

University of Waterloo Engineering Society

Joint Annual General Meeting – Spring 2016

Date: June 26th, 2016

Location: CPH 3607

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1.0 Call to Order

Meeting called to order on June 26th, 2016 at 11:15 am

2.0 Ratification of Speaker

- *Motion:* Ratify Kieran Broekhoven as the speaker for the meeting
- *Mover:* Abdullah Barakat
- *Seconder:* Sabrina Huston
- *Result:* Motion Passes

	A-Society	B-Society
Votes For	56	69
Votes Against	0	2
Votes Abstaining	1	1
Result	Motion Passes	Motion Passes

3.0 Approval of Agenda

- *Motion:* Approve the Agenda
- *Mover:* Patrick White
- *Secunder:* Megan Town
- *Discussion:*
 - *Motion:* Move item 8, to after item 14
 - *Mover:* Will Wilmot
 - *Secunder:* Abdullah Barakat
 - *Discussion:*
 - Q: Why do we want to move this?
 - A: That discussion is going to take the longest. I would prefer that we not rush the later things.
 - It's also a very important motion, shouldn't we do it while we have quorum
 - There are other things that are also important. If people leave, we might only accomplish one thing, but not all of the things.
 - If CRC doesn't happen it's not damaging in the same way as if we don't elect the new board of directors or ratify constitutional changes.
 - Q: How far are we from quorum?
 - A: A-Society has 54 votes present, B-Society has 74
 - *Result:* Motion Passes

	A-Society	B-Society
Votes For	37	48
Votes Against	9	1
Votes Abstaining	4	19
Result	Motion Passes	Motion Passes

- *Result:* Motion Passes

	A-Society	B-Society
Votes For	38	61
Votes Against	7	1
Votes Abstaining	3	6
Result	Passes	Passes

4.0 Approval of Minutes

- *Motion:* Approve the Minutes
- *Mover:* Sabrina Huston
- *Secunder:* Sarbajoy Majumdar
- *Result:* Motion Passes

	A-Society	B-Society
Votes For	51	65
Votes Against	1	0
Votes Abstaining	0	6
Result	Motion Passes	Motion Passes

5.0 Receipt of the Auditor’s Report – Appendix Ω

- *Motion:* Appendix Ω
- Reading of motion by the speaker
- *Mover:* Hannah Gautreau
 - *Mover Comments:* First thing, we are amending the motion to read MMP instead of TMP. Basically we are being audited the week of the July 4th. We get audited every year by FEDs. This document is a detailed explanation of the society’s current financial position.
- *Seconder:* Adelle Vickery
- *Result:* Motion Passes

	A-Society	B-Society
Votes For	50	70
Votes Against	0	0
Votes Abstaining	2	1
Result	Motion Passes	Motion Passes

6.0 Engineering Society Fee Increase – Appendix A

- *Motion:* Appendix A
- Reading of motion by the speaker
- *Mover:* Don Tu
- *Seconder:* Abdullah Barakat
- *Discussion:*
 - Motion amended to include the correct date of June 16th, 2016
 - Q: Why does the motion indicate a two percent increase?
 - A: The motion should read 1% not 2%
 - Motion amended to read 1% rather than 2%
- *Result:* Motion Passes

	A-Society	B-Society
Votes For	47	72
Votes Against	2	2
Votes Abstaining	2	0
Result	Motion Passes	Motion Passes

7.0 Capital Need Mo' Money – Appendix B

- *Motion:* Appendix B
- Reading of motion by the speaker
- *Mover:* Abdullah Barakat
 - *Mover Comments:* Traditionally, ECIF gets a higher proportion of the student fees in the fall because of all the first years on campus. However, in the winter term, all of the fourth years are on campus. There are slightly less students in the winter, but not that big of a difference. Since the amounts of people aren't all that different, in the winter the same proportion of student fees should go towards ECIF.
- *Secunder:* Katie Arnold
- *Discussion:*
 - Q: Where would the money be coming from?
 - A: This is at the discretion of the VP Operations and Finance to make the budget work. It makes sense for the money to go towards ECIF though.
 - Q: With the amount that is currently allocated in the fall, do you find that there are more requests than we can satisfy?
 - A: It depends on the term. Most terms we meet the amount that has been requested. Usually, we do find things to allocate the money towards and we don't have to turn down many people
 - Q: You say 5%, 15% what are the actual amounts?
 - A: In the fall term, 15% is about \$9,000
 - Q: Given these are percentages, wouldn't there be the same amount term to term?
 - A: All the money comes from student fees, so this defines the percentage of the student fees which should be allocated towards ECIF.
 - 5% to 15% is a significant change. This year, the winter and fall term had similar quantities requests so it makes sense for them to have the same amount of money to allocate.
 - Q: Is there any percentage that shows the distribution of requests between those made by general members and those made by Mary and the exec?
 - A: It isn't documented, but I estimate about 75% exec and Mary, and 25% general members.
 - Q: Wouldn't it make sense to make it 15% for all terms?
 - A: I don't think so. Spring generally gets fewer proposals than the other terms so 5% is sufficient. Typically, when there's more students we notice what needs to be improved more, so in the summer there are less allocations. It doesn't really seem necessary.
 - Q: Does money carry from term to term or always spent in the same term?
 - A: Once it's allocated we try to make sure it gets spent right away. If it doesn't get spent in the term it is allocated, it gets rolled into the same society's ECIF Fund for their next term.
 - Q: What has ECIF funded in the past?
 - A: It funded the EngSoc camera, poets renovations, and any capital or long term purchases
- *Result:* Motion Passes

	A-Society	B-Society
Votes For	49	72
Votes Against	0	0
Votes Abstaining	3	1
Result	Motion Passes	Motion Passes

8.0 You Have No Power Here – Appendix D

- *Motion:* Appendix D
- Reading of motion by the speaker
- *Mover:* Hannah Gautreau
 - *Mover Comments:* Also want to add another responsibility, which is to act as the board of appeals for elections and referenda
- *Secunder:* Jeff Gulbranson
- *Discussion:*
 - Motion amended to read VP Operations and Finance
 - Q: How does this vary from what the board is doing now?
 - A: This is exactly what the board does now, it just should be outlined in the documents
 - Q: Is the board involved with the RigidWare or Novelties finances?
 - A: Board manages the general and CnD accounts. RigidWare and Novelties are both part of the general account
 - Q: Is it okay that the change only includes VP Operations and Finance not VP Finance?
 - A: Documents already only read VP Operations and Finance. There was a motion passed last year at JAGM, which indicated how this transition is handled
 - Q: The board reviews the expenses and incomes, but can they do anything about it?
 - A: They are able to review and suggest accommodations for the future. They can make suggestions to Mary and to the Society as the whole. They are advising body not a mandating body though.
 - *Motion:* Amend the motion to read reviewing and advising on
 - *Mover:* Patricia Duong
 - *Secunder:* Sarbajoy Majumdar
 - *Result:* Motion Fails

	A-Society	B-Society
Votes For	23	17
Votes Against	8	26
Votes Abstaining	14	24
Result	Motion Passes	Motion Fails

- *Result:* Motion Passes

	A-Society	B-Society
Votes For	46	66
Votes Against	0	0
Votes Abstaining	7	1
Result	Motion Passes	Motion Passes

9.0 Annual Joint Annual What? – Appendix E

- *Motion:* Appendix E
- Reading of motion by the speaker
- *Mover:* Hannah Gautreau
 - *Mover Comments:* Nobody calls it the annual joint general meeting, and the documents should reflect that
- *Secunder:* Patrick White
- *Result:* Motion Passes

	A-Society	B-Society
Votes For	46	73
Votes Against	3	0
Votes Abstaining	2	0
Result	Motion Passes	Motion Passes

10.0 Let's Try This Again – Appendix F

- *Motion:* Appendix F
- Reading of motion by the speaker
- *Mover:* Hannah Gautreau
 - *Mover Comments:* This is typically what we already do. It should be in our documents because theoretically, the CRO could really mess things up if they wanted to.
- *Secunder:* Simon Grigg
- *Discussion:*
 - Motion amended to require that there be at least 2 presidential candidates, one or more of which wants to run for a VP position if they are not elected
 - Q: With the bylaws, we can't override them on a termly basis. If we run into a situation where we have issues with timing we can't do anything about this at all. If it's in the policy manual we can modify things at council to make the schedule work out.
 - A: It's really the responsibility of the CRO to make the elections schedule work.
 - Q: What if there needs to be three elections?
 - A: We could add something along the lines of if possible do this, or alternately, give the CRO power to override this requirement if absolutely necessary.
 - Q: What happens to candidates that have already filled out their candidate forms?
 - A: That is handled at the discretion of the CRO.
 - Q: What if instead of running two elections the candidate was able to run for two positions?
 - A: It'd be a mess.
 - *Motion:* Table this motion until the next JAGM
 - *Mover:* Brian Howe
 - *Secunder:* Jeff Gulbranson
 - *Result:* Motion Passes

	A-Society	B-Society
Votes For	24	26
Votes Against	8	9
Votes Abstaining	15	34
Result	Motion Passes	Motion Passes

- *Result:* Motion Tabled until the Next JAGM

11.0 Board of Directors Elections – Appendix G

- *Motion:* Appendix G

11.1 A New Board

- *Mover:* Adelle Vickery
 - *Mover Comments:* The board of directors is made up of the 2 society presidents and 4 at large members from each society. Their responsibilities are as mandated in the documents, and include: reviewing the general accounts and approving motions for JAGM. In addition, they provide high level oversight for the society. It is an advising position which gives direction to the executive. They are able to bring motions to council through the society president.
 - Q: How often are meetings?
 - A: There are meetings once per month except exam months, so 9 meetings total.
 - Q: What happens for people graduating?
 - A: 2017s are able to run, you can stay on for the last four months of the board period.
 - Q: Are there any rules about who can't be on the board, for example exec?
 - A: No, it is open to all.
- *Seconders:* Jeff Gulbranson
- *Discussion:*
 - *Motion:* Move into Committee of the Whole
 - *Mover:* Abdullah Barakat
 - *Seconders:* Awn Duqoum
 - *Result:* Motion Passes

	A-Society	B-Society
Votes For	48	68
Votes Against	0	0
Votes Abstaining	0	2
Result	Motion Passes	Motion Passes

Meeting moves into Committee of the Whole

- Going to run elections for both societies concurrently.
- Q: How about the people that switch societies?
- A: You represent the society you were elected for as there needs to be 4 A-Society representatives and 4 B-Society representatives.
- Q: How about for 4th years that switch streams?
- A: Same issue
- *Motion:* Move into camera
- *Result:* Motion Passes

	A-Society	B-Society
Votes For	44	61
Votes Against	0	1
Votes Abstaining	4	2
Result	Motion Passes	Motion Passes

Meeting moves into camera

Meeting moves out of camera

- *Motion:* Exit Committee of the Whole
- *Mover:* Patrick White
- *Seconder:* Clarisse Schneider
- *Result:* Motion Passes

	A-Society	B-Society
Votes For	47	67
Votes Against	0	0
Votes Abstaining	2	1
Result	Motion Passes	Motion Passes

Meeting moves out of Committee of the Whole

- *Motion:* Amend the motion to read 1. Brian Howe 2. Jeff Gulbranson 3. Awn Duquom 4. Steven Jia
- *Mover:* Clarisse Schneider
- *Seconder:* Ian Holstead
- *Result:* Motion Passes

	A-Society	B-Society
Votes For	47	
Votes Against	0	
Votes Abstaining	2	
Result	Motion Passes	N/A

- *Motion:* Mandate the chair to destroy the ballots
- *Mover:* Adelle Vickery
- *Seconder:* Theresa DeCola
- *Discussion:*
 - Suggested method of disposal, Kieran eating a ballot while doing push-ups
 - Ensure that ballots are recycled
- *Result:* Motion Passes

	A-Society	B-Society
Votes For	48	67
Votes Against	1	0
Votes Abstaining	0	2
Result	Motion Passes	Motion Passes

- *Result:* Motion Passes

	A-Society	B-Society
Votes For	45	
Votes Against	0	
Votes Abstaining	4	
Result	Motion Passes	N/A

11.2 B New Board

- *Mover:* Hannah Gautreau
- *Seconder:* Patrick White
- *Discussion:*
 - *Motion:* Amend the motion to read 1. Clarisse Schneider 2. Ian Holstead 3. Megan Town 4. Sarah Martin
 - *Mover:* Clarisse Schneider
 - *Seconder:* Ian Holstead
 - *Result:* Motion Passes

	A-Society	B-Society
Votes For		69
Votes Against		0
Votes Abstaining		0
Result	N/A	Motion Passes

- *Result:* Motion Passes

	A-Society	B-Society
Votes For		70
Votes Against		0
Votes Abstaining		0
Result	N/A	Motion Passes

12.0 We Did Stuff This Year – Appendix H

- *Motion:* Appendix H
- Reading of motion by the speaker
- *Mover:* Adelle Vickery
 - *Mover Comments:* As the motion says, it is best practice to have constitutional changes passed by general members. The first two motions are regarding exchange policies and executive elections. They require the executive to be attending classes here and allow people going on exchange to run in a pair. Mind the gap fixed a space of up to 2 weeks with no executive team between terms, particularly important after as there could potentially be no executive during orientation week. Switchover to the new exec team is now on the last day of exams. The final motion allows the off term VP Education to remotely attend teaching award committee meeting. Furthermore, it requires that a nominee list be made available 3 days before the meeting.
- *Seconder:* Jeff Gulbranson
- *Discussion:*
 - Q: What does it mean if we ratify these changes?
 - A: These changes have already happened. By ratifying them as general members, it indicates that we agree with them and want them to stay.
- *Result:* Motion Passes

	A-Society	B-Society
Votes For	52	56
Votes Against	0	0
Votes Abstaining	1	0
Result	Motion Passes	Motion Passes

13.0 It's Time for e-Commerce – Appendix I

- *Motion:* Appendix I
- Reading of motion by the speaker
- *Mover:* Steven Jia
 - *Mover Comments:* I think a lot of the reasons I wanted to bring this forward are mentioned in the motion. The Current VP Operations and Finance are planning to do this anyways but a mandate would be good to ensure that future VP Operations and Finance carry this on.
- *Secunder:* Emma Kennedy
- *Discussion:*
 - Q: How often would it need to be updated?
 - A: I'm open to changing the exact wording as I didn't want to be overly prescriptive. I don't think that every change, such as a single item being sold is important. I generally just want the site to be representative of the current inventory.
 - Motion amended to read e.g. whenever inventory changes instead of i.e.
 - Q: Is the system to show what is for sale but not how much we have at any given time?
 - A: Just requiring items for now. It's to the discretion of the VP Operations and Finance to add quantities if they like
 - This system is already almost done, and it should be ready very soon. It will hopefully be up on the website before the fall term. Mandate is a good idea though to ensure that this system is maintained.
 - Q: Having the motion be vague leaves it subjective and allows people forgetting to update the inventory. Could the motion read inventory should be checked on a termly basis?
 - A: The motion already states that inventory should be checked and updated during the first two weeks of a term. The clause about ensuring the lists are up to date is mostly to accommodate for new items being brought in during the term.
- *Result:*

	A-Society	B-Society
Votes For	51	52
Votes Against	0	0
Votes Abstaining	1	0
Result	Motion Passes	Motion Passes

- *Motion:* Have a 25 minute recess for lunch
- *Mover:* Awn Duquom
- *Secunder:* Patricia Duong
- *Result:* Motion Passes

	A-Society	B-Society
Votes For	46	51
Votes Against	7	1
Votes Abstaining	0	3
Result	Motion Passes	Motion Passes

Meeting recesses at 1:24pm
Meeting called to order at 1:54pm

14.0 Changing Society, Changing Council – Appendix C

- *Motion:* Appendix C
- Reading of motion by the speaker
- *Mover:* Adelle Vickery
- *Seconder:* Rachel Malevich
- *CRC Speaking to the Motion:*
 - Hannah Gautreau, Brian Howe, Melissa Ferguson, Theresa Decola, Adelle Vickery, Simon Grigg
 - Last year at JAGM, CRC was mandated to exist. CRC was formed to review the current structure of council and propose improvements as needed. If the new structure passes, it will be implemented starting winter 2017.
 - As members of council, there would still be the exec, and then 1 representative from each year and 1 representative from each program. (E.g. mech representative, tron representative, etc.) In this way, each individual would have two people they could go to.
 - First years would have two first year representatives. One representative would come from each stream. For programs with odd streams, they would be represented by whichever representative their first year looked more like. The last member of council would be the off term-president.
 - All members of council, the business manager, and the board of directors have speaking rights at meetings. All members of the society can bring motions forwards through their representative.
 - Speaking rights limits the number of people in the room who are allowed to speak at any given time. If you are not on council, in order to speak, someone who has speaking rights must pass their speaking rights to you.
 - In order to keep the representatives accountable, if they miss two meetings, there is a motion to impeach generated. If the absences are excusable the representative may not be impeached.
 - All representatives must hold a town hall for their constituency at least once per term to make them accountable to their constituency.
 - The elections will be held in line with exec elections. Representatives will only be campaigning online, there will be no posters or class visits.
 - This change will take place immediately. B-Society will be required to elect their representatives before the end of this term. Essentially, we want this to start as soon as possible within the existing structure.
 - We contacted general members, councilors, and other groups on and off of campus and identified key areas within our council that required improvement. Some issues identified included representatives not showing up to meetings and representatives not doing anything with the information they get at meetings. We don't want people doing low effort representing. If you are the lone contact of EngSoc information for your class, you should be taking it seriously. For this reason, we want representatives to have more visibility and more accountability. In this way, it will be easier for councilors to identify other councilors who aren't doing their job
 - This new structure is very different from our current structure but it is in line with councils at other schools

- *Question and Answer:*
 - Q: Will this motion be what we are going with? Or are we considering a middle ground?
 - A: Since these are constitutional changes, they must be passed as written because of the required notice period.
 - Q: This one representative is in charge of passing the information on to all classes?
 - A: The way council is changing is a bit of a mindset shift. Council members typically aren't responsible for informing their classes of all the events which are going on.
 - Q: You mentioned that the elections would be held at the same time as the executive elections. What happens if someone also wants to run for exec?
 - A: Unfortunately you cannot. It's the same as if you wanted to run for two VP positions.
 - Q: What is in place for if a program representative graduates during their term?
 - A: They're not eligible to run. It's the same as with the exec
 - Q: For the program representative, they're being elected by people within the program?
 - A: Yes
 - Q: Is there only one fourth year representative?
 - A: A-Society and B-Society each have a representative. In winter term, both are on stream.
 - Q: Why year and program representatives?
 - A: To have two points of contact so that people can contact whichever they prefer.
 - Q: With nanos, how will this work for them?
 - A: They will be able to run as a pair. Just as if nano want to be exec.
 - Q: What happens if nobody runs for a position?
 - A: It would go to a by-election.
 - Q: There would be one representative for geo and one for enviro? Is there any difference in representation for the size of program
 - A: No, this is not accounted for in new system. However, it is also not accounted for in the current system. In the survey we conducted, there was a strong preference against proportional representation.
 - Q: How do first year representatives work?
 - A: They are elected right at the beginning of the fall term and are in office until the next executive election
 - Q: On the surveys, did people give any reasons for not wanting proportional representation?
 - A: The survey was yes/no, would you prefer proportional representation.
 - Q: Do you know what programs the responses came from?
 - A: There could have been biases from small programs, however it was a majority
 - Q: If a representative cannot attend a meeting, can they designate someone else to attend?
 - A: Yes, there were no changes to the policy on proxies.
 - Q: What percent of students typically vote in executive elections?
 - A: 10-20%
 - Q: There are consequences to not attending meetings. Are there consequences associated with not running town halls?
 - A: Yes. As with meetings, other councilors can move to impeach. The constituents can also approach a different councilor with their concerns.
 - Q: How many people responded to the survey?
 - A: 79.

- Q: If this passes, do you have proposed dates for the B-Society election?
- A: It would be run in line with VP Academic elections.
- Q: Who would be responsible for running this election?
- A: It also would fall under the CRO who is allowed to select a DRO if they wish.
- Q: If someone is impeached, is there someone elected that term to replace them?
- A: Yes, it would go to a by-election.
- Q: Voting power goes only to the representatives which makes their vote more powerful. How do we ensure that they are voting on their class' behalf rather than their own interest? Currently, there are sufficiently many representatives that it doesn't make as much of a difference.
- A: Proportionally, a vote has the same amount of power. You're still voting against everyone else. Nothing is in place to prevent this in the current system either. If 40% of current class representatives are voting in their own interest it will be approximately the same, proportion in the future.
- Q: Proxy rules haven't changed. So the motion to impeach is for unexcused absences only?
- A: Yes. It is outlined in the documents.
- Q: If someone was impeached are they allowed to run again in the future?
- A: Yes. It is then up to their constituents if they want to reelect them.
- Q: You mentioned that a person cannot be a program and year representative, do you have to pick to only run in one election?
- A: Yes
- Q: What prevents representatives from holding their town hall at the end of term after council meetings have all occurred?
- A: This would be dealt with at council's discretion. Since there will be fewer representatives, it is easier to hold them accountable.
- Q: For candidates who run for these positions, do they have a budget?
- A: No. Campaigning occurs only by electronic means.
- Q: In your consultation with other schools, did they bring up any pitfalls of this system?
- A: No. They felt it worked well. Having a smaller council allowed them to sit at a round table and more directly interact with other council members. Some schools which do this are Carleton, McMaster, University of Windsor, and University of Ottawa
- Q: It sounds like you are scaling down the size of council. To what extent was having fewer representatives on council a factor in decision making?
- A: It was definitely a factor. It's considerably easier to reach consensus with fewer people.
- Q: Is it still the case that all of exec have one vote?
- A: Yes.
- Q: If I am a representative, and I proxy to another representative, does that count as an absence?
- A: It would be up to the discretion of the council whether the absence was excused or not.
- Q: For the other schools which were polled, what is their size in comparison to ours?
- A: They have about 3000 students. For reference, we have about 3500 on term students.
- Q: You mentioned that campaigning is only online. Will there be any class visits?
- A: No. The class visits need to be approved by the professors and faculty, so they're difficult to schedule as is. Adding more people to them would not help.

- Q: Can they visit classes on their own?
- A: In the docs, it states that they are only allowed online campaigning or other methods approved by the CRO. So if they got it approved, the sure.
- Q: Are there other schools that run council like we do?
- A: Not of the ones we surveyed.
- Q: When surveying other schools did you survey their council or their constituents
- A: We reached out to their VP Externals because they are the easiest to contact.
- Q: How many first year representatives are there?
- A: 2 in the fall term. As many as 1 in the other terms.
- Q: What voting system would we use?
- A: Ranked ballot, just as with the exec elections.
- Q: You allow two unexcused absences. There's about 5 council meetings per term. If a representative missed two meetings in a row, that allows a large population of students to be unrepresented for a significant period of time.
- A: You are only allowed one missed meeting. The second meeting missed is able to start the motion to impeach. Try to remember that this is a proposal for a very large scale change. The nitty gritty details can be nailed down a little bit later in council. In terms of specific things, we can't modify the motion in front of us not. However, we would have at least a term on each society where changes could be made before the structure comes into place fully.
- Q: Of the universities polled, have any others changed their council structure from a different council to the proposed one?
- A: None of them said that they had. This structure appears to be what schools have done in recent history.
- Q: At the schools who have this structure, what is their attendance at town halls like?
- A: We didn't ask. Carleton at least seems to be well attended.
- Q: Are these elections covered in the voting information for executive elections?
- A: It is currently not specified, but if this passes, we can add specific election procedure in council. For B-Society, we will run the elections like executive elections.
- Q: What's the purpose of taking speaking rights away from students?
- A: Currently, there are lots of people in the room who are distracting and take away from the discussion. By limiting the size of council and allowing for speaking rights to be passed, people who need to speak can still speak and those who don't are less distracting.
- Q: With respect to speaking rights, can they be passed during the meeting?
- A: Yes.
- Q: Say that I'm a 2019 nano student. Can I only get speaking rights from the 2019 representative or the nano representative? Or can I be passed speaking rights by anyone?
- A: Any council member may pass their speaking rights to you.
- Q: Do we know how many survey respondents were on council versus general members?
- A: 30% of respondents are or have been class representatives
- Q: Will the council meetings still be open to anybody to attend? Will it be round table or similar to current?
- A: Yes. Not sure yet. Ideally, it would be a layout that better allows for discussion

- *Discussion:*
 - The new structure for reorganizing would probably increase efficiency of debate. However, in the current structure, the class representatives have considerable roles other than discussing motions in council. For instance, it is their responsibility to promote events and activities to people you don't see every day. Not everyone has Facebook and people don't like receiving lots of emails.
 - It will be hard to be tangentially or kind of involved if you have to run for these larger positions in a big election
 - It's hard enough to get classes to listen in between classes, let enough to convince them to come to a town hall
 - So many students can't even name who the current executive are. Having fewer representatives that people are more distantly connected to isn't going to help.
 - Currently, there are three classes of software. Each have about 100 people in class on the day of voting for their representatives. In a larger election with only 10% participation the representation would be diluted.
 - With 2 class representatives per class, it's almost guaranteed that every engineering student knows someone on council. This would be significantly different in the new system. If there's only one town hall and for which attendance is still unknown, the information is lost going in and going out.
 - By moving representative elections in with exec elections, it becomes a lot more work to be involved. Think of how many uncontested exec elections there are now. It could be very hard to find people to run to represent an entire program or year.
 - The change would mean that from over 70% of the constituency voting for their class representatives to 10% voting for their program or year representative. This change missed the mark on representation.
 - One other option would be to have council structure as is now with a senior class representative for the year or program who meets with the other representatives to make sure everyone is on the same page and understands what is going on. There are other ways to get better and more accountable discussion without losing representativeness.
 - Barely anyone in our class voted in the exec elections even with us reminding them constantly to vote. If there's no one in the class to tell the class to vote, how will they even know that they need to vote?
 - Last FEDs election was like picking a name at random from a list. This seems a bit too much like that.
 - If we're making a constitutional change that cannot be undone, having the logistics sorted out should probably be a priority before we vote on this. Having EngSoc be an open place where people can discuss issues is important.
 - Logistics of the current council meetings are not in the documents. It isn't required for us to hold meetings as we do, it doesn't need to be in the documents. It's up to council and the exec to determine how to run their council, it can't be constitutionally imposed.
 - If x% of representatives misrepresent their class its now 400 people as opposed to 100 people that they are misrepresenting
 - If we have 4 software representatives that attend their meeting and one tends to vote based on their own personal opinion, there are 3 other software representatives who correctly represent

their program. Each individual vote represents more people but not a higher percentage of people.

- This would have one ECE representative representing 600 people, and one geo representative representing far less people, both of which have the same vote on council.
- This is the case in the current structure as well, as each class gets 1 vote regardless of size.
- Currently, 3 ECE classes have 3 sets of representatives. There's currently a cap on how large the constituencies can be relative to each other.
- As a person trying to have 3 ECE classes get together, for their graduation photos, it's very difficult. Trying to get all the classes together for one town hall would be even harder.
- Trying to carry information back from council to all the different classes in a constituency would be challenging. If representative wants to talk to their classes, they would be running all over campus to do it
- In person and online communication do not need to be mutually exclusive
- People in class generally follow the engineering page or a class Facebook group. The representatives could be added to the groups to effectively use social media.
- This essentially at least quadruples the work for a representative.
- A lot of people wanted representatives to have a more legitimate role. That's why we want a real election and more responsibilities and accountability. The majority of respondents haven't been representatives. However, they want their representatives to be more accountable. We're adding ways to help the representatives be more accountable to their constituencies.
- Q: How representative were the survey results?
- A: There were 79 respondents. Which is less than 2% of the engineering student population. Survey results were not the only way feedback was collected. EngSoc has been moving towards put more emphasis on general members.
- We take attendance as is. A mandatory attendance system could be introduced without this entire council overhaul.
- Survey was sent out on the EngSoc mailing list and to all engineering undergraduate students by the faculty
- Just showing up to meetings is not enough accountability, representatives need to take what they learned at meetings and bring it back to their classes
- With a smaller council, councilors can pick out people who aren't doing their job. The portfolio of a representative will always overlap with that of other representatives. This would allow them to know if other representatives they overlap with aren't doing their jobs.
- Right now, it's enough for first years to get up in front of their class and run to be on council. This change makes it a lot more intimidating to get involved. It will discourage people from running who don't know for certain that they want to be so involved.
- The election of first year representatives will be lower scale as it will not occur in a general election. The most passionate people will still be involved, and people will also have other routes they can take towards involvement.
- A lot of first years get involved by hearing about events from their class representative in a casual conversation. This method of information transfer would effectively disappear.
- Q: Doesn't this favour a more upper year heavy council?
- A: Yes, because more upper years will be program representatives.

- Currently, a lot of first year representatives come to council. As you move back the representatives get more sparse, this would move council from having 16 to 20 first years to only having 2
- Q: There will be people who didn't get to be a first year representative in first year. They would have to run against people with experience. What stops representatives from just being representatives indefinitely?
- A: Speaking from experience in the exec elections, experience doesn't always win.
- Council right now creates a really strong first year pipeline. If we cut that off, I'm worried about how that will translate through the involvement in upper years.
- Council is already seen as a bit of a cliquey bubble. If we're cutting 16 first years to 2, we're just propagating the bubble. That's a problem we definitely don't want.
- I know I ran for class representative against two experienced representatives. Everyone in class voted for them because they knew them. I think we may have a problem with people voting the same way over and over again so representatives never changing.
- I was determined to be in EngSoc but wasn't elected as a class representative in first year. There are other ways to get involved such as the mentorship program and director shadowing.
- Our class has an interesting situation and have had one representative turn over each term. We have different people slowly getting involved by being class representatives. Once people have gotten involved, they realize that they don't have to run again in order to stay involved
- Everyone is talking about first and second year. I joined in third year. If I didn't have council I wouldn't be involved at all.
- Sometimes it is hard because a lot of the people here are very passionate. It can be hard to recognize the value of people other than type A who might not come out to council if it had a higher barrier to entry. It discourages a wide variety of perspectives that could be brought up.
- Not a lot of people who aren't representatives come out as is, and they have speaking rights. Now we are discouraging people from coming by limiting their speaking rights
- It could be very frustrating and disruptive to discussion flow if someone is trying to get speaking rights.
- Passing speaking rights is how it works at ESSCO and CFES. In general, it's good at keeping things on topic and prevents people from arguing off to the side.
- It is possible for a councilor to hold multiple town halls.
- We may not have incredible student engagement, but we have more than CFES or ESSCO do
- Could still stick with current structure but give speaker more power to shut down side chatter
- The goal seems to be to change representation with a smaller council to address issues of accountability. We could implement some of this as is with smaller constituencies of the classes. This gives students more frequent points of communication.
- In elections with representatives from multiple years, it becomes not the best candidate who wins, but the representative can get their class to vote the most because typically they'll favour their own class. This is seen already in the exec elections to a degree, but would potentially be even more severe in this structure.
- Wouldn't have people sitting in class voting which would decrease voter turnout.
- Such a large change, we can't know what's going to happen until we try it. We are changing a lot to implement in one go which leaves a bit of a sour taste.
- We can try for a full cycle and change back

- Trying for a full cycle may be problematic because there are not that many people who will be there from start to end. Also it would confuse first years who only know the new structure.
- It has happened before on the trial run of a VP Operations position
- Upper years can be intimidating to approach as a first year, even if it is their responsibility to represent you
- This would make council mainly upper years, if of the all upper years are discussing, first years may not want to speak up or bring things forwards.
- *Motion:* Call to Question
- *Mover:* Clarisse Schneider
 - *Mover Comments:* We've talked enough. Each of our minds are made up
- *Seconder:* Patrick White

	A-Society	B-Society
Votes For	31	45
Votes Against	10	14
Votes Abstaining	7	2
Result	Motion Passes	Motion Passes

- *Result:* Motion Fails

	A-Society	B-Society
Votes For	6	4
Votes Against	39	55
Votes Abstaining	6	3
Result	Motion Fails	Motion Fails

15.0 Society Updates

15.1 A-Society Update

- *Speaking:* Adelle Vickery
- Elections are happening in the fall term. We will be holding 2 elections, first the presidential election, followed by the VP elections
- Working on improving the website and updating content
- Working with the incoming board to develop the role and make it a more advising position
- Making progress on the syllabus and scholarship banks
- Collaborating with faculty to conduct a student experience survey as part of their strategic planning
- Partnering with PEO for the career fair in September. The goal is to have 20 employers present.
- Also working to deliver more frequent Waterloo Works updates.
- Working on expanding the student deals program and getting more swag in Novelties
- Online catalogues for both RigidWare and Novelties are in progress
- Developing a long term plan for how RigidWare is going to work
- Working plans for the new E7 CnD
- Working with ESSCO and the surrounding schools to create a new outreach event, the CN tower climb
- Improving the delivery of information about conferences
- Running the first year conference again in the fall
- Increasing the interfaculty collaboration. Also working to unite the mental health groups across all societies

15.2 B-Society Update

- *Speaking:* Hannah Gautreau
- So happy to see discussion on CRC. Not ever seen that much passion. Hope it ushers in more involvement of people within council
- *Speaking:* Rachel Malevich
- VP Academic is still vacant. If you're in 2A or higher and interested in running, talk to Anson
- Not a full team yet, but the first exec meeting is coming at the start of July
- Commissioner applications are coming out first 2 weeks of July. Not totally sure about what positions are going to be, but stay tuned.
- Directorship applications will follow commissioner applications in a few week
- Will make available a full list of all elected exec after the VP Academic election

16.0 Varia

16.1 How Many Days 'til IRS?

- 223 Days 'til IRS!

17.0 Adjournment

- *Motion:* Adjourn the Meeting
- *Mover:* Clarisse Schneider
- *Seconder:* Will Wilmot
- *Result:* Motion Passes, Peter Keillor and Sean Wen abstain

	A-Society	B-Society
Votes For	47	54
Votes Against	6	4
Votes Abstaining	0	0
Result	Motion Passes	Motion Passes

Meeting Adjourned at 3:16pm