

Waterloo Engineering 'A' Society

Winter 2018 Council Meeting #4

Date: March 14th, 2018

Location: E5 3101

Speaker: Andrew Dawson

Secretary: Michelle Teplitski

Attendance:

1 st Year Classes							
BME 2022	X	CHEM 2022	X	CIVE 2022	X	ECE 2022	X
MECH 2022	X	MGMT 2022	X	TRON 2022		NANO 2022	X
SOFT 2022							

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

4 th Year Classes							
CHEM 2018 – 4	X	CHEM 2018 - 8	X	CIVE 2018	X	ECE 2018 - 4 - 1	
ECE2018 - 4 – 2		ECE 2018 - 8		ENV 2018		GEO 2018	
MECH 2018 – 4		MECH 2018 - 8	X	MGMT 2018		NANO 2018	
TRON 2018	X	SOFT 2018		SYDE 2018	X		

Other							
Executive	X	Off-Term Exec	X				

Total Votes Present: 35

Total Votes Available: 50

1. Call to Order:

Time: 5:35pm

Quorum established at 35/50 voting members present.

2. Godiva's Hymn

3. Approval of the Engenda:

Motion:	Approval of Winter 2018 Meeting #4 Engenda	
Mover:	TRON 2021	
Seconder:	Executive	
Comments:	Motion:	Switch 8 and 7 on the Engenda
	Mover:	Off term Exec
	Seconder:	TRON 2021
	Results:	Passed
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Abstentions:	1	

4. Approval of Minutes:

Motion:	Approval of Winter 2018 Meeting #4 Minutes
Mover:	TRON 2021
Seconder:	NANO 2022
Result:	Passed

5. Executive Reports

Ref: Appendix A on Engenda for Winter A Society Council Meeting #4

5.1 President

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

- Most of my last week was with people discussing the student death, one of which included a one-on-one with the Dean
 - She took everything very seriously
 - A lot of work is going to be put into changing things
- We went to the student mental health forum
 - Some actionable items, they have a really good plan moving forward of the problems they want to tackle
 - Report is published online
 - Talk to us (Michael, Katie, Abdullah, Pat) and we can forward you in the right direction
- We are getting an additional counsellor by the end of the spring term!
- We're getting a sponsored ping pong table for POETS!
- Today is PI Day
 - Pay attention! Winners of acronym bingo will get to throw a pie in Abdullah's face

- Get ready for potluck!
 - Each class is expected to bring food

5.2 VP Student Life

Speaking: Mariko Shimoda (vpstudentlife.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

- Rock climbing was fun
- Free pancakes at the CPH foyer this Friday!
- Get EngPlay tickets online or at the EngSoc Office!
- Paint night with BEvERages is tomorrow
- Puppies in POETS is next week

5.3 VP Academic

Speaking: Patricia Duong (vpacademic.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

- Course critiques are due this Friday
 - Screening is next Wednesday
 - Trialing online screening this term
 - Multimedia lab
- Q: How many people are aware of their options?
 - These are currently being evaluated
 - AI still to be introduced in September
 - Some options are nearly impossible to do, working on ways to remove these barriers!
- Q: How do we convince the Math faculty to let us take their courses?
 - A: I will ask if we can take the courses we need
- No CECA updates
 - No explicit progress → this is concerning!

5.4 VP Operations and Finance

Speaking: Michael Beauchemin (vpfinance.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

- 2/6 transition documents done
- RW Fire sale happening this Friday
- Coveralls are coming later this week or early next week!
- There might be a Novelties fire sale!
- ECIF proposals are due March 18th, this Sunday
 - Capital improvements to the society
- Q: Should I look into finding an exclusive POETS twitter?
 - Check out twitter handle uwpoets
- Took some minutes at PAC-SMH, will release them to the council group and may clean them up for the general engineering public

5.5 VP Communications

Speaking: Céline O'Neil (vpcomm.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

- I've been working on internal marketing
- Trying to fix the LCD screens to make them more useful to people and making it possible to put up posters
 - Generally for making them better look at
- CFES released a case report on student experience based on survey results from last fall
 - Has some analysis between student work load and mental health
 - We got Waterloo specific data which we will share with the faculty
 - Hopefully this will add to the work being done on mental health
- There's hockey this weekend!
 - ESSCO is hosting a hockey tournament this weekend in Ottawa!

6. Open Floor Discussion

- Q: Is there a detailed breakdown for sponsorship?
 - Yes, it was sent along with other council documents
- More details on math not liking us taking their courses?
 - Some options require 200 or 300 CS courses, need a 100 CS course as a prerequisite
 - The Math department requires you to have special permissions which can be a hassle and a half
 - Sometimes courses are not equivalent to engineering courses
 - Some course descriptions have 'Math/Science students only'
- Tron currently has an OS course as an anti-requisite for other CS operating systems courses but they don't overlap at all
- Next council meeting is in POETS!
- Q: Has the WaterlooWorks interface gotten better? No.
 - Can't go to job page from interview page → that's bad
- Q: What happens if you give a course critique to the wrong professor?
 - We screen that
 - Contact Science and Computing. They are in charge of the system and might be able to let you edit things
 - Q: Why can we not edit our course critiques?
 - Pat will ask science and computing
 - Looking into changing the system to make it more anonymous
 - Maybe it is because they are trying to keep things anonymous, because now there is a link between you and that response
- Course evaluating system to evaluate your student advisor?
 - Q: Most people don't interact with their advisor, so is this necessary?
 - This evaluating would still be optional
 - We should still have a way to only have the option to evaluate only if you've interacted with the student advisor

8 New Business

8.1 Sponsorship Allocations W18

Motion:	We Don't Fund Memes, We Fund Teams [Sponsorship Allocations W18]
Mover:	Executive
Secunder:	Off-Term Executive
Spirit:	To ratify the sponsorship allocations as decided upon by the Sponsorship Committee
Whereas:	The Sponsorship Committee sat in POETS and watched presentations for 7 hours
And Whereas:	A delegate selection committee reduces the potential bias in selecting conference delegations.
And Whereas:	The Committee did, to the best of its ability, impartially review and allocate \$6500, plus rollover from the previous sponsorship year, in sponsorship funding to applicants in need
BIRT:	The sponsorship allocations be approved as presented
Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rollover: approx. \$11k • Total allocated: approx. \$17.5k
Result:	Passes

8.3 Constitutional Amendment

Motion:	Now This is Just Ridiculous [Constitutional Amendment]
Mover:	TRON 2018
Secunder:	SYDE 2018
Spirit:	To streamline the Joint Annual General Meeting
Whereas:	Currently the chair of the Joint Annual General Meeting is expected to count every vote on every motion at the Meeting as per convention
And Whereas:	This process is extremely tedious and constitutes a significant amount of the Meeting time
And Whereas:	This voting method is not a necessary one for the Engineering Society's purposes
BIRT:	<p>Bylaw 1: Constitution be amended as follows: Chapter III: General Meetings Section G: Order</p> <p>6. The Speaker may assume General Consent for motions, unless one (1) voting member protests.</p>
Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basically what has been happening at council already • Chairing JAGM takes a very long time • Though it is a best practice, we can function with general consent • If a single person wants to call to a vote, we can do it • Q: Is there any reason not to do this? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ People might not get their voices heard • We will be asked if opposed
Result:	Passes

8.4 Constitutional Amendment II

Motion:	Bye Felicia [Constitutional Amendment]
Mover:	TRON 2018
Second:	SYDE 2018
Spirit:	To streamline the Joint Annual General Meeting
Whereas:	To restrict votes at the Joint Annual General Meeting to paying members of the engineering society
And Whereas:	Currently the constitution allows all types of members to vote at the Joint Annual General Meeting
And Whereas:	These members include engineering graduates, honorary members, and members who have refunded their fees
BIRT:	Bylaw 1: Constitution be amended as follows: Chapter III: General Meetings Section D: Voting 6. At each Joint General Meeting, each A-Society and B-Society Member of the Society holds one (1) vote.
Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are five types of members in the constitution • There are a group of graduates trying to show up and vote at this year's JAGM • Q: Don't class reps represent all people in their class including those that aren't paying? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At JAGM you represent yourself ○ We need funds to run things like JAGM ○ They can still speak and weigh in on issues, they just can't vote on things like the financial matters of the society
Opposition:	ECE 2021
Abstentions:	1
Result:	Passes

8.5 Constitutional Amendment III

Motion:	Just So We're Clear [Constitutional Amendment]
Mover:	TRON 2018
Second:	SYDE 2018
Spirit:	To clarify a non-specific part of the constitution
Whereas:	The constitution has a vague sentence that is inconsistent with the succeeding sentence
BIRT:	<p>Bylaw 1: Constitution be amended as follows:</p> <p>Chapter II: Membership and fees</p> <p>Section C: Fees</p> <p>6. The amount of the Engineering Society Fee may be adjusted only through one of the following two (2) mechanisms:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. By a Special Resolution of the Board of Directors, specifying an adjustment increase of a percentage equal to or less than the increase in the Consumer Price Index for Canada in the previous

	calendar year according to Statistics Canada. This increase is subject to Ratification at the next Joint Annual General Meeting; and b. By a successful Joint Referendum specifying the amount the fee will be increased
Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has it been explicitly stated that the fee will ever go down? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The CPI never goes down, so the fee will probably not go down either
Result:	Passes

7. Feedback Session

Led by: Jackson Barr

Motion:	Move into Camera and Committee as a Whole
Mover:	TRON 2020
Second:	TRON 2021
Result:	Passed

Committee moved out of camera and committee as a whole.

Motion:	Move Item 8.2 to After 9 on the Engenda
Mover:	TRON 2018
Second:	MECH 2022
Result:	Passed

9. Director Updates

P^5:

- Winners will be announced at the last council meeting
- Let's make a P**5 app!!
 - This is not easy
- The class that the director is in always seems to be winning because they are the most invested in P^5, we should do something about that, maybe making an app!
- A google form would be so much easier than an excel sheet!!

Paint Night:

- It is tomorrow
- There will be paint!

EngSoc goes to MUSEUM:

- Next Saturday 12-4pm, March 25th
- Volunteer, it's really chill

EngPlay:

- You can still buy tickets
- Tell your classmates about it, it will be great
- Saturday is cool, hecklers are encouraged to come
- It's fun + fantastic

RidgidWare:

- FIRE SALE!!!!!!!!!!

WiE:

- Next Wednesday, coping and resiliency skills
- Prof is running the workshop
- Not just for women, for everyone
- How to handle a workplace that isn't as accepting as it should be

Tax Filing:

- Surprisingly fun!
- Tues March 20th, 5:30-7:30pm at multimedia lab
- Part 2: Filling the paperwork
- This is not being run by a professional, but the director ben is HELLA knowledgeable and passionate and also does a great job

8.2 Student Spaces Info and Opinions

Moved to after director updates.

Better Utilization of Space:

- Abdullah has been looking at student spaces to see where we can study more
- Mary Robinson submitted a WEEF proposal to get funding for instillation and for buying the things recommended in this presentation (we don't know our budget yet)
- Some spaces:
 - E2 Foyer, near concrete canoe :
 - 6-seater table with wheelchair accessibility space and outlets for where people can work and sit
 - Straw poll: mild
 - We can always move current couches to under FEDS board
 - Recommendation 2: replace the seating now with better couches, such as those in DC near the food court
 - They look weird but are good
 - Straw poll: 1 person

- Recommendation 3: to potentially do both, with the table on one side and have comfortable seating near FEDS board. We did a social experiment!
 - Similar straw poll results to 1
- Opinion: tables and chairs are good
- If someone is sitting at the table, might be awkward to sit with them
- Hopes for this space to be utilized in the evenings too

RCH/DWE Hallway:

- 1: Counter that goes a decent way down and have chairs, not necessarily stools, and have that go all the way down, with outlets
 - Approx. 20ft out of 60
 - The electrical part will be hard but it will need to be funded
 - If we do change it, we will need to consider lighting because it usually dark in there
 - Would not be valuable if the electrical can't happen
 - Might be kind of depressing to study in a hallway underground with no sunlight
 - People are currently studying on that floor, this is key to Waterloo
 - Standing desk might be a good option in case electrical does not work out for temporary use
 - Leaning chairs would also be cool for temporary use for rest between classes

RCH 3rd Floor:

- Curved wall on the third floor
- We have space for some tables, these would not be blocking any study space
- Sometimes that is one of the most congested hallways on campus, that area is filled sometimes
 - We should take a look at how busy that specific spot is and how it would impede things
- Second option:
 - Counters with chairs
 - Less people would be able to sit in this space, but it also takes up less space over all
- Straw poll was half/half for both options

CPH 2nd and 3rd Floor:

- Put tables in there
- Straw poll: mild
- Whatever you implement, let's have a balance between group and independent study spaces
- Again, might be frightening to sit near four people
 - Some people have anxiety attacks
- Should have dedicated areas to group study and independent study
- Let's get sleeping pods
- Keep in mind: There are a lot of study spaces, including classrooms that are empty
- EngSoc should book classrooms and promote them more! Ex. E5 puts up posters for classrooms that are currently available
 - Portal has an app that does that

- More advertising of that would be helpful!
- Physical signs on classrooms are awesome!!! But we should still know when we are not supposed to be there
- Maybe put it on the lcd screens?
- Whiteboards are awesome – would it be possible to have something similar to QNC?
 - Planning on setting something up in E2 foyer
- Some places turn off their lights so we can't study there, keep that in mind
- Buildings have been locked on the weekends which might be a new things → buildings should be open for classroom study space
 - There are some doors that are unlocked
- Message Abdullah if you have anything else to say

10. Ignite Conference

Speaking: Wenson Gan (wgan@edu.uwaterloo.ca)

- Cool lineup for this conference, and we have a party at the end!
- Even if you have no relation to tech, it's a great way to explore the field and learn new things and you really get to know the people who are there!
- cutc.ca/apply to apply
- The conference is in waterloo this year! It will be awesome
- Ask Wenson for questions
- No fee!

11. Affiliate Reports

11.1 WEEF

Speaking: Sarah McCurdy (weef@uwaterloo.ca)

No updates.

11.2 The Iron Warrior

Speaking: The Iron Warrior (iwarrior@uwaterloo.ca)

- ISSUE 4 IS OUT AND HAS GOOD STUFF ON MENTAL HEALTH
- THE LAST ISSUE OF THE TERM IS COMING OUT IN TWO WEEKS TIME, SUBMIT AN ARTICLE IF YOU WANT DUE IT IS DUE MARCH 23RD AT 6PM

11.3 Senate

Speaking: Grant Mitchell (gwmitch@edu.uwaterloo.ca)

No updates.

11.4 FEDS Counsellors

Speaking: Subhan Altaf (ms3altaf@uwaterloo.ca)

No updates.

11.5 EngFOC

Speaking: Nick Vanderveen (engfoc@uwaterloo.ca)

- WLR is next Saturday, you have to go
 - Winter leader retreat
- Email EngFOC if you can't go

11.6 MATES

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

No updates.

11.7 GradComm

Speaking: (uwgradcomm@gmail.com)

- Class portraits are ready, pick them up in the orifice
 - They are called composites
 - You get one if you took a photo
 - Included with the grad fee
 - Please show up when the orifice is open, 8:30-4:30
 - You can't pick them up after April 4th
- One pub crawl left, our last event as fourth years
- Next Friday, March 23rd

12. Varia

How many days 'til IRS?

-40 days 'til IRS!

12. Adjournment

Motion:	Adjourn Winter 2018 Meeting #4
Mover:	Executive
Seconder:	Mech 2022
Result:	Passes