarm sounds, and there is a pull station beside the door.			
		The concern was subsequently reported to the Deputy Fire Marshal,			
		and the lock system was changed.	Jeff	Aug 2025	IP
		CBCL are in the library this afternoon to access all exits for safety			
		and fire code compliance.			
		Currently, you can get out, but you can't get in.			
		There are security issues that will be addressed as part of the fire			
		and safety assessment.			
		Should have a long term solution and costs by next meeting.			
22 May 25					



8. ONGOING BUSINE	SS – Status of Action Items			
26 Jun 25	 Three solutions by RJB being reviewed to determine which one to use. Bring to team in the library to review. Some options won't allow us to use that specific entrance anymore. Discussion about effect on Tramble. All have different costs FM met to go over options. They are looking at push bars, alarms and cameras. 			
20 3411 23	 Tramble can get access to key to turn alarm off to use door. 			
24 Apr 25	 Sharps Container Locations on Campus One recent incident where a needle was found in a blue bag in the waste stream. Sharps are also picked up on the grounds on campus and regularly delivered to Safety & Security. Committee being asked for their input on the location of 'public' containers on campus. Other univerisities also asked what they do. Vandalism is a concern. There are currently four public containers on campus, one each in Keating, Governors, Coady and Xavier. What should we do in residences? Is it an education piece rather than a supply issue? Let them know where to get them (new users). Once we have them in place, we will provide a list of the locations (webpage). This does not include Sharps containers in laboratories or Nursing (non-public). Stephen suggested Morrison and SOC. 	Laurie	Sep 2025	ΙΡ
22 May 25	 Erica suggested Mulroney for conferences. This will be done in consulation with Gary MacMillan, because the custodians keep an eye on the containers in the public areas. Areas to be confirmed in September. 			
24 Apr 25	Smoking and Vaping	NA	NA	С
22 May 25	 Some changes were made to the policy, and a copy will be provided to the committee. 			



8. ONGOING B	USINESS –	Status of Action Items			
	E	 Concerns were expressed about the effect of outdoor second hand smoke on breathing-impaired persons, who are walking in the vicinity of smokers. The policy encourages smokers to ensure their smoke is not an nuisance to others and that they do not smoke on pathways. Vaping indoors was noted as an issue. 			
22 May 25	D	 Vaping indoors was noted as all issue. OHS Policy The OHS Policy was circulated for review, with a plan to ask for a motion to accept it at the June meeting. There has been no change to the policy since last year. It was moved by Jacob C and seconded by Tyson Ball to accep the policy as presented. Motion carried. Policy is being reviewed by the Property and Risk Committee as well. 	Laurie	Aug 2025	N
22 May 25	E	 OHS Act and Regulations Updates The OHS Act and Regulations have recently been updated as part of the Stronger Workplaces for Nova Scotia Act that was introduced in September 2024. The OHS Act will now define Health and Safety, and it includes both physical and psychological health and safety. A Workplace Harassment Policy will be be required under the OHS Act. This is already in place in StFX, but may require some changes, once the regulations have been published. Right to Refuse has been clarified. In addition, the WCB Act has been updated to include Gradual Onset Psychological Injury. There were also changes to the sick leave provisions under the Labour Standards Code. 	NA	NA	С
22 May 25	E	Planned Power Outage on June 27th • Jeff reminded everyone about the planned power outage on June 27th from 6 am to 6 pm. • A few reminders will be sent around by email.	Jeff	Aug 2025	N



8. ONGOING BI	8. ONGOING BUSINESS – Status of Action Items					
22 May 25	E	 Employee Family Assistance Plan (EFAP) We are changing providers for the EFAP program. Being launched in June and July More info for next meeting. 	Erica	Aug 2025	N	

9. REGULATORY	9. REGULATORY INSPECTIONS						
Date	Priority	Discussion and/or Action Items	Assigned To	Date of Issue	Date to be Completed	Status	
		Nothing to report.					

10. NEW & OTHE	10. NEW & OTHER BUSINESS						
General discus.	General discussion items (list actionable items below)						
 Around the tab 	Around the table introductions tooks place to introduce Jacob and Landyn from the Students Union.						
Date	Priority	Action Plan (Actions Taken/Need to be taken)	Assigned	Follow-up	Status		
26 Jun 25	E	Summer Break It was moved by Patrick and seconded by Lace Marie to cancel the July meeting to give members a summer break. Motin carried	NA	NA	N		
26 Jun 25	D	Golf Cart Safety Meghan advised that, following a recent incident, seatbelts are being looked at for the golf carts.	Meghan	Aug 2025	N		

11. NEXT MEETING				
Date:	August 27, 2025			
Time:	12:00 Noon			
Location:	Keating Centre Boardroom			

12. MEETING	ADJOURNE	D
Time:	1:05 p.m.	Moved by Patrick Gillis.

LEGEND



PRIORITY:		STATUS:	
Α	Critical/Life threatening/high probability	N	New
В	Urgent/moderate probability of re-occurrence	R	Repeat
С	Important/low probability of re-occurrence	С	Complete
D	Reminders	IP	In Progress
Е	Information	RF	Referred forward