



McMaster Engineering Society
Council Meeting Agenda
April 6th, 2017
JHE A114
6:30pm



ALL ATTENDANTS: Please inform President of your presence.

Approved Absences: Parsa Beheshti (injury, proxy Haleigh Longo), Quinn Shobbrook (previous commitment), George Padeigis (class, proxy Elena Grigoras), Aisha Isiaka

PROXY: (Person for person)

Quorum Count: 21

Ratification of the Agenda

Motion passes

Ratification of Last Council Meeting's Minutes

Motion passes

Executive Updates

President Michael Meier

Discussion: We've been looking at doing an exec retreat, more planning for the summer and going forward.

VP Student Life Dani Lake

Discussion: BTM is tomorrow.

VP Academic Luka Samac

Discussion: Transitioned ARC and SAAP coordinators. MES course evals are up, if you do them all, take a screenshot and highlight a course specific to this term and send that to mesevals@macengsociety.ca, you can win a prize.

VP External Jocelyn Lee

Discussion: I have all the applications for AGM together, and will be doing interviews soon. I went through the conference and competition funding forms with Mike, and the cheques are ready. For the Queens Space Conference, Matt Vuk has the money and is dispersing it.

VP Finance Liam McDermott

Discussion: Dani, Mike, and I went to CIBC to get signing authority. Capstone kickback forms have also been done. For conferences from last year, the money is ready. Tomorrow I'll be at BTM for the first bit, and then in the second half there's an MSU VP Finance meeting I'll be going to.

Motion 01: One of us, one of us (iBiomed Representative)

Motioned by: Michael Meier
Seconded by: Tommy Siuda

Spirit: To give the incoming iBiomed students representation on council.

Whereas First year students enrolled in the Integrated Biomedical Engineering and Health Sciences (iBiomed) program will require representation on council as they will be MES members.



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Whereas The IBiomed program does not currently fit into any existing department society. BIRT the ad-hoc position of Integrated Biomedical Engineering and Health Sciences Representative (IBiomed Rep) will be elected to the 2017-2018 MES Council. BIFRT the IBiomed Rep will be elected in September 2017 by the IBiomed class of 2022.

Mike: This is something I've presented before. It should have been motioned last meeting, but I changed the wording. I added ad-hoc position, since it's just running next year, and the outcome of the referendum will determine if the IBiomed students vote to stay as MES members, become Health Science society members, or make their own society. That's why it's ad-hoc, we might have to take out. Doing this because we want to make sure they stay as MES members. BEAMS rep wants to make them feel at home as well.

Discussion:

Santiago: If they vote to go to health sci, is that permanent?

Mike: Yes, that's a permanent change.

Mitch: Not sure how often health sci do referendum. Could be a possibility for students to push for another referendum if the pick health sci and want to change, if they really want.

Taylor: Right now other biomed students fit under BEAMS, why not these students?

Mike: I spoke with Joe McDermid, these students will be cream of the crop with very strong applications, and their program is nothing like any programming at Mac already. Want them to have their own group for the entering 120 students, which will keep compounding, so it should be their own. BEAMS will lose some of their cohort with elec biomed being phased out, and they may eventually be merged into one, but that's a discussion for later. This isn't saying they'll have their own society, just a first year representation on the MES.

Ian: Clarifying, in conversations I've heard it seems that health sci doesn't really want to give these students money. The health science society also doesn't have many student services, and the students won't get money, so there's no real reason for them to want to be health sci.

Mike: So we're trying to prevent them from going off an making own society.

Motion passes (22)
0 Against
0 Abstentions

Motion 02: Removal of Lady Godiva and Superfrosh from the Policy Manual

Motioned by: Ian McArthur
Seconded by: Taylor deVet

Spirit: The increase of inclusivity of Welcome Week as a whole, in combination with the Society's own long term goal of inclusivity as a strategy in the Long Term Plan has made the Super Frosh and Lady



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Godiva positions irrelevant in the context they currently exist.

Whereas Super Frosh and Lady Godiva currently exist in the policy manual under the Graduation Event mandated to run during welcome week.

Whereas these positions are not inclusive to the community of students as a whole. Singling out two students who do not necessarily need additional support to feel comfortable does not fit into the structure and purpose of welcome week.

BIRT Super frosh and Lady Godiva be removed from the policy manual.

Discussion:

Luka: So, last week I noticed the discussion moved away from whether this should be in policy and towards whether this should exist at all. Arguments with passion such as this one tend to create non-productive circular discussion. So, I took it upon myself to analyze this situation and make this "presentation" to council. I've read over last week's meeting minutes and make references to arguments presented last week, so if you don't know what I'm talking about look over the minutes quickly as I talk.

I noticed two main problems people saw with SF/LG. First years get upset that they themselves didn't get the award, and the way the winners are selected is unfair. While both are legitimate criticisms I don't believe outright removing the source is the only solution. I see room for a compromise.

The arguments against this motion were that these are student leader awards, this is a tradition, and the motion seems to be overly sheltering.

Finally, the arguments for this motion were its convergence with the long term plan, first years are still emotionally immature, and traditions shouldn't be mandated.

Now I'm going to dissect all of this. The idea that SF/LG are student leaders is contrary to all the facts we have before us. They can't simultaneously be put on a pedestal and be seen as approachable by other students, and if they weren't being put on a pedestal there would be no need for this motion. I can personally tell you I don't really care for my SF and LG. The fact that they got these awards during my graduation means nothing to me and I don't look up to them for it. I don't see them as student leaders and I have a hard time believing anyone else does. Next, doing things because of tradition is ridiculous. Nothing lasts forever and times change. We have to be aware that the social conditioning highschool students go through changes with time and we as a society have to be able to adapt our welcome week programming to accommodate this. Maybe back in the 80s students were able to handle this situation, but today is a different day and the students are different themselves. Finally, sheltering, the idea is that we're considering removing an award because some people get upset over not receiving it themselves. Should we remove any award we offer as soon as someone is upset that they didn't get it? Should we hand out participation awards to everyone? This argument has serious validity but it is an issue with the fact that this is being motioned and not the content of the motion. This is why at the end I will move to amend the motion in hopes of coming to a compromise.

Next, arguments for the removal of this part of the policy manual. If we as a council are looking to fulfill the MES's LTP then this a step in the right direction. If we're moving towards a direction of professionalism, then we want to avoid putting people on arbitrary pedestals. Secondly, first years are still in the high school mindset where popularity is king and they still look up to redsuits. To me it seems irresponsible as a society to be aware of this and to allow our representatives to say "these are our favourite first years." Finally, traditions shouldn't be mandated. They should be done because we want to do them. Keegan Amy and I organized letters to all of the graduating redsuits this year not because we



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had to by law, but rather because we felt it was the right thing to do. I think it's junk like this that should be removed from our policy manual if we're looking to be a professional society. This line has no place amongst mandates for the operation of \$600k budgets and national representation.

However, the problems outlined originally don't have to be solved by just cutting this out completely. I would hope we'd be able to fix the problems in more ways than one. It is a combination of all of the above that leads me to move to amend the motion by asking the cooc's to pilot a new version of SF/LG for welcome week 2017 and include an analysis of the piloted version's success/failure in their September report to council. I believe this amendment provides the unique opportunity to fix precisely what people dislike about this award, and restructure it to be more aligned with the long term plan.

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BIRT Super Frosh and Lady Godiva be removed from the Policy Manual

BIFRT the current Co-Orientation Coordinators pilot a new version of the Super Frosh and Lady Godiva awards for welcome week 2017, pending executive approval.

BIFRT the current Co-Orientation Coordinators include an analysis of the success/failure of this piloted version in a report to council and include this analysis in their transition documents

Luke: I think this amendment is just to fix the problems with the current way it's done. The way it's selected is unfair, but we can fix it without cutting it out completely. This is better than straight out cutting it out of tradition.

Elena: What if we just turned it into a culture thing? Instead of having it in WW, push it to culture.

Discussion on amendment:

Luka: Ian & Taylor, after our meeting today, I carefully worded this. It says that for WW 2017, you will have to have your plans figured out by WW. You don't have to do it in WW2017. You said you might want it at fireball, that's fine, you just have to have it figured out by WW. This also includes your ability to pass it on to someone else. I also don't want to see it in culture, that's just lumping tasks onto other appointed positions.

Haleigh: I also don't think it's a good idea to lump it onto other positions. WW is the most wholesome thing we have, if we lump it on to culture maybe not so much.

MJ: What if we discussed it with culture?

Luka: I discussed it, and came up with this amendment with them. I still don't want to shift the work to culture.

Zahra: Can we make it an MES thing? We can do it the way we run image of an engineer, where first years nominate other first years. That takes care of how it's not fair how they get it. If we're giving image of an engineer anyways, this is the same thing, for fireball. Same as any award at fireball.



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Mitch: Are you motioning an amendment to an amendment? Luka are you sticking with motion the way it stands?

Zahra: Who takes care of IoE at fireball?

Ian: Director of PR.

Zahra: Give it to them, run same way other awards of fireball. Not in WW.

Jocelyn: Removing from PM doesn't mean completely removing it. Luka is suggesting taking the practice and making more inclusive and aligning it more with the Long Term Plan. Zahra, your idea could be for Co-ocs to look into.

Taylor: If it is amended, is it still being removed?

Luka: Yes, it will be removed from PM, but for this year, you'll be coming up with a new idea. How can we fix the problem with it? If we lump it onto PR, that's not good. If Co-ocs didn't like it before, now you can get it to fix it.

Zahra: It could be run by Co-ocs, whoever, just making it part of fireball. Doesn't have to be Director of PR.

Luka: If this passes, it's up to the Co-ocs to do the award.

Mitch: Ian/Taylor, is this amendment a friendly change?

Ian: Yes.

Mitch: Motion has now been amended.

Discussion on Motion:

Ian: If this passes, we'll have to come up with new plan. Does anyone have any input? Should we ask for it later? If you have any ideas, email us.

Andrea: Pending executive approval, does executive mean us?

Mitch: Executive approval is the executive members of the council; VPs and President approving proposal put forward by Co-ocs.

Christie: I think it's a really good idea. Thank you Luka for resolving, made it a lot more transparent to people. Good motion.

Luka: Whole point of pending executive approval is just so exec takes responsibility. If the Co-ocs do something and exec approves, and the rest of the society or people doesn't like it, exec takes responsibility.

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Other Business:



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ESSCO Survey by Jocelyn Lee

ESSCO stands for Engineering Student Societies' Council of Ontario. We are a provincial organization that brings all the engineering student societies together, and we work towards advocating for students. This survey that we're working on is for advocacy, we're moving towards an advocacy oriented organization. This survey is for how students feel about eng across the province. I sent the email to council, and I was hoping we could spend the next 5-10 minutes filling out the survey. Afterwards, please spread to your faculties/whoever you see fit.

Supdates:

Andrea (Chem): Chem eng ran our roast the profs night, if any departments want to take that on it's great to build fun communities and get to know profs.

Christie (Mgmt): Created new executive team for McMaster Engineering Management Society, looking at getting some swag.

Haleigh (Parsa): Talking with Mike Brown from Double Barrels about making nice videos. Talking to owner of Architect hair design, everyone graduating from Kipling got discount. Meeting in summer to discuss local business/deals. Most editors are set up and transitioned. Making proposal with Liam for CU ads for frequency. Advertising committee applications should be up.

Michael Barbosa (B.Tech): We had our car show on Tuesday, a lot of people come out. Learned a lot more people applied to B.Tech program than normal, so we're becoming more popular.

Keeran (Events): Social committee applications coming out soon.

Helena (Tron): Mario Kart tournament the other night, but we forgot Mario Kart. Also had elections last night, picked VPs and President.

Ian (Co-oc): Come to light up the night tonight. If you have suggestions for SF/LG talk to us now or email us. Planning for the summer, already in talks with suppliers (i.e. bandanas). Going to start organizing volunteers for May at Mac soon.

Taylor (Co-oc): Confirming schedule for WW, any ideas for events let us know.

Ian (Co-oc): Also going to have conversation with exec about mailout, USBs are stupidly expensive, might be something council works on over summer.

Liam (VP Finance): Clarify: Parsa contract, making frequency writers submit work earlier so they don't have to worry about it during exams.

Marc (Drain): Applications for Drain live now, go do that. Also designed swag for next year, product ideas are coming. If you have ideas send us an email. We have this hat, opinions?

Mitch: You can do a strawpull. If they like it, thumbs up, if you don't, thumbs down.

Nick (macLab): nothing for macLab, that's September.



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Max (SRA): MSU plug, light up the night, but it's raining. If you have any problems with MSU, we can sort it out, smooth over stuff with them. On Sunday, elected Vice Presidents, they're cool. A bunch of spots on committees open, if you know anyone interested give us a shout. Going to be on campus over the summer, priority to make a deal between ECCS/Engineering and MSU to allow students on university-sanctioned internships to opt into healthcare plan, want to set up contract by September.

Vicky (Plumblin/Handbook co-editor): Working with Pooja/Max to get plumblin out for exams.

Tommy (Civil): Running bubble soccer, chem and civil, this Saturday

Lacey (Mech): Mech hasn't been able to sell tshirts for a while because they're expensive, this year we're currently selling them, using tilt this year, order them as people buy them, not losing as much money.

Gabriel (Comp sci): Yesterday had elections. Also have applications out for VP roles for CS society.

Carley (Matls): Yesterday first meeting with new council, last meeting of the year.

MJ (Sfwr): Applications are out for our VPs.

Elena (ECE): Kipling didn't suck, so that was good. ECE will be working with B.Tech, started to think of ideas. Chosen most of VPs/council members for next year.

Maximilian (SRA): First years doing great, SRA what Max said.

Victor (PR): Pass

Gabriel (Clubs & Sponsors): Talking with Parsa about acquiring Osmows, Burrito Banditos for MES card and flyers for swag bag for WW. Also, if you're part of club/team please don't submit EOHSS form a day before, you won't get it.

Michael (Eng phys): Yesterday meeting with exec for next year. Capstone demonstrations in MUSC today.

Mike (President): This weekend is FIRST robotics competition, heard it's going to be most competitive high-stakes one ever. If you're here this weekend stop by DBAC.

Jocelyn: Can you talk about new course they're doing for fourth year technical electives?

Mike: It's a course to receive formal recognition for design-based technical Mac Eng teams. Can enroll, used as credit for degree, arrangement for participation with faculty supervisor of team in spring semester. Maintain learning portfolio for contributions to team's objectives. Pass/no pass course. Basically a way to get more recognition. Faculty is going towards experiential learning, so if you're in final year and have tech electives, can get recognition for your technical teams. Still meeting with Joe McDermid for more info.

Liam: You have to be a sub team captain or captain of technical team. Also, they get supervised by prof, prof picks students for this. Tech elective, technically overloading a semester but it's an exception. We've been asked why musical doesn't get this? This idea is this is a technical thing. People are working to have extracurriculars on record for employers though.

Luka: Can you explain more about what the students learning?



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Liam: They're learning what they do on the team. Students says I'm doing technical work, they can get credit for it.

Marc: Usually captains more organizational than technical, why do they get credit?

Liam: It's for technical work, so you need to show that to get the credit.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Motioned by: Gabriel
Seconded by: Victor

Motion passes