

# Waterloo Engineering 'A' Society

## Winter 2018 Council Meeting #3

**Date:** February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Location:** E5 3101

**Speaker:** Andrew Dawson

**Secretary:** Michelle Teplitski

### Attendance:

1 <sup>st</sup> Year Classes							
BME 2022		CHEM 2022	X	CIVE 2022	X	ECE 2022	X
MECH 2022	X	MGMT 2022	X	TRON 2022	X	NANO 2022	X
SOFT 2022	X						

2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Year Classes							
BME 2020	X	CHEM 2020	X	CIVE 2020		ECE 2020	X
MECH 2020	X	MGMT 2020	X	TRON 2020	X	SOFT 2020	X
CHEM 2019		ECE 2019 - 1	X	ECE 2019 - 2	X	ENV 2019	
GEO 2019		MECH 2019	X	TRON 2019	X	SYDE 2019	X

4 <sup>th</sup> 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		NANO 2018	
TRON 2018	X	SOFT 2018	X	SYDE 2018	X		

Other							
Executive	X	Off-Term Exec	X				

**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 Stublely (stublely@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 5<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. **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?
  - A: No consideration that takes place in terms of diversity in males
  - Female professors are underrepresented only in the highest range in terms of scores, but they are there (3/21)

#### 4. Approval of the Engenda

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<b>Secunder:</b>	ECE 2022								
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<b>Abstentions</b>	CHEM 2018 - 8 TRON 2018 SYDE 2018 CHEM 2018 - 8								

#### 5. Approval of Minutes:

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Approval of Winter 2018 Meeting #2 Minutes</b>
<b>Mover:</b>	TRON 2018
<b>Secunder:</b>	NANO 2022
<b>Result:</b>	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
  - Currently on hold because Plant Ops needs to figure things out
  - Not happening this term
- Survey that was sent out got over 1200 responses
  - 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/y7ceuybc>

## 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

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Let's Confer About Those Who Will Confer</b>
<b>Mover:</b>	Executive
<b>Seconder:</b>	ECE 2018 – 4 - 2
<b>Spirit:</b>	To appoint a delegate selection committee for the Spring 2018 and Fall 2018 terms.

<b>Whereas:</b>	It is the responsibility of the VP Communications to select A-Soc’s conference delegation.																																
<b>And Whereas:</b>	A delegate selection committee reduces the potential bias in selecting conference delegations.																																
<b>And Whereas:</b>	Council appointed a committee last term and it worked well.																																
<b>BIRT:</b>	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.																																
<b>Comments:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• If selected, you cannot go to conferences</li> <li>• Q: How can the committee run a voting system without governing documents and mandates and chairs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It can be taken off. This is a consensus-based committee</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td><b>Motion:</b></td> <td><b>Strike last resolution</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Mover:</b></td> <td>TRON 2019</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Secunder:</b></td> <td>Executive</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Results:</b></td> <td>Passes</td> </tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td><b>Motion:</b></td> <td><b>Move into Camera + Committee as a Whole</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Mover:</b></td> <td>Executive</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Secunder:</b></td> <td>MECH 2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Results:</b></td> <td>Passes</td> </tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td><b>Motion:</b></td> <td><b>Move out of Camera + Committee as a Whole</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Mover:</b></td> <td>MECH 2020</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Secunder:</b></td> <td>CHEM 2018 - 8</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Results:</b></td> <td>Passes</td> </tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td><b>Motion:</b></td> <td><b>Include the Names of the Elected</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Mover:</b></td> <td>CHEM 2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Secunder:</b></td> <td>CIVE 2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Results:</b></td> <td>Passes</td> </tr> </table> <p style="margin-top: 10px;">Congratulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jessie Christie</li> <li>• Jackson Barr</li> </ul>	<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Strike last resolution</b>	<b>Mover:</b>	TRON 2019	<b>Secunder:</b>	Executive	<b>Results:</b>	Passes	<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Move into Camera + Committee as a Whole</b>	<b>Mover:</b>	Executive	<b>Secunder:</b>	MECH 2022	<b>Results:</b>	Passes	<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Move out of Camera + Committee as a Whole</b>	<b>Mover:</b>	MECH 2020	<b>Secunder:</b>	CHEM 2018 - 8	<b>Results:</b>	Passes	<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Include the Names of the Elected</b>	<b>Mover:</b>	CHEM 2021	<b>Secunder:</b>	CIVE 2022	<b>Results:</b>	Passes
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8.3 Management Engineering 2022 Motion

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Management Fam... A Family Biz</b>
<b>Mover:</b>	Management 2022

<b>Seconder:</b>	Management 2018								
<b>Spirit:</b>	To manage EngSoc Execs								
<b>Whereas:</b>	Management 2022 wants to learn how to manage things								
<b>And Whereas:</b>	Our music vid is SUPER HEAT (and yours is not lol get rekt)								
<b>And Whereas:</b>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zw6UpeFCeN0&amp;feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zw6UpeFCeN0&amp;feature=youtu.be</a>								
<b>BIRT:</b>	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								
<b>BIFRT:</b>	Examples of a form of the word "manage" include all tenses of the words: manage, management, managerial, maneggiare (Italian), manege (French), comanage, manageability, manageable, manageably, managerial, managership, micromanage, mismanage, non-management, overmanage, sub-manager, unmanageable and other forms using suitable prefixes and suffixes								
<b>BIFFRT:</b>	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)								
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<b>Opposition:</b>	19 opposed, note CIVE 2018								
<b>Abstentions:</b>	10 abstentions, note Off-term Exec + Executive								
<b>Result:</b>	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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>

#### Paint Night:

- Paint night in poets
- There will be beverages
- March 15<sup>th</sup>
- First years can come!

#### Rock Climbing Trip:

- \$15, happening March 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Adjourn Winter 2018 Meeting #3</b>
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<b>Seconder:</b>	CHEM 2021
<b>Abstentions:</b>	CIVE 2018
<b>Result:</b>	Motion passes.