

EngSoc Council Meeting (W16) #3
March 2nd, 2016

Chair: Brian Howe
Secretary: Akshay Joshi
Attendance:

Executives

Executive, A Society	PV	Executive, B Society	PV		
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First-Year Classes

Biomedical 2020	PV	Chemical 2020	A	Civil 2020	PV
ECE (8) 2020	PV	Mechanical (8) 2020	PV	Management 2020	PV
Nanotechnology 2020	PV	Mechatronics (8) 2020	PV	Software 2020	PV

Second-Year Classes

Chemical 2019	PV	ECE (4) Sec. 1 2019	A	ECE (4) Sec. 2 2019	A
Environmental 2019	A	Geological 2019	A	Mechanical (4) 2019	PV
Systems Design 2019	PV	Mechatronics (4) 2019	PV		

Third-Year Classes

Chemical 2018	A	Civil 2018	PV	ECE (8) 2018	PV
Mechanical (8) 2018	PV	Management 2018	PV	Software 2018	PV
Chemical 2017	PV	ECE (4) Sec. 1 2017	PV	ECE (4) Sec. 2 2017	PV
Environmental 2017	A	Geological 2017	A	Mechanical (4) 2017	PV
Systems Design 2017	PV	Mechatronics 2017	PV		

Fourth-Year Classes

Chemical (4) 2016	PV	Chemical (8) 2016	PV	Civil 2016	PV
ECE (4) Sec. 1 2016	PV	ECE (4) Sec. 2 2016	A	ECE (8) 2016	PV
Environmental 2016	A	Geological 2016	A	Mechanical (4) 2016	PV
Mechanical (8) 2016	PV	Management 2016	A	Nanotechnology 2016	PV
Mechatronics 2016	PV	Software 2016	PV	Systems Design 2016	A

Present and Voting PV
Present P
Absent A

1 Call to Order

- Quorum established – 35 out of 48 voting members are present and voting

2 [I] Dr. Wayne Parker – Acting Dean of Engineering

- Has been acting dean for four months during Pearl Sullivan's absence
- Professor with the CEE department for 12 years, Associate Dean of Co-op and Professional Affairs for 7 years
- Also works on accreditation

- Faculty updates:
 - E7: on schedule for 2018; faculty has EC4 building as a bridge until E7 is complete
 - EC4 building should be ready for possession early Spring (mostly for Mechatronics + SYDE)
 - Will contain approximately 27 professor offices
 - New labs: optics, robotics, manufacturing, signal image processing, human factors, biomedical research
 - Grad student offices will be located there too
 - Capstone projects about to start: they grow every year (GM is sponsoring all of them) – more polish, fancy brochures, and more prizes

3 [D] Approval of Agenda

- Amendment to agenda sent out: new order of items will be 4.0, 7.2, 5.9, 5.7, 5.8, 5.10, 6, 5.6, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 7.1, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5
- *Motion to approve the agenda as amended*
 - *Mover*: Systems 2017
 - *Seconder*: Systems 2019
 - *Motion called to question*
 - None opposed
 - One abstention: Mechatronics 2016
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4 [D] Approval of Minutes

- *Motion to approve minutes of the last council meeting*
- *Mover*: Mechanical 2018
- *Seconder*: Executive A-Society
- None opposed
- One abstention: Mechatronics 2016
- *Motion passes*

5 [I] Affiliate Reports

- *Allyson Francis on behalf of Pallavi Hukerikar*
- This time last year, board increased 9.2%, because they needed something to cover the remaining budget

- This year, a 9% increase was proposed again, without reducing expenses
- Deans control budgets for individual faculties, wage freeze in place wasn't enough, cost of international undergraduate is higher at other institutions on average
- Administration used the phrase 'degrees of freedom' to describe undergraduate international fees
- The budget still isn't set in stone; the budget wasn't in front of the senate when the increase was voted on
- Students brought up two motions that ultimately failed: a motion to reconsider the previous resolutions as well as a motion to implement a tuition framework
- Feridun Hamdullahpur offered support verbally, but nothing written
- *What parts of the expenses increased that required revenue to increase?* Student enrollment expansion leads to staff and facilities expansion. A 9% two years in a row increase makes me believe that it might continue. We need a longer term solution.

6 Business

6.1 [D] Them Fees Be Too Damn High

- *Mover:* Electrical and Computer 2017 - Section 1
- *Seconder:* Chemical 2017
- *Motion to amend last resolution to read 'Administration' instead of 'Board of Governors'*
 - *Motion found friendly by the mover.*
- *Motion to table the motion in question*
 - *Mover:* Mechanical 2018
 - *Seconder:* Executive A-Society
 - None opposed
 - One abstention: Mechatronics 2018

6.2 [D] Need Some Counseling – Software 2016

- *Seconder:* Mechatronics 2016
- *Mover speaks to the motion*
 - While VPED, the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies repeatedly said that if we ask for more mental health resources, they will make resources available.

- If the faculty says they don't have resources or office space, we can hold them to that
- Current wait times for a counselor are too long
- Mental health services offered by the society are not anywhere near where they could be – in particular: PostSecret week isn't helping and there could be better ways to do that.
- *Secunder declined to speak to the motion*
- *Motion to amend the text of the motion*
 - *Mover: Civil 2016*
 - *Amend second resolution to read 'The society take a stance that the faculty should strive to have wait times of two weeks or less'*
 - *Amend third resolution to read 'The executive should work with the faculty in improving mental health services other than counseling'*
 - *Motion found friendly by mover of the original motion*
- *Motion to amend the text of the motion*
 - *Mover: Mechatronics 2019*
 - *Add a new resolution to the motion: 'BIFRT counselor availability meet student need on a short term basis'*
 - *Mover speaks to the motion: we should ensure that we have more counseling hours available during times like midterms and final exams*
 - *Motion found friendly by the mover of the original motion*
- *Motion to amend the text of the motion*
 - *Mover: Chemical 2019*
 - *Add a new resolution to the motion 'BIFRT the engineering society take the stance that counseling be available outside typical class hours'*
 - *Motion found friendly by the mover of the original motion*
- *Motion called to question, as amended*
 - *Mover: Mechanical 2016 - 4-stream*
 - *Secunder: Software 2016*
 - None opposed
 - None abstaining
 - *Motion passes unanimously*
- None opposed
- None abstaining
- *Motion passes unanimously*

6.3 [D] This isn't in Our Public Interest – Software 2016

- *Secunder: Mechanical 2016 - 4-stream*
- *Mover speaks to the motion*
 - WPIRG gets \$4.75 every term from every student. This fee is used in various ways, including the Sever Ties movement
 - Some things are beneficial to everyone, but other things are not
 - Two or three years ago, there was a motion at the Feds AGM to call a referendum for the fee
 - Active members of WPIRG showed up to brigade. Following that, these members called for a motion to adjourn the meeting
 - The goal is not to kill the organization, the goal is to have the student body have the ability to choose
- *Secunder speaks to the motion*
 - At the AGM in question, no new business could be conducted
 - We should be able to question at any time whether we support certain facets
- *What do they benefit by this fee?* Most of their fees go towards payroll. Most of Council are not active members, but their budget is available online. They also do outreach and an innovation conference
- *Who is WPIRG accountable to?* By paying the fee, you're a member. You can go to the meetings and they're accountable to you.
- *Does their staff consist of just students or also full-time staff?* They currently have 3 full time staff paid by student fees.
- *What is the current opt-out procedure?* In the first three weeks of terms, go to their office in Conrad Grebel College, log in to Quest in front of the members to prove that you've paid the fees and then get \$4.75 in change.
- *Motion to table indefinitely*
 - *Mover: Civil 2016*
 - *Secunder: Mechatronics 2016*
 - *Mover speaks to the motion:* EngSoc should not pass this. There is no way to prove what's happened at past Feds AGMs. This is a voluntary fee, and this only targets this particular group. We should come up with an alternative plan. For example, at Queens, every voluntary fee goes to referendum every few years.
 - *Secunder declined to speak to the motion*
 - None opposed
 - Seven abstentions, including: Mechatronics 2016, Electrical and Computer 2016 - 8-stream, and Electrical and Computer 2017 - Section 1
 - *Motion tabled indefinitely*

7 Executive Reports

7.1 [I] President – Adelle Vickery (president.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

- At the start of the term, I was part of the orientation week working group
- The campus-wide event schedule has been released; engineering schedule will be released at the Winter Leader Retreat
- Current initiatives:
 - Remote attendance and voting trial for JAGM: in progress, on track for trial at JAGM 2016 and will be evaluated after the event
 - Syllabus bank: in progress, had to start over with new acting dean and the new associate dean. Pending final approval from Wayne Parker
 - Societies agreement will be signed on March 13th
 - Scholarship bank: no progress yet, but will work on it this week or next
 - Feedback: happening this meeting
 - Also currently working on a strategic plan with collaboration with the faculty

7.2 [I] VP External – Ola Suchon (vpexternal.a@uwaterloo.ca)

- FYIC happened this term
- Conference reports from the last 12 months will be on the website soon
- Stay tuned for ESSCO AGM applications – will close on March 19th
- After those close, we will open applications for ESSCO 2017 directorships
- March is National Engineering Month, a Canada-wide effort to promote engineering as an exciting and challenging field
- Upcoming events: PEO speaker panel, Pi Day, Bus Push

7.3 [I] VP Education – Jeff Gulbranson (vpeducation.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

- Goals for the term:
 - Career fair improvements: wanted 12 employers, but currently have 10. It's fine because we couldn't get the space we wanted. Career fair happens next Wednesday
 - CECA accountability: still on track for WaterlooWorks in Winter 2017. Demo tomorrow between 11:30 and 13:30 in the CPH foyer. Still working on getting employment statistics for 'manufactured' jobs
 - Ongoing resume critiques: still happening
 - Workshops reevaluation: can't do that until the end of the term
- Updates for the term:

- Architectural engineering is probably happening – the faculty hasn't announced it officially yet (possibly around Fall 2018)
- Course critiques will be fully online with some small exceptions
- Workshops coming up: MatLab, tomorrow in MML
- Student debt load survey coming up (will be online)

7.4 [I] VP Finance – Abdullah Barakat (vpfinance.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

- Implementation of Square: trial over reading week did not go well
- No purchases under a dollar possible on credit card.
- Taxation of 5% vs. 13% would have to be manual – there's a larger chance of human error affecting HST, making it hard for reconciliation at the end of the fiscal year
- The Square register will move to RidgidWare. We're looking for a debit-enabled register for the CnD instead
- Next meeting is Potluck! (First years: drinks/chips/snacks; 2nd/3rd years: entrees; 4th years: dessert)
- Please make items peanut free. If you don't bring something, you don't get to eat
- Student deals expansion: as of a few hours ago, we have a deal with Baba Chicken. Details to follow
- Promotion of ECIF and Sponsorship went well.
- Sponsorship meeting happens this weekend; we got 10 extra presentations compared to usual
- ECIF applications are open. Details to follow on the mailing list (deadline is March 18th)
- Currently creating a long term plan for stocking RidgidWare and organizing current inventory
- Not a lot of new ideas for novelties – working on a design contest for the month of March

7.5 [I] VP Internal – Sarbajoy Majumdar (vpinternal.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

- Goal of having a balanced calendar has been working well
- Director support: we made sure to talk to directors over the co-op term to make sure they knew what was going on
- Interfaculty Collaborations: this term, we had three: bowling with Conestoga, Let's Talk Mental Health with Environment, Arts and Math, as well as Eng+Math Hack

- Upcoming events: EngProv tomorrow, Genius Bowl on March 9th, LAN Party on March 11th, and TalEng on March 15th
- Planning on revamping Genius Bowl for future terms
- Having a meeting with other faculty vP Internals to discuss the issue of school spirit

8 Business Cont'd

8.1 [I] Actuals Update – Abdullah Barakat

- So far, almost all events under the VP Internal and External portfolios are blank
- One major item: we spent \$1000 more than budgeted for a second bus for ski trip
- Besides that, everything lines up with the budget
- Charities revenue: income from grilled cheese and such is not included in the budget, and all of it gets paid forward to charities

8.2 [D] Don't You Forget About Me – Jeff Gulbranson

- *Mover*: A-Society Executive
- *Secunder*: B-Society President
- Mover spoke to the motion.
 - Currently, you can't proxy your vote. Now, you can! Last time around, I received nominations 3 minutes before the meeting. Also, we're making email ballots official.
- Secunder declined to speak to the motion.
- Motion called to question:
 - No opposition
 - No abstentions
 - The motion passes unanimously.

8.3 [D] It's Dangerous to go Alone – Ola Suchon

- *Motion to amend the rules*: Read out only differences of the sections, and not the whole motion
- *Mover*: Electrical and Computer 2020
- *Secunder*: Mechatronics 2020
- Motion called to question:

- None opposed
- One abstention: Mechatronics 2016
- The motion passes
- *Mover of the motion in question:*
 - This motion serves to rectify the problems I encountered when running as executive in the documents
 - Technically, I could have been a member of executive whilst on exchange
 - Right now, it only allows for pairs who are changing their academic schedule; this motion makes it clearer for those on exchange
- *Secunder of the motion in question:*
 - When the constitution was rewritten, exchange wasn't considered properly.
- Motion called to question:
 - None opposed
 - No abstentions
 - The motion passes unanimously

8.4 [D] We Don't do Long Distance – Ola Suchon

- Mover declined to speak to the motion.
- Secunder declined to speak to the motion.
- Motion called to question:
 - No opposition
 - No abstentions
 - The motion passes unanimously.

8.5 [I] CRC Update – CRC Members

- CRC has been working on collecting feedback on current structure of council
- Data collection is over – formulating a proposal (next Sunday, all day meeting)
- Actual proposal won't be public until a month before JAGM

8.6 [I] Executive Feedback Session – Kevin McNamara

- Motion to move into committee of a whole
- *Mover*: Mechanical 2018
- *Secunder*: Mechanical 2019
- Motion called to question:
 - None opposed
 - No abstentions
 - The motion passes unanimously
- Motion to move into camera
- *Mover*: Mechanical 2016 - 4 stream
- *Secunder*: Chemical 2017
- Motion called to question:
 - None opposed
 - No abstentions
 - The motion passes unanimously
- Motion to move out of committee of a whole
- *Mover*: Mechanical 2018
- *Secunder*: Mechanical 2020
- Motion called to question:
 - None opposed
 - No abstentions
 - The motion passes unanimously

9 [I] Affiliate Reports Cont'd

9.1 [I] WEEF – Eric Shi (weef@uwaterloo.ca)

Not in attendance

9.2 [I] Feds Councillors – Amy Yang, Chanakya Ramdev, Julian Wang, Kush Thanker, Noah Bezaire, Rhea Phillip

- There's a byelection to fill student counselor positions
- Nominations are open until Monday, March 7th
- All Candidates meeting is on the same date
- Polling period is at the end of March

9.3 [I] EngFoc – Aryn, Jared, Janna, Neth (engfoc@uwaterloo.ca)

- Orientation week has changed – classes start on Thursday
- Schedule has been posted for cross-campus events
- In the last week, an ideal-engineering-schedule has been made, to be presented at Winter Leader Retreat
- WLR attendees should show up with questions, thoughts, concerns and ideas – all ideas are welcome
- Email FOC if you want to attend and suggest ideas but are not a leader. It's in AL, on March 12th
- Directorships to follow after planning at winter leader retreat
- Theme and Meet the FOC video will be released at WLR as well

9.4 [I] Others

- Iron Warrior
 - Issue 3 comes out next Wednesday, deadline this Friday 6pm, including letters to the editor
 - Pick up a copy!
 - Still looking for student at large; cannot be a contributor

10 Varia

10.1 How many days 'til IRS?

- -25!

11 Adjournment

- *Motion:* To adjourn this meeting
- *Mover:* A-Society Executive
- *Secunder:* B-Society Executive
- Motion called to question:
 - No opposition
 - No abstentions
 - The motion passes