



MCMASTER ENGINEERING SOCIETY

Council Meeting Minutes



Unofficial Minutes | Feb. 12th, 2018 | JHE H204 | 7:00pm

ALL ATTENDANTS: Please inform President of your presence.

Approved Absences: MJ Lindsay (night class, proxy Ian Currie), Gabriel Marais (midterm, proxy Dani Lake), Gabriel Gebril (CSS meeting), Danny Nguyen (midterm), George Padeigis (academic conflict, proxy Elena Grigoras), Aisha Isiaka (night class, proxy Dani Lake), Lacey Wice (midterm, proxy Quinn Shobrook), Alex Moica (midterm), Joanne Lewis (midterm), Tommy Siuda (night class, proxy Jocelyn Lee), Adam Cianfarani (CSS meeting), Parsa Beheshti (midterm)

PROXY: (Person for Person)

Quorum Count: 18

****Quorum Count is not met. All motions and presentations tabled until next meeting. Minutes are all unofficial. ****

~~**Ratification of the Agenda**~~

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

Executive Updates

President Michael Meier

Discussion: MecVT, gave them new spot. Paving over an area in Lot M, working on getting shipping containers over, not really working.

VP Student Life Dani Lake

Discussion: Sent out MESsenger. Asking for March one a bit sooner. Elections things, Mitch will talk about later.

VP Academic Luka Samac

Discussion: Meeting with Ken, secured \$3,000 for what we went over budget with for OEC. Have the first of the new set of MATLAB meetings coming up Wednesday. Previously officially cut MATLAB/Maple from math department, now moving forward. ECCS meeting, Jocelyn will talk about it.

Christie: any timeline of when MATLAB/Maple will be cut out?

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Luka: in December, everything from curriculum policy meetings sent to undergraduate council. Missed that deadline, that will be motioned at next undergraduate calendar next semester. Will be changed in 2019-2020 school year.

VP External Jocelyn Lee

Discussion: FYIC on weekend, hosted by ESSCO. Me plus 5 delegates. At plenary, some important things happened. OECAB, advisory board. Students in Ontario have 4 seats, 1 is ESSCO president, 3 others. Plan is one to be ESSCO executive member, other two will be students elected into two-year positions. Elected at AGM. Conference structure has changed. Right now, AGM in June, PM September, PEOSC November, FYIC Feb. Changed. National elections in Jan, Provincial Feb., schools' elections March. Starting 2019, new structure AGM in Feb., PM in June, PEOSC September, FYIC November. Elected for ESSCO Feb., PM will be beginning of summer, more time to do work. FYIC changed to November, when first years go to FYIC want to get involved, gives them time to get involved for rest of year. Going to be a weird transition year. Combine PEOSC and PM into one conference in September, everything will be changed after that. Schools now get credit for winning a bid for conferences, competitions, ESSCO and CFES. Bidding cycle for all ESSCO member schools where you bid conference every few years, OEC every few years as well. Now, when you win, after you host it cycle gets reset. Takes away burden from schools. ESSCO blood drive, starts Feb. 14th if you go donate blood, take a picture, keep it, will be able to submit to form and count as donation to Mac. All schools participating except for Lakehead. On a blood ban, means they can't donate blood. ECCS meeting with co-op. Report, stats and stuff, can bring to next council meeting. Mac Eng has official new mascot, first appearance was FYIC. Cape with glittery fireball on back. Some safety concerns with it; Velcro is hard to rip off, might choke the person.

VP Finance Liam McDermott

Discussion: Wrote a motion, not complicated, swapping directors to coordinators because of portfolio. Can't go over because no quorum. Met with Arlene Dosen after co-op meeting about census. Questions about involvement on campus and off campus students. Paid faculty \$65,000 for machine shop equipment. Met with student space enhancement committee. Talked about ideas we've received, going to have second meeting on ideas from Redsuit applications.

Other Business:

Supdates:

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Andrea (Chem): speech competition happening with Chem Eng, Chemistry. Monday after reading week is industry night with BEAMS. Coffee house dropped to just Eng Phys.

Helena (Tron): meeting with chair of CAS ended. Good, talked about Mechatronics and feedback we wanted to give him. Hopefully will be continuing to meet with him.

Christie (Management): MEMs looking to do event late Feb, early March, lowkey event. Looking to collaborate with ESSA, talking to Quinn about that.

Konrad (iBio): working towards referendum, hoping to have as soon as possible.

Dani (on behalf of Aisha): Women's dodgeball tournament, March 1st 6-9, advertising this weekend. March 10th Ratboy, advertising this weekend too.

Quinn (Society): terrible turnout for brewery tour. Only 2 tickets sold, President and VP social. Too expensive, bad time, bad day. Expressed all of this before, they wanted to do it anyways, got cancelled. Planning some other events.

Luka: those were the only reasons why? Noticing decreased level of student involvement overall, you narrowed it down to those or general conclusion?

Quinn: would say decrease, but having it at 5pm didn't help with people have class. Prices increased from \$5/\$10 for society/non, \$10/\$15 now. Hard to sell. General decrease in involvement, also some bad ideas.

Christie: last year management tried to get people to come to bulldogs game, only 4 tickets.

Barbosa (B.Tech): Valentine's bake sale Wednesday ETB. Movie night Feb. 27th. Either 22 Jump Street or Monsters University.

Marc (Drain): selling Kipling tickets. Working on Drain patch. Got some maps of campus laminated, floors of Hatch and JHE, easier to tell people where classrooms are. (Co-OC): met with Michelle two Wednesdays ago, head of SSC for welcome week. Talked about things went wrong last year, things going forward. National Orientation (NOTA) conference, Mac's hosting, planners from all around coming. Michigan, Ohio, big thing. Talked about rep numbers, trying to decrease across board, for us around 20-25. Resisting. Currently only two training days for reps Thursday and Friday in summer, working out way to get weekend date. Planner training Feb. 4th, good squad. Tryouts were this weekend, successful. Well on time, only an hour late across all 3 days. Tryout pub huge success, thank you Dani and Keeran. Going to read applications, selection 9-10-11 of March, have a month for that. Meeting with Michelle, asking how can we target off-campus and international students better? Send us emails if you have any ideas.

Quinn: to be reps?

Marc: as first years.

Mike: how many people tried out?

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Marc: 382 based on number signed up, exact number around 350.

Quinn: why reduction in number of reps?

Marc: costs. Last year training wasn't huge success. Complaints that rooms in training were too packed. They got their budget cut a little, don't have enough money to train, solution is to decrease reps even though student numbers increasing.

Luka: seen general decrease in involvement in student participation and enthusiasm. Did you see that with tryouts? Less or more excited? Pub night on Saturday?

Marc: pretty consistent numbers from past. 382 was literally exact same number of tryouts from last year. Excitement, my first term, from my perspective people were really excited to be trying out. Think people are still engaged in being reps. Pub night was a lower turnout, Saturday night, people didn't know, midterms. Decrease in that.

Luka: can you go back to committee, especially returning committee, ask them that question? Bring that back?

Marc: sure.

Luka: ask Maria and Ken, they've seen last several years.

Marc: definitely decrease in amount of returning reps. Not sure why.

Luka: maybe ask people? Not formal, just conversations.

Leisha (FYR): First year club having laser tag night March 23rd. A lot of interest, EOHSS approval. Just waiting until after reading week to have meeting, talk about transportation. 12am-5am, only times we could get laser tag place, going to see if that affects turnout. At FYIC this weekend, really fun, learned a lot, good presentations. One on sustainability, that was interesting. One on tradition, stuff about working in teams, good conference overall.

Ian: day of week for laser tag?

Leisha: Friday.

Mitch: start of Friday until 5am?

Leisha: midnight until 5am. Ends 5am Saturday.

Kat: bussing there?

Leisha: yes. Looking into it.

Kat: getting busses might be difficult.

Leisha: Alex has been doing most work on it.

Quinn: we were organizing laser tag, yes can get busses at 5am.

Marc: talked to Alex about, as far as I understand, 1 bus going there and 1 bus going back. Means students have to be there midnight to 5am.

Leisha: supposed to meet after this meeting, might not happen. This week will meet to discuss, will get back to you all.

Quinn: Laser Mania? They lock you in for 5 hours.

Mike: make sure you consider, is it necessary you book out entire place?

Leisha: best way to get reasonable price.



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Michael Jobity (Eng Phys): had Bob Ross night. Spread out paintings across Quantum Tunnel. Planning skating event with ECE, planning for week after reading week. Very close, might have to push it. If your department is interested, reach out to me. Level I info night on March 8th.

Ian (Software): T-shirt designs, got designs, collecting votes to decide what we're making. First midterm destressor this past week, went well. Sushi night coming soon, looking for places with good prices, send any suggestions.

Elena (ECE): Skating event with Eng Phys. Also planning IEEE bonding event. We share space, a little awkward between two groups. Decided good idea get to know each other, work together.

Carley (Materials): Saturday first year review session for Materials midterm. Filled 264, lots of positive feedback, will be doing another feedback session for next midterm.

Leisha: people liked that it wasn't just taking up test. Went through material covered in class, really good.

Kat (Kipling): 39 DTK. On budget, meet with EOHSS to go over pranks tomorrow, hoping everything gets approved.

Desmond (PD Coordinator): PD Conference happened, went pretty well. About 40 people showed up. Not as many as we were hoping for, but again another event that didn't get as much participation as previous years. Partially, we had some poor estimates, thought we had to charge \$15, changed price to \$5, people bought tickets. Also, past few weeks a lot of events have been going on, didn't work with schedules. People who came had positive feedback. Week following collaborated with ECCS on LinkedIn week. Collab on advertising part. We handled photoshoot, 98 people came out to that, more than double the one from last semester.

Mitch (CRO): Middle of B.Tech campaigning, if you know B.Tech people tell them to look out for things. B.Tech voting happening Friday to Sunday. Nominations for MES general elections started. Going to be doing a lot of outreach this year to get people involved. Info sessions being run by Dani on how to run. Invite all your friends, want to get a big turnout this year. Trying to increase visibility of elections, nominations and voting. Department reps, if you can make class announcements about elections that would be great. Spread the word. Making profile pictures, cover photos, if you could all change your cover photos that would be cool. For elections, told you I'd be looking into other services. Two, one is pricey because of size of election. Reached out to science society, they had their presidential elections run, issues with MSU. Talked to Connor McLean, outgoing president of MSS. More elections you have per year it's cheaper, if we can join with them should lower price. Is another open-source platform, issue is security.

Luka: we do have people technically inclined, also a lot of people stressed with course loads.

Mike: people might do it for fun.

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Mitch: open source one, web interface, enter information. Issue with this, we'll have to go to registrar's office ourselves to get student information. Don't know what it would be like from our end. Something to think about.

Mike: in meeting on Friday, President's meeting, Connor was talking about it. Think issue, CRO office moved physically, also moved computers. Coming from different IP address, UTS has thing where if a bunch of emails coming from same IP they get blocked. Didn't confirm the new IP address, could have been issue.

Mitch: haven't heard back MSU about getting elections this year for free. Science got refund for their election, might ask for ours. Won't happen for B.Tech, might be generals.

Luka: advise, don't get students to work on something as professional as this. Suggest the company option.

Lizzy (Administrator): Potentially moving meetings to Sunday nights? Nothing official, if you have opinions on it let me know. Also, if you're going to be absent please don't message me on Facebook messenger. Either Slack or email.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motioned by:

Seconded by: