



**McMaster Engineering Society  
Council Meeting Agenda  
November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
JHE A114  
7:00pm**



**ALL ATTENDANTS: Please inform President of your presence.**

**Approved Absences:** Levi Brown (academic), Jimmy Nguyen (academic), Parsa Beheshti (late, midterm), Elena Grigoras (midterm)

**PROXY: (Person for person)**

**Quorum Count: 25**

**Ratification of the Agenda**

Motion passes

**Ratification of Last Council Meeting's Minutes**

Motion passes

**Executive Updates**

President Andrew Cook

The board of advisors meeting is coming up, prepping for that. Main item on agenda is long term time (part of Ben's platform). Going to take what he had, finish it up, bring it to the board, then bring it to you guys. A big part of that is looking into engineering culture, and what we have to do going forward to make sure it is positive. Other than that, going with the capstone project idea, to be unveiled in January.

Discussion:

none

VP Student Life Marko Maric

Sent out an email about website redesign committee. Closing applications tomorrow. If you want to help, shoot me an email. Another thing is the MESsenger finally went out. I would love feedback on that. I'll open that up now

Discussion:

Nick: it looked nice

Christy: it was really concise and that is what we need because people don't want to look at really big pieces of text. So I like how you condensed it.

Dani: I like that you put up physical copies. Bigger pictures in the future would be helpful.

VP Academic Liam McDermott

From the exec feedback, I never talked about the living learning community. So I will go into that quickly. As we all decided last year, we talked about the LLC and said that we do not support it. That was under the pretense that we didn't know if it was happening. Due to some transitional issues, it was already happening. Some of the first years like it, some don't. The ones that aren't in the LLC don't like it. In the summer, Andrew, Dani, Jocelyn, and Hannah talked to the people in res life and talked about running events in the res. In terms of our relationship with the LLC, it hasn't been that solid. We were never in a position to say anything in terms of this administration, whereas the last administration supported the LLC.

Discussion:

none



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VP External Michael Meier

PEOSC was great. Receiving the reports in the next couple weeks or so. This weekend a conference report is coming out. Interviews for congress are coming out this year. We are sending a bigger delegation this week. PDC is going to be earlier this year. We got a big sponsorship from GE so they will help us out. Be sure to look out for the LinkedIn photoshoot happening. In ESSCO, (the congregation of all the student societies in Ontario). Queen's is currently a non-member, looking to join ESSCO as an OEC member only.

Discussion:  
none

VP Finance Nick Alvarez

Right now, I have been very busy with school. I have been signing cheques, just bought a new printer. Applications for the student space fund committee will be coming out around exams (as decided earlier). I'm organizing the LinkedIn Photoshoot.

Discussion:  
none

**Presentation 1: MCAH – McMaster Student Chapter**

Presented by: Conor Crump

Our group holds tours each semester, all engineering streams have participated in our industry tours, we got to see the construction process for a building, gives them a hands-on experiential learning opportunity. At the end of each year, we go to an elementary school in Hamilton and do a STEM experience for elementary school students. Our big event is an Industry Meet and Greet in January. We try to get new grad positions and coops. Information will be sent out in the next week. We have had around 150 people participate last year. We have a competition team under this club. It is run by the MCA-America. The competition gives out a proposal, and for the next two months we will be creating a company profile and submitting a bid. We are having issues this year, because the first conference is in Denver, Colorado, so our costs have increased. There is a second conference (where finals are held) in San Diego, California. Costs are a lot higher this year. Our team has done extremely well in the past 10 years. We are one of the 3 teams that have been top 10 since 2012. We have a great record, this year we will be motioning to ask for \$1400 at the next meeting. I have talked to Mike about the open conference funding, so we will be motioning \$1000 from there, and then we are motioning from the special projects fund for \$1400

Nick: they are asking for the special projects funding at council because it is under \$1500 so we can vote on it, not SAGM.

Andrew: How many members of the team would benefit from the funding?

Conor: 6 of them

Nick: and they're all MES members?

Conor: yes



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Marc: so they money is for transportation to Colorado and San Diego? Are you assuming you are going to the finals based on the last couple years?

Conor: yes because of our great record. We typically do all our funding through industry, but since costs are so much higher than they normally are, we are looking for extra help this year.

Haleigh: do you benefit people on campus with this competition?

Conor: The MCA-Canada hold a Canadian summit. It's hosted in Hamilton this year. We will be hosting it in mid-February. It is the same competition, but in Canada so students will have the opportunity the join.

Haleigh: so the funding will help those students too?

Conor: no, just the 6.

David: do you have a plan if you don't go to San Diego?

Conor: we are definitely going. Even if we are not the top 4 team, there is a presentation component that we will be competing in.

David: how large is your student chapter?

Conor: we have around 30 right now. If you have any questions in the next couple weeks, my email is [crumpcp@mcmaster.ca](mailto:crumpcp@mcmaster.ca). I can either answer questions on emails or meet in person.

## **Other Business**

### **Supdates**

Jocelyn: council bonding event is happening next weekend. I will send an email out. Get your jackets if you need it still. I have office hours tomorrow, and Nick does as well.

Christie (management rep): Hockey Night in Hamilton is happening on November 30<sup>th</sup>. It's \$10 for eng and management student or \$15 for all other students (tickets on sale in the Drain). We are going to a Bulldog's game. Bus leaves around 6:40, game starts at 7:00.

Dani: there is a Movember pub night happening the same night.

Jacqueline (Kipling Coordinators): we have a quote for renting a DJ and lighting equipment. We won't be able to hire a live band, but Kipling will still be great! Planning on writing a cheque soon.

Max (Plumblin): I have been live snapping this council meeting. Plumblin now has a snapchat.

John (Mechanical rep): came up with a logo to sell toques, starting next week. We will have a t-shirt design contest and are planning our next semester social night.

Max: what is the logo?

John: I'll show you later

David (Software rep): had QUSEC meeting last week. Last week we had sushi night, that had a really good turnout.



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Quin (Society rep): Christmas party coming up, board games night went well

Hannah (AVP Clubs and Sponsorship): working out EOHSS system.

Marc (materials rep): Boston Pizza night has been moved to next semester. Running couple other events in the next couple weeks. Thinking of doing a food drive. End of term buffet in CIBC Hall on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mike (Co-OC): Co-OC presentations will be next council meeting. Lauren and I will be available for questions about the position. It was a lot of fun, if you're interested, come talk to me about it. The budget is almost closed, we have been in talks with the MSU with getting the rest of our money with them. We will be working with Nick to finish that off in the next week or two. We haven't bought the water jugs yet, due to a breakdown of communication. Buying them now.

Brandon (ECE rep): industry night January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Ryan (comp sci rep): comp sci is planning an exam destresser

Emily (Tron rep): if you want your face to look good online, our second year reps are running a LinkedIn photoshoot/workshop two weeks from now. Also, we are working on a Boston Pizza Night, coming up in a few weeks' time (Ugly holiday sweater themed).

Jessica (BEAMS rep): had our social two weeks ago, now planning industry night in January.

Lisa (Chem rep): had our dodgeball night and blood drive. Both had a great turnout, now we are finalizing our coffee house night with Civil on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Liam (VP Academic): cookies and cram is this Thursday so if you know how to program, come help out!

David (Eng phys rep): Boston Pizza social was great. T-shirts coming soon.

Max (SRA rep): putting forward a referendum for a \$150-\$200 fee increase to pay for an expansion to the pulse and free memberships for everyone, include new student space being built around DBAC.

Andrew: How does the unit thing work? I heard students pay based on the number of units they take

Max: yes. Students who take more units pay more, even with the breakdown of fees. There's a powerpoint that I will send to you.

David: will the SRA be taking a stance?

Max: I don't think we are allowed to.

David: Didn't you take a stance on the last one?

Max: yes we are mandated to take stances on constitutional changes, we can take stances on non-capital project referendums, and we can't take stances on capital project referendums.

Max: the SRA is currently investigating legislation to make sure you can't bring the same referendums forward. Executive club card was invalidated because they broke referendum rules, sobi failed with 45% in favor, 55% against, Marmor's fee was removed, Marmor's \$5 to make an electronic yearbook was failed. We will keep it going on until around 2020, because that's when the money runs out.



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Dani (AVP Events): we have two events coming up in November: Movember pub on November 30<sup>th</sup>, expecting it to be smaller event because it is a Wednesday. Tickets will be \$10. Next Monday will be Live at the 85. Worked with Hannah to add their events to the MES calendar so you can see what everyone is doing.

Victor (First year rep): having a first year committee info session for anyone who wants to contribute (Thursday from 7-8).

Nick: do you see any benefit from us coming for first year events?

Victor: if you have been on the MES for a while, it is good to come because we can know about events and help for logistics

Max (first year rep): we want to do a Mannequin challenge.

Haleigh: the faculty is making a mannequin challenge. I'm in charge of it. We could do something together if you want to. We have resources.

Barbs (btech rep): applications for new council went out a week ago, submit form by 18<sup>th</sup>. Had a town hall yesterday.

Nick: I got an email about someone wanting to see the BTA budget. Do you need help?

Barbs: no, thanks.

Haleigh (AVP Services and productions): Mannequin challenge for faculty, also doing a holiday video for the faculty. We have a Snapchat for maceng. Have cables for charging system.

Nick; have you heard from Frequency?

Haleigh: yes. Talking to them today

Matt (CRO): we have a Co-OC meeting two weeks from now. It will be in ETB 124 on November 29<sup>th</sup>. It will be sort of an unconventional council meeting. No applications for Co-OC's yet. Make sure you put them in my mailbox if you're thinking of applying. Presidential election stuff will come up soon. Timelines will be released soon.

Barbs: Btech rep too?

Matt: Yes.

Jocelyn: MES photo day at next council meeting. Also, Christmas cards!

Nick: for everyone graduating this year, capstone kickback is still a thing. It will be coming out near the middle of next semester. If you spend any money for your capstone group, there will be a \$200 reimbursement from the MES. If you have further questions, please email me. I will open it up next semester.

Liam: same for B Tech students.



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**Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**

Motioned by: Barbs  
Seconded by: Brandon

Motion passes