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SEMINARS:

- Pulp & Paper Graduate Student Seminars – CHE1211H, Department of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry, University of Toronto
Elie Afif, *Biomass Gasification*
Monday, March 30, 2009, Room 420, Wallberg Building, 200 College Street
- CHE2011H Graduate Seminar Presentation Series, Department of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry, University of Toronto
G. Bhaskaran (M.A.Sc., R.C. Newman), *Solution to the Convective Diffusion of a Rotating Disc Electrode*
S. Garg (M.A.Sc., R. Mahadevan), *Identifying the Environmental Conditions Influencing the Yield and Activity of G.sulfurreducens*
Wednesday, April 1, 2009, 10:10 – 11:30 a.m., Room 420, Wallberg Building, 200 College Street
Student supervisors and interested faculty are welcome to attend and evaluate the students. There will be prizes for the best three seminars of this term.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Safety:

This morning there was a fire alarm at approximately 8:45 a.m. This was not a fire drill – there was a real fire on the roof of the building. Fortunately, the fire was small and it was contained quickly and put out. It was noticed that there were a significant number of people who DID NOT LEAVE THE BUILDING when the fire alarm went off.

Any time the fire alarm goes off, everyone must leave the building via the closest exit. Do not presume that it is a drill, or just a false alarm. We are very fortunate that this time it was a small fire and easily put out, but the next time we may not be so lucky. For everyone's safety, leave the building the moment you hear the fire alarm.

USW General Membership Meeting:

In the last round of bargaining with the USW Staff-Appointed bargaining unit, several changes to the language regarding USW General Membership Meetings were negotiated that should make it easier to accommodate the required release time. These changes include the following:

- two (2) of the three (3) meetings will be video conferenced from the St. George campus to UTM and UTSC (i.e. early release for travel to St. George will only be granted once per year)
- at least one of the meetings will be held over the lunch hour
- employees must notify their manager, at least one week in advance of each meeting date, if they are going to attend the meeting

Employees are to be released for up to two (2) hours with no loss of straight time pay in order to attend these meetings.

The United Steelworkers Local 1998 has scheduled General Membership meetings on the following dates for 2009:

- April 7 at 3:30 p.m., St. George: OISE Auditorium; UTM: CC 3130; UTSC: MW229 (video conference)
- October 14 at 12 noon, Locations: TBA (video conference). This meeting includes the employee's lunch period if it would normally occur at or about this time.
- December 10 at 3:30 p.m., Location: Steelworkers Hall, 25 Cecil Street

For the December meeting Only: We ask that those staff-appointed employees wishing to participate in the meeting who are represented by USW on the St. George Campus be permitted to leave at 3:15 p.m. and those employees at the University of Toronto at Scarborough and Mississauga and the Institute for Aerospace Studies be permitted to leave at 2:45 p.m. in order to participate in the meeting.

There is no comparable clause in the non-appointed (casual) collective agreement. However, such employees may attend on their own time if they are not scheduled to work.