

Waterloo Engineering 'A' Society

Winter 2018 Council Meeting #5

Date: March 28th, 2018

Location: POETS

Speaker: Andrew Dawson

Secretary: Delainey Lindstrom-Humphries

Attendance:

1 st Year Classes							
BME 2022	X	CHEM 2022	X	CIVE 2022	X	ECE 2022	
MECH 2022	X	MGMT 2022	X	TRON 2022	X	NANO 2022	X
SOFT 2022							

2 nd Year Classes							
CHEM 2021	X	ECE 2021 - 1	X	ECE 2021 - 2	X	ENV 2021	X
GEO 2021	X	MECH 2021	X	TRON 2021	X	SYDE 2021	X

3 rd Year Classes							
BME 2020	X	CHEM 2020	X	CIVE 2020	X	ECE 2020	X
MECH 2020	X	MGMT 2020		TRON 2020	X	SOFT 2020	X
CHEM 2019	X	ECE 2019 – 1		ECE 2019 - 2		ENV 2019	
GEO 2019		MECH 2019	X	TRON 2019	X	SYDE 2019	X

4 th Year Classes							
CHEM 2018 – 4	X	CHEM 2018 - 8	X	CIVE 2018	X	ECE 2018 - 4 - 1	X
ECE2018 - 4 – 2	X	ECE 2018 - 8	X	ENV 2018		GEO 2018	
MECH 2018 – 4	X	MECH 2018 - 8	X	MGMT 2018	X	NANO 2018	
TRON 2018	X	SOFT 2018	X	SYDE 2018	X		

Other							
Executive	X	Off-Term Exec	X				

Total Votes Present: 39

Total Votes Available: 50

1. Call to Order:

Time: 6:09 pm

Quorum established at 39/50 voting members present.

2. Godiva's Hymn

3. Approval of the Engenda:

Motion:	Approval of Winter 2018 Meeting #5 Engenda	
Mover:	MECH 20	
Secunder:	Off-Term Exec	
Comments:	Motion:	Swearing in Exec Moved After Approval of Minutes
	Mover:	Executive
	Secunder:	Tron 18
	Results:	
Result:	Pass	
Abstentions:	TRON 18, MECH 18 - 8, SYDE 18	

4. Approval of Minutes:

Motion:	Approval of Winter 2018 Meeting #4 Minutes
Mover:	TRON 19
Secunder:	SOFT 20
Result:	Pass
Abstentions:	ECE 18, MECH 18 - 8

5. Swearing in New Executive

6. Executive Goals Presentation and Updates

6.1 President

Speaking: Abdullah Barakat (president.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

- Most goals for the term are complete!
- Finalizing everything, and transitioning Mariko is underway and going well
- Thank you all so much for a wonderful 32 months!

6.2 VP Student Life

Speaking: Mariko Shimoda (vpstudentlife.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

- Modernized tickets sales, sold tickets online
- Waiting to get feedback from directors
- Updating transition docs still ongoing progress
- Compost did not run in winter, so sustainability did not really happen

6.3 VP Academic

Speaking: Patricia Duong (vpacademic.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

- External employers can be added to WaterlooWorks now!
- Working on Transitioning Thomas – ongoing
- Two commissioner structure did not work well this term, reverting back to simply student services commissioner to oversee both portfolios
- Average co-op earnings: US employees make more money on coop, so we will be looking into having average co-op salary information for Canada and US separately
- Resume rescue still going on
- Straw poll – Have people given feedback to professors on exams?
 - Not really
 - Didn't know we could
 - Will look into giving feedback
- Reading Week Consultation – will post info on council page
- Straw poll: During Reading Week:
 - Should you be expected to catch up on courses? – Yes
 - Should you be expected to check emails? – Yes
 - Should you have library books due? – No
 - Should professors be expected to do work during reading week? – 50/50
 - Should professors be expected to have office hours? – No
 - Should we should be expected to go to interviews? – No

6.4 VP Operations and Finance

Speaking: Michael Beauchemin (vpfinance.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

- POETS licensed more
- Available funding to teams
- Transition docs still in progress but will be done by end of April
- Fully transitioned Michelle

6.5 VP Communications

Speaking: Céline O'Neil (vpcomm.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

- Fixed LCD screens
- Looked at feedback – look into promoting available study rooms on LCDs
- ESSCO/CFES take-back good and going to pass on to Andrew
- Still on tuition working group
- Working on reducing friction with PEO
- End-of-term compilation video is done

7. Open Floor Discussion

- Can we give credit to good TA's? – Nominate for Sandford Fleming Award
- ECE and Civil have feedback for TA's
- Sandford Fleming only going to one TA – more should be recognized

8 New Business

8.1 ECIF Allocations W18

Motion:	Board Does Things! [ECIF Allocations W18]
Mover:	Executive
Seconder:	SOFT 18
Spirit:	To ratify the ECIF allocations as decided upon by the Board of Directors.
Whereas:	The Board of Directors discussed the submitted allocations since the last allocation meetings at great length.
And Whereas:	The Board did, to the best of its ability, impartially review and allocate \$9300, plus rollover from the previous funding year, in capital improvement funding to applicants in need
BIRT:	The ECIF allocations be approved as presented
Comments:	Have to ratify otherwise we need to hold another meeting, Board did a good job. Q: Purpose of ECIF is to improve facilities, how does this have anything to do with O-week? A: Engineers partake in O-week, buying them is better price wise, often borrow stuff from FOC
Result:	Pass

8.2 Commissioner Ratification

Motion:	Commissioner Ratification	
Mover:	Executive	
Seconder:	CIVIL 18	
Spirit:	To ratify the Fall 2018 Commissioners and Speaker	
Whereas:	From the Commissioner/Speaker applicants, the Executive selected qualified candidates for each position	
BIRT:	The following members be ratified in their respective roles for the Fall 2018 term: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advertising Commissioner: Sarah Madigan 2. Outreach Commissioner: Mathan Murugathan 3. Mental Health Commissioner: Anastasiya Mihaylova 4. Services Commissioner: Jackson Barr 5. Socials and Events Commissioner: Celine O'Neil 6. Professional Development Commissioner: Andrew Broadbent and Siddharth Kumar 7. Speaker: Michael Beauchemin 	
Comments:	Motion:	Amending Motion to Include Names of the Members
	Mover:	Executive
	Seconder:	MECH 20
	Results:	Pass
Result:	Pass	

8.3 Patches and Exchange Commission

Motion:	Patches and Exchange Commission
Mover:	ECE 2018
Seconder:	TRON 18
Spirit:	To prevent insider trading and manipulation of the patch market
Whereas:	The President of the Engineering Society has privileged information regarding what patches UW and other universities are creating
And Whereas:	Such knowledge can be used for profit to manipulate the price of patches.
And Whereas:	The president is obviously manipulating the patch market – it is not possible to afford so many patches on a student budget.
BIRT:	The current President be banned from buying, trading or selling patches
BIFRT:	Executive be mandated to investigate creating a Patches and Exchange Commission (PEC), to be tasked with the investigation and prevention of similar future abuse of insider knowledge to manipulate the patch market.
Result:	Thrown Out

8.4 Take a Stance on Me

Motion:	Take a Stance on Me	
Mover:	CHEM 2018	
Seconder:	MECH 2019	
Spirit:	To reduce the amount of ‘unnecessary competition’ in the Engineering student community by modifying the current Term Dean’s Honour List placement system.	
Whereas:	Placement on the Term Dean’s Honour List is currently determined with the formula: $\textit{Term Average} - \textit{Rank Cohort Size} * 100\% \geq 80\%$	
And Whereas:	Every other faculty at the University of Waterloo determined entry on a flat mark;	
And Whereas:	Recognition of a student’s academic excellence should not be contingent on the academic excellence of other students;	
BIRT:	The Engineering Society formally adopt a stance advocating for the replacement of the current Term Dean’s Honour List placement system with a flat mark entry system;	
BIFRT:	The Engineering Society ‘A’ President write a letter to the Dean of Engineering advocating for the replacement of the current Term Dean’s Honour List placement system with a flat mark entry system	
Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reward academic excellence based on how performance • Different terms are harder than others, does that make it less meaningful? • EngSoc to take a stance moving forwards to discuss with faculty an emphasis on changing the competitive environment within Engineering and to aim for an alternative requirement to make Dean’s List 	
Comments:	Motion:	Table to JAGM 2018
	Mover:	Executive
	Seconder:	ECE 21
	Results:	Pass
Result:	Tabled to JAGM 2018	

8.5 Friends of the Society

Motion:	Let's tell awesome people they are awesome
Mover:	TRON 19
Secunder:	CHEM 19
Spirit:	Faculty and Staff who go out of their way to support the mental health of students deserve recognition
Whereas:	Student mental health is negatively affected by the high stress environment created by the nature of the degree we are all pursuing
And Whereas:	As a class we, Tron 19, acknowledge and admit that recent tragedies have also taken a toll on our moral and mental well being
And Whereas:	During our time here, we Tron 19, have had the privilege and honor to work with extraordinary faculty and staff members who went of their way to support us and other students
And Whereas:	It is important for EngSoc to recognize the efforts made by these faculty and staff members
BIRT:	Council award the honorary title of "Friend of the Society" to the following faculty or staff members: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gordon Stublely 2. Bill Owen 3. David Bell
BIFRT:	The current and incoming executive be mandated to work with the Tron 19 class to select an appropriate way to display the honors bestowed on the aforementioned faculty and staff members.
BIFRT:	The current and incoming executive be further mandated to work with the Tron 19 and work with council to make a framework (Friendly) class to create a framework for other faculty and staff members to be nominated for this honor in the future.
Result:	Pass

9. Awards

9.1 Paul Harlick Award

- Winners: Management 2022

9.2 President's Awards

- Winners:
 - Emily Shilton
 - Ben Moir
 - Sehrish Ahmad
 - Meghan Stronach
 - Mathan Murugathasan
 - Felix Jansco-Szabo

9.3 Leadership Excellence Award

- Winner: Peter Oliveira

10. Affiliate Reports

10.1 WEEF

Speaking: Sarah McCurdy (weef@uwaterloo.ca)

No Updates

10.2 The Iron Warrior

Speaking: The Iron Warrior (iwarrior@uwaterloo.ca)

- Final issue is out, thanks for the term

10.3 Senate

Speaking: Grant Mitchell (gwmitche@edu.uwaterloo.ca)

No Updates

10.4 FEDS Counsellors

Speaking: Subhan Altaf (ms3altaf@uwaterloo.ca)

No Updates

10.5 EngFOC

Speaking: Lexawn Normacumming (engfoc@uwaterloo.ca)

- Leaders go on the website and update your bios!
- First time leaders can sign up to be a Shadow Director
- Looking for sponsors – Alumni sponsors are welcome

10.6 MATES

Speaking: Simon Grigg (mentalhealth.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

No Update

10.7 GradComm

Speaking: (uwgradcomm@gmail.com)

No Update

10.8 P**5

Speaking: Robbie Lowles (ptothehive@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

- 3rd ECE 20
- 2nd MGMT 22
- 1st Tron 19

11. Varia

How many days 'til IRS?

-53 days 'til IRS!

12. Adjournment

Motion:	Adjourn Winter 2018 Meeting #5
Mover:	Executive
Second:	MECH 20
Result:	Pass