MEDG/MRIS/ENERGY

MERC MEETING MINUTES

Location Details

Date: July 5th, 2017

• Address: 900 Bay Street, Toronto

• Building/Room: Hearst Block, Boardroom 356A

In Attendance

For the Union	For the Employer	Guests	Regrets
 Haran Thurairasah, Ço- Chair Cisca McInnis Sandra Small Les Tanaka Roger Noakes 	 Annette Azzopardi, A/Co- Chair Navjeet Nahal Sean Desouza 		

A. Business Arising

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Minutes	 The January 18, 2017 minutes in accessible format were signed off by both parties and will be posted on Staffnet. 	Management to post the accessible minutes on Staffnet.

B. Business Arising From Minutes

Item	Discussion	Action
1. MEDG/MRIS/MOI/ENERGY	 Joint Health & Safety Committees – Status Updates i) 55 Wellesley Street West ii) 900 Bay Street East Management agreed to provide OPSEU with an updated list of Joint Health & Safety Committee members. OPSEU further requested that a memo be sent out from management to secure Joint Health & Safety Committee field representatives. 	Management to send OPSEU an updated list of Joint Health & Safety Committee members for the requested locations. Management to send a memo requesting Joint Health & Safety Field Representatives.

C. Standing Items

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Active Surplus	Nothing new to report.	No actions required.
2. V.E.O.	Nothing new to report.	No actions required.
3. TEI	 Management provided reports to OPSEU. OPSEU did not have any concerns. 	No actions required.
4. Fixed Term Contracts / Long Term Temporary Assignments	Management provided report to OPSEU.	No actions required.

Item	Discussion	Action
5. Bargaining Unit Percentage of Employment	 Management provided report to OPSEU. (See Appendix A) OPSEU did not have any concerns. 	No actions required.

D. New Business

Item	Discussion	Action
1. 2 Queen Street East Configuration	 OPSEU indicated that they have received complaints from represented members regarding a lack of etiquette with regards to scent control on the floor (i.e. strong perfume/cologne, meals, etc.). Management agreed to send a memo to ADMs requesting that they promote awareness of this issue at meetings/divisional days, etc., and to remind employees about scent-free workspaces, as well as etiquette in open concept offices. 	Management to send a memo to ADMs regarding the promotion of scent-free workspace etiquette. Management to provide all feedback discussed to the Accommodations team.
	 OPSEU requested that Management communicate the following items to the Accommodations team as feedback when designing the 4th floor: (1) Staff will require a sufficient amount of meeting spaces. 	

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	 Currently, there are concerns that there are not enough meeting spaces on the 3rd Floor. Management agreed to investigate this issue. (2) Staff will require more reliable cellphone reception or landlines to ensure that conversations with stakeholders are not jeopardized by poor reception. Currently, the cellphone reception on the 3rd floor is unreliable. Management agreed to investigate this issue. (3) Every floor should have a Defibrillator in case of an emergency. Currently, there are no Defibrillators on the 3rd Floor. Management agreed to investigate this issue. (4) OPSEU inquired about the possibility of shower facilities in the building. 	
2. 2017 OPS Employee Engagement Survey Results (MEDG/MRIS/MOI/ENERGY)	 Management shared the 2017 OPS Employee Engagement survey results with OPSEU. OPSEU inquired about the release of ministry results. Management indicated that ministry results have been posted on their respective intranet sites. 	No actions required.

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	 OPSEU inquired about divisional results. Management indicated that these results have been shared with ADMs and ADMs have been encouraged to share with their staff. OPSEU inquired about telework. Management indicated that at this time, no formal agreements have been made. 	
3. Job Hiring Transparency	 OPSEU inquired about inconsistent hiring practices within the ministries, specifically with regards to transparency. OPSEU noted that ongoing inconsistencies are a contributor to workplace dissatisfaction Management indicated that temporary/fixed term positions created during the BGI exercise are now moving toward the competition process. The current Alignment exercise will identify which temporary positions will require re-evaluation. Management further indicated that senior level management are encouraged to compete positions at all levels, as this is the most transparent way to hire. OPSEU provided management with feedback on competitions. OPSEU inquired about whether or not feedback letters are available to unsuccessful candidates. Management indicated that post-interview feedback letters are not available; however, unsuccessful candidates are encouraged to request constructive post-interview feedback. 	Management agreed to investigate where possible.

E. Next Meeting Details

Date: September 20th, 2017

Location: Boardroom 356A, 3rd Fl. Hearst Blk., Toronto

Appendix A

MEDG/MRIS/MOI - Bargaining Unit Percentage of Employment (Data no longer includes ADO or MOI)

Bargaining Unit	May 31, 2017	December 20, 2016
OPSEU	28%	24%
AMAPCEO	49%	53%
MCP	13%	14%
SMG	9%	8%
Excluded	1%	1%

ENERGY - Bargaining Unit Percentage of Employment

Bargaining Unit	May 31, 2017	December 20, 2016
OPSEU	15%	15%
AMAPCEO	63%	63%
SMG/ITX	16%	16%
MCP	7%	6%

MOI - Bargaining Unit Percentage of Employment

Bargaining Unit	May 31, 2017	N/A
OPSEU	2%	
AMAPCEO	62%	
SMG/ITX	26%	

Bargaining Unit	May 31, 2017	N/A
MCP	10%	

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Haran Thurairasah	Annette Azzopardi
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