

EngSoc Council Meeting (W16) #4
March 23rd, 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	PV	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	A	ECE (4) Sec. 2 2016	A	ECE (8) 2016	A
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 – 34 out of 48 voting members are present and voting

2 [D] Approval of Agenda

- Motion to remove item 5.1 “Ranks are for Militaries”
- *Mover*: A-Society Executive
- *Seconder*: Mechanical 2017
- Mover speaks to the motion:

- Starting in May, they’ll be online anyways – nothing to be done by the executive now
- 5 in support
- 17 opposed
- 1 abstention
- The motion fails
- Motion to approve the agenda, unamended
- *Mover*: Mechanical 2018
- *Secunder*: Mechanical 2017
- Motion called to question:
 - None opposed
 - No abstentions
 - The motion passes unanimously

3 [D] Approval of Minutes

- Motion to defer approval of minutes until the next meeting
- *Mover*: Electrical and Computer 2017 - Section 1
- *Secunder*: Mechanical 2016 - 4 stream
- Motion called to question
 - None opposed
 - No abstentions
 - The motion passes unanimously

4 Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 [D] Them Fees Be Too Damn High

- *Mover*: Electrical and Computer 2017 - Section 1
- *Secunder*: Environmental 2019
- Mover speaks to the motion:
 - A few things have been changed since the last time this motion was brought up
 - The main concerns were that domestic students have a cap, so it doesn’t make sense to have no increases for international students
 - It also didn’t make sense to say that the Board of Governors should consider the framework as that lies outside of their duties

- Seconder declined to speak to the motion
- Motion to amend the motion with ‘BIFRT the percentage increase to international undergraduate tuition not be less than that of domestic undergraduate tuition’
- Motion to amend the motion found friendly by the mover
- Motion to remove the last amendment:
 - *Mover:* Environmental 2019
 - *Seconder:* Civil 2016
 - Motion called to question:
 - * None opposed
 - * 4 abstentions including Software 2016, Software 2018 and Electrical and Computer 2017 - Section 1
 - * The motion passes
- Motion called to question:
 - None opposed
 - Two abstentions: Software 2016, Software 2018
 - The motion passes

5 Business

5.1 [D] Ranks are for the Militaries

- *Seconder:* B-Society President
- Mover speaks to the motion:
 - This was brought to our attention by a classmate who questioned existing practices
 - Emailing ranks by default introduces a new element of competition in one of the most competitive schools in the region
 - After polling the class, a majority were in favour to have the rankings be viewed optionally
- Seconder declined to speak to the motion
- Motion to add ‘for an implementation of a system to check rankings’
- *Motion found friendly by the mover*
- Motion to add ‘based on the opinions of the student body of engineering’
- *Motion found friendly by the mover*
- Motion called to question:
 - None opposed
 - 4 abstentions including A-Society Executive, Software 2016 and Software 2018
 - The motion passes

5.2 [D] Mind the Gap

- *Secunder:* B-Society President
- Mover speaks to the motion:
 - Currently, there exists a period of time where there is no president on-stream, technically speaking
 - The term ‘Academic Term’ is defined consistently in the documents, so it should not be of any concern
- Secunder declined to speak to the motion
- Motion called to question:
 - None opposed
 - No abstentions
 - The motion passes unanimously

5.3 [D] Sponsorship Allocations

- *Mover:* A-Society Executive
- *Secunder:* Mechanical 2016 - 4 stream
- Mover speaks to the motion:
 - Decisions were all unanimous
 - Some teams didn’t show up, while others weren’t of benefit to a large number of students
- Secunder declined to speak to the motion
- Motion to approve sponsorships as listed called to question:
 - None opposed
 - No abstentions
 - The motion passes unanimously

5.4 [D] ECIF Allocations

- Mover speaks to the motion:
 - There was a board meeting on Monday to discuss allocations
 - Some allocation requests weren’t considered as we thought they would be suitable as general expenses
- Motion to approve allocations as presented:
 - No objections
 - No abstentions
 - The motion passes unanimously

5.5 [D] Make POETS Great Again 2016

- *Mover*: Mechanical 2018
- *Secunder*: Chemical 2017
- Mover declined to speak to the motion
- Secunder speaks to the motion:
 - “Back in my day, we had a working volume knob”
- Motion to amend the text to read ‘be mandated to arrange to fix’
- *Amendment found friendly by the mover*
- Motion called to question:
 - None opposed
 - No abstentions
 - The motion passes unanimously

5.6 [I] Leadership Award Presentation

- The EngSOc Leadership Award committee awards \$1000 funded by the dean to someone who has shown great leadership
- This term, we had a record-breaking number of applications and it was a hard choice
- The person selected was able to make initiatives that have lasted beyond her term as president
- Winner: Leila Meema-Coleman

5.7 [I] Teaching Award Presentation

- We had many applications this term, so we picked a winner as well as two runner ups.
- Winner: Derek Wright
- Runner ups: John Saad and Derek Rayside

5.8 [I] Paul Harlick Award

- The Paul Harlick Award is given to outstanding class representatives
- This award is named after Paul Harlick, who was a representative in 1973
- This term’s awardees have exhibited great communication between Council and their class (including this particular meeting): Alex Derus and Sherif Ibrahim from Mechatronics 2020

5.9 [I] President's Award

- President's Awards are given every term to those selected by the executive for their hard work
- This term's recipients are: Akshay Joshi, Eric Shi, Channa Potter, Rachael Schachtler, and Joanna Liu

5.10 [D] New Team!

- *Secunder*: B-Society President
- Mover speaks to the motion:
 - We've got our commissioners selected for the Fall term: Jared Gour (Speaker), Céline O'Neal (Communications), Peter Keillor (Student Life), Mariko Shimoda (First Year), Arianna Skirzynska (Student Services), Steven Jia (Outreach) and Calvin Kwok (WEC)
- *Secunder* declined to speak to the motion
- Motion called to question:
 - None opposed
 - One abstention: Software 2016
 - The motion passes

5.11 [D] CRO Election

- *Secunder*: Electrical and Computer 2017 - Section 1
- Motion to move into committee of a whole
 - *Mover*: Mechanical 2019
 - *Secunder*: Electrical and Computer 2017 - Section 2
 - Motion called to question:
 - * None opposed
 - * No abstentions
 - * The motion passes unanimously
- Motion to move in camera:
 - *Mover*: Mechanical 2016 - 4 Stream
 - *Secunder*: Mechanical 2017
 - Motion called to question:
 - * None opposed
 - * No abstentions
 - * The motion passes unanimously
- Motion to move into committee of a whole
 - *Mover*: Mechanical 2018

- *Seconder*: A-Society Executive
- Motion called to question:
 - * None opposed
 - * No abstentions
 - * The motion passes unanimously
- Motion to amend the motion to add *Sameer Chitley*
- *Motion found friendly by the mover of the motion in question*
- Motion called to question:
 - None opposed
 - One abstention: Mechanical 2019
 - The motion passes

6 Executive Reports

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

- Had a meeting with Peter Douglas – need two more signatures for the syllabus bank
- CRC had a long meeting – they now have a structure to propose at JAGM (June 26th)
- Focus for the summer: JAGM, documents for new council structure, election planning and student experience survey
- Directorship applications for the Fall are now open (close April 4th)

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

- March is National Engineering Month – thank you to everybody for participating
- AGM delegate applications just closed this weekend (results should be out today or tomorrow)
- AGM 2017 will be looking for directors in about two weeks
- This is Ola's last meeting – Will Wilmot will be VP External in the Fall

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

- There's a family photo after this meeting – stick around for that
- Rate-my-coop feature in WaterlooWorks meeting happened yesterday – meeting with other VPs Education, hoping to trial with Architecture in January
- Working on evaluating ongoing resume critiques over the next few months
- Working on getting more employers on board for career fair

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

- Baba Chicken Grill student deal finalized!
- Possible deals with Pita Factory and more in the works
- Currently working on documentation for audits to make sure they're in sync with B-Soc practices
- Square is now set up in RidgidWare – still working on a debit point-of-sale system for the CnD (WEEF has funded a part of it)
- Fire Sale next Wednesday at Novelties
- For next term, in contact with the Spring term Novelties director as well as the VP Finance on B-Soc to make sure that Novelties is stocked up for the Fall term
- E7 will have a CnD; currently working on a plan to make sure that we don't lose money by opening that CnD

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

- Coffee House happening right after this meeting; EngProv tomorrow; EngPlay next weekend
- Interfaculty relations went well this term. We're in touch with all five faculties, but we couldn't hold a huge interfaculty event with everyone this term.
- Over co-op, will work on advertising events better

7 Affiliates

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

- We've hit 14 million dollars in principal
- For disbursements this term, we had five hours of presentations and three hours of deliberations

7.2 [I] Senate – Pallavi Hukerikar (pallavi.hukerikar@uwaterloo.ca)

- No new meetings since last Council meeting

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

- Feds General Meeting today – still ongoing as of this meeting

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

- Winter Leader Retreat went well – all videos (like Meet the FOC) are now public
- In the process of going over all of the feedback with Robin
- Applying for directorships: look at the email sent and fill out the form

7.5 [I] Others

- Iron Warrior
 - Issue 4 is on the racks! Pick up a copy. Big focus on AI and Robots by accident
 - Issue 5 has been pushed forward; submissions are now due March 29th (next Tuesday) at 6 PM

8 Varia

8.1 How many days 'til IRS?

- -46!

9 Adjournment

- *Motion:* To adjourn this meeting
- *Mover:* Mechanical 2016 - 4 stream
- *Seconder:* Electrical and Computer 2017 Section 1
- Motion called to question:
 - No opposition
 - No abstentions
 - The motion passes