# Waterloo Engineering ‘A’ Society
## Winter 2018 Council Meeting #3

**Date:** February 28th, 2018  
**Location:** E5 3101  
**Speaker:** Andrew Dawson  
**Secretary:** Michelle Teplitski

## Attendance:

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**Total Votes Present:** 41  
**Total Votes Available:** 50
1. Call to Order

**Time:** 5:34pm

Quorum established at 41/50 voting members present.

2. Godiva’s Hymn

3. Academic Rep Info Segment

*Speaking: Associate Dean of Teaching, Gordon Stubley (stubley@uwaterloo.ca)*

- The University has made progress in a new course evaluation system
- September: Senate agreed in principal that there should be a set of common questions that get asked in every course in every university (core questions, not pinned down yet)
- Phase 2:
  - Defining course questions and getting them implemented.
  - Students and instructors will be asked to test things out and see how things go (maybe).
  - Earliest stage: fill out the questions for a given course and then meet with other colleagues and have people ask you questions about the way you interpreted the questions, may be happening as early as this summer
- Fall 2017 result from using a new version of the evaluate software platform
  - Sharp-eyed Kathy discovered that there were duplicate responses, and it turned out that there were 180 duplicate responses out of 16 000
  - Duplicate responses came from one person due to a bug in the algorithm
  - Able to sort out the issue based on timestamps
  - Going forward: science computing would like to make sure this problem doesn’t happen again while keeping anonymity
- Fun fact: You truly are anonymous when you submit course evaluations!
- This term, course evaluations will be done online from March 5th – 16th. **Please complete them.**
- Best practices that will be shared with professors:
  - Give class time to fill out the form
  - Have them talk to the class about how they improve their own teaching based on results
- If you notice your professor not discussing course evaluations, don’t be afraid to ask them.
- Response rates are slipping a little bit, so the importance of engagement must be reinforced
- Outstanding teachers get financial compensation (note: this isn’t only from course evaluations)
- Q: Do teachers with very low scores get financial punishment?
  - A: No, but they get disciplinary action from the Chair, directed by the Dean
- Professors really do want to improve their teaching, so it is important to be open and encouraging
- Q: Should we follow up with recommendations that were made to a professor last term?
  - A: The Chairs of each of your departments meet with the Associate Deans, and they value teaching very much.
• Q: Statistically, the highest scoring professors are typically Caucasian males. For the outstanding teaching award, is there any consideration that takes place knowing this?
  o A: No consideration that takes place in terms of diversity in males
  o Female professors are underrepresented only in the highest range in terms of scores, but they are there (3/21)

4. Approval of the Engenda

| Motion: Approval of Winter 2018 Meeting #3 Engenda |
| Mover: CHEM 2022 |
| Seconder: ECE 2022 |

| Motion: Move item 10.5 to be right after 8.1 on the Engenda |
| Mover: TRON 2019 |
| Seconder: CHEM 2019 |
| Results: Passes |

| Motion: Amend item 8.3 to have the subtitle ‘Man’s Not Hot’ |
| Mover: ECE 2021 |
| Seconder: TRON 2018 |
| Results: Passes |

Result: Motion passes unanimously.

Abstentions: CHEM 2018 - 8
           TRON 2018
           SYDE 2018
           CHEM 2018 - 8

5. Approval of Minutes:

| Motion: Approval of Winter 2018 Meeting #2 Minutes |
| Mover: TRON 2018 |
| Seconder: NANO 2022 |
| Result: Motion passes unanimously. |

6. Executive Reports

Ref: Appendix A on Engenda for Winter A Society Council Meeting #3

6.1 President

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

• We are working towards getting a ramp towards RCH
  o Currently on hold because Plant Ops needs to figure things out
  o Not happening this term
• Survey that was sent out got over 1200 responses
  o Significantly more than it got last time!
- Taken into account to the faculty’s Strategic plan, all the way up to the Dean’s level
- Generated a report on how to better utilize some spaces within campus to include more study space
  - Talked to faculty space manager this week
  - Will hopefully bring suggestions to next council meeting for student input
- Leadership award applications are now closed, committee will be meeting soon to discuss, and winners will be presented at the last council meeting

6.2 VP Student Life
Speaking: Mariko Shimoda (vpstudentlife.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)
- Paint night is happening! https://tinyurl.com/y7ceuyc

6.3 VP Academic
Speaking: Patricia Duong (vpacademic.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)
- Email Pat for questions or concerns about updates.
- Pat is working on career fair and needs volunteers!
- Contact her if you know companies and tell your classes!

6.4 VP Operations and Finance
Speaking: Michael Beauchemin (vpfinance.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)
- “You guys know how to read”, referring to the Engenda
- Look at the Actuals, posted on the Facebook group
- Spending for food was more than anticipated due to the rise in minimum wage, costs, etc.
- Actuals are not representative of much because we have not received money from Feds yet
- Stay tuned for actual actuals
- Email Michael directly for questions or concerns about his updates

6.5 VP Communications
Speaking: Céline O’Neil (vpcomm.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)
- FYIC happened, it was lit
  - You will hear more from them about that later
- ESSCO has a blood drive between different Ontario schools to see who can donate the most blood
  - It already started
  - Take a picture and email to Celine or post on ESSCO website
  - Q: Can you put when Canadian Blood Services will be at SLC?
    - A: Will work on it.
  - There’s also a CBS at Walmart at the Bridgeport Plaza!
- NEM is next month, and CFES wants to showcase engineering students
  - If you want to be on their Facebook page, complete the form! https://tinyurl.com/yap8gtwv
- WiE Focus Group:
  - Mar 13, 12:30-2:00
7. Open Floor Discussion

- Tomorrow (March 1) is the first annual PEO day! Get your classes involved!
- How did POETS not have study spaces again?
  - Abdullah had a midterm. He is sorry.
- Genius bowl is this Friday, if you like candy and trivia you should go to it!
- LAN party is also on Friday!
- RCH sucks a lot in terms of accessibility
- We should do something nice as EngSoc for Gordon who is stepping down from his position
  - Abdullah will talk to Pat
- Men who have sex with men are not allowed to donate blood for a year after being sexually active. Do we have any opinions on that?
  - There are a bunch of problems with this all across Ontario and Canada
  - There is a petition for those who can’t participate
  - Direct Response: They are still allowed to donate bone marrow, which is a complex process, but it might be possible to bring someone to do DNA testing for bone marrow transplants
- Accessibility has been having problems getting notetakers. Can EngSoc do something to incentivize that? Our program (ECE 2022) incentivized a tablet for the notetaker. Is there something EngSoc can offer to promote that?
  - From an advocacy point of view, we can inform more people
  - We can put forward a stance
  - Let’s set up a meeting to talk about it

8 New Business

8.1 ESSCO Mental Health Initiative
Speaking: Awn (mentalhealth@essco.ca)

- Most engineering universities in Ontario are members of ESSCO
- Findings from campus-wide mental health things have not been engineering related
- New working group
- 2-3 engineering undergrad students from each school to get a report of what universities do right now for engineering mental health, what are things that work and what things don’t
  - Will be sent out to all universities
  - New exec coming in know what to advocate for
  - These are things in the past that haven’t worked so far and this is what we should implement
- Sing up at http://tiny.cc/ESSCOHealth by March 10th

8.2 Delegate Selection Committee W18

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Whereas:  It is the responsibility of the VP Communications to select A-Soc’s conference delegation.

And Whereas:  A delegate selection committee reduces the potential bias in selecting conference delegations.

And Whereas:  Council appointed a committee last term and it worked well.

BIRT:  A committee made up of the A-Society VP Communications and two members-at-large be formed to select delegates for the conferences in these coming terms.

Comments:
- The faculty spends money on sending people to conferences. The VP Communications typically knows applicants, so it is a good idea to have a committee to avoid bias.
- If selected, you cannot go to conferences
- Q: How can the committee run a voting system without governing documents and mandates and chairs?
  - It can be taken off. This is a consensus-based committee

Motion:  Strike last resolution
Mover:  TRON 2019
Seconder:  Executive
Results:  Passes

Motion:  Move into Camera + Committee as a Whole
Mover:  Executive
Seconder:  MECH 2022
Results:  Passes

Motion:  Move out of Camera + Committee as a Whole
Mover:  MECH 2020
Seconder:  CHEM 2018 - 8
Results:  Passes

Motion:  Include the Names of the Elected
Mover:  CHEM 2021
Seconder:  CIVE 2022
Results:  Passes

Congratulations:
- Jessie Christie
- Jackson Barr

Result:  Passes

8.3 Management Engineering 2022 Motion

Motion:  Management Fam... A Family Biz
Mover:  Management 2022
**Seconder:** Management 2018

**Spirit:** To manage EngSoc Execs

**Whereas:** Management 2022 wants to learn how to manage things

**And Whereas:** Our music vid is SUPER HEAT (and yours is not lol get rekt)

**And Whereas:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zw6UpeFCeN0&feature=youtu.be

**BIRT:** The EngSoc Winter 2018 execs be mandated to pause for 5 seconds and then shout “Too legit” whenever a form of the word “manage” is mentioned

**BIFRT:** Examples of a form of the word “manage” include all tenses of the words: manage, management, managerial, maneggiare (Italian), manege (French), comanage, manageable, manageably, managemental, manegger, micromanage, mismanage, non-management, overmanage, sub-manager, unmanageable and other forms using suitable prefixes and suffixes

**BIFFRT:** Failure to comply with this mandate will result in the offending execs giving each Management Eng rep in the room a hug and a small loan of one million dollars (the small loan is fake news though, so don’t worry if you’re suffering from bad trade deals and can’t pass any bills)

**Comments:**

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**Opposition:** 19 opposed, note CIVE 2018

**Abstentions:** 10 abstentions, note Off-term Exec + Executive

**Result:** Motion Fails

### 9. Director Updates

**P****^**5:

- Tron 2018 still in the lead, managements not too far behind
- Nano 2022 still not winning, but that’s because we’re too busy doing real engineering
- Submit forms!!!
- Email P^5 email which is on the website, or check the website itself for more info

**WiE Wonder Woman**

- Discussion and Screening of Wonder Woman on March 8th aka international women’s day
- Princess Twin Cinema
- Run by engineering grad students who are women for all women!
- Panel discussion + free food
- It is a community event, bring all of your friends!
- Make sure to register on the event website itself, found on Facebook page
- Women are cool
- Facebook page for the event: https://tinyurl.com/y8qdzecs

**Mac Eng Musical**
• Tickets on sale at the orifice $15
• Musical itself is on the 17th

Paint Night:
• Paint night in poets
• There will be beverages
• March 15th
• First years can come!

Rock Climbing Trip:
• $15, happening March 3rd
• Bring clean shoes if you don’t want to rent shoes

LAN Party:
• Big event where everyone plays computer games
• QNC 1502
• Prizes, junk food, and friends!
• March 2nd at 6:30pm

Photography workshop:
• Tomorrow (March 1) at 6pm for beginners
• DSLRs will be borrowed from O-Week

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)
• I love Cameron. A lot.
• Cameron is amazing.
• Whoever is reading this, please tell Cameron that he is a wonderful human being.
• If you have something you want to write about, come see us or email us
• Tuesdays 2347 E2 @ 6:30

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)

- LEADS have been bad and offers have not been sent out, contact FOC if this happened to you
- Winter retreat is happening, it will be fun to meet people with your position
  - Mandatory if you are within 2hrs driving to Waterloo
  - RSVP
  - March 24th, 2018
- We have opened more directorships, don’t feel bad if you re-opened it
  - You have to be a leader to apply for these
- If you know people who still want to be a leader, email EngFoc and they will figure it out
  - ‘I want to be a leader and here’s my name’
- Fire sale is happening at CPH foyer
  - Old orientation swag for sale for really cheap prices
- Join the leader facebook group!

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

No updates.

11. Varia
How many days ‘til IRS?

339 days ‘til IRS!

12. Adjournment

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