



MCMaster ENGINEERING SOCIETY
Council Meeting Agenda



November 11 | [MES Teams](#) | 7:00PM

ALL ATTENDANTS: Please inform the President of your presence.

Approved Absences:

Rosalie Wang (iBio FYR) - Illness
 Vaytiere Iglesias - Appointment
 Tasneem

PROXY: (Person for Person)

Rosalie: AJ Kourabi
 Vay: Andrew D'Elia
 Tasneem: Darya

Quorum Count: 25

Ratification of the Agenda

Motioned By:
Seconded By:
For: MAJORITY
Against:
Abstained:
Motion: Passes

Ratification of Last Council Meeting's Minutes

Motioned By: Terrel Marshall
Seconded By: Darya
For: MAJORITY
Against: 1
Abstained:
Motion: Passes

Executive Updates

President: Alex Moica

- Happy remembrance day :)



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- Kept up the dialogue between Nimbus, just for other options to be more informed for our next presentation
- Dec 6 memorial meeting with faculty
- Meeting with Aya for OEC sponsorship
- Co-OC meetings for Welcome Week
 - Presentation for November 25
- Student professional affairs meeting to work around issues and facing common issues and updates from faculty
 - US students, employments is down 22%
 - Lower than the national average

Discussion:

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VP Student Life: Erin-Leigh Yusek

- Wellness is doing a campaign: My Failure Story
- Met with Fireball and Kipling with Carl
 - Will not be having an online alternative but will have other options
 - Ex. Fashion show for fireball and care packages for kipling

Discussion:

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VP Academic: Andrew D'Elia

- Issues with 2Z03 and communications with the prof
 - Hasn't gotten much better, meeting with associate dean
- Continuing debate with proctored - when is it ok to not be proctored
- Still looking for potential alternative than Nimbus
- After SAGM, sent out email about feedback looking for another tutoring program
- Suggested time for academic Town Hall, pushing it to week of 23rd
- Like to have a discussion on taking feedback from constituents
 - Maybe at the beginning of next semester because ever
- Curriculum policy meetings have been changed
 - Biggest debate was fitting some engineering design courses, took a lot of work, had to move around some stuff
- Teaching and learning task force and asked for 3 recommendations
- MEC ran last weekend - looked like it ran well



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- Prep101 contest in partnership winners were sent their vouchers

Discussion:

- Happy Birthday

VP External: Damilola Fadiya

- Finished interviews on diversity in engineering delegates
- ESSCO has surveys on online learning, hosted on their websites

Discussion:

- CFES survey available on opportunities page on MES website

VP Finance: Emma Mandel

- Admin stuff
- Working through exec cheques from the summer and early fall
- Getting accounting sheets ready for bookkeepers
- Seeing if sponsorship packages are ready for winter
- SAGM cheques - department clubs
 - Got most of their budgets
 - Purpose of it is to get mailing address of the person to send it too
 - Unless otherwise specified, everyone should be getting half the amount requested

Discussion:

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VP Communications: Terrel Marshall

- Latest round of academic updates have been posted on website
- Working with Lola and internal affairs coordinators about what to do next month, National Engineering Month
- Working with FYR about how to reach out to Level I students

Discussion:

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Presentation #1: Proper Voting and Representation

Presented By: Alex Moica

Summary:

- Changes making to council meetings (to lower the time it takes)
 - How to call a circular discussion - 0
 - Can be called by anyone
 - Bringing out of order calls more often
- Proper voting
 - When voting for a motion, can either vote for yourself or your constituents
 - Policy changes or something you think strongly about - vote with what you think is best for council and the faculty
 - Elected positions are expected to vote for every motion
- More strict time limits for presentations and motions

Discussion:

- For the circular discussion, what is the amount of people that need to do it?
 - By policy, majority of that meeting
 - Usually just more than 5 people
 - Will be depending on CRO

Presentation #2: McMaster FinTech MES Affiliate Presentation

Presented By: Nassim and Ryland

Summary:

- Dedicated to talking about the financial and technology industry
- Do peer-to-peer workshops, beginner friendly and advances competitions, Industry presentations and workshops

Discussion:

- Talking about team structure, you 'predicted' 85%, do you not have a concrete number?
You need 75% for MES affiliate
 - We're not exactly sure who attends our events
 - The way we market targets engineering students - intro to web dev is something that engineering look for
 - We market through engineering structures
 - We know for a fact above 75%
 - How do we keep above 75%? Targeting to engineering students



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- Have about 200 members in the club, are they general members or just people who attend activities
 - More so the latter, just whoever comes out to events
- With autonomy with funding, could you clarify that?
 - We have funding right now and will be hiring new execs, they can see how much their want to put each subsection of the club (outreach, events)
 - Allows club to run autonomously
- For now, seems like the execs are paying out of pocket, have you looked at other
 - We are looking for how to alleviate financial burden, execs have been out looking for sponsorships and working with them - and so have not done this much
 - Because you need to spend some time with them
- Are you planning on participating in any competitions that are about tech and commerce?
 - Not right now no
 - Seems like a great idea for the future
 - Trying to stick to our own competitions and our brand
 - Have so many stuff for future ideas - think this was one of them

Motion: Move Motion #1 to after other business

Motioned By: Alex
Seconded By: Sakshi
For: Majority
Against:
Abstained:
Motion: Passes

Other Business:

Business Point: Alternatives to Amazon Gift Cards as Prizes

By: Felicia Mikrogianakis

- Understand why it's so popular, but Amazon is unethical and this can sometimes be a deterrent for participants
- Other alternatives: grocery store cards, hamilton business cards and so much more

Discussion:

- Prepaid visa cards amazing



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- Prepaid Visa cards taxed when you activate them, only one thing to consider
 - You pay tax but they still get the full amount, you just need to pay the extra bit
- Thanks so much for bringing it up, maybe even have the winner choose where they want the gift card, specific small business gift cards are kind of hard to generate interest
- What are we going to do for international students?
 - Visa Card thing might work internationally, but might need to look more further in

Supdates:

Equality and Inclusion Officer:

- No updates

Drain Co-Coordiators:

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MacLab Chair:

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IT Coordinator:

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Data Co-Coordinator:

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Sponsorship Co-Coordiators:

- No major updates

Co-Orientation Coordinators:

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FYEC Co-Coordiators:

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Kipling Co-Coordiators:

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FireBall Co-Coordinator:

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MEC Chair:

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Culture Co-Coordinator:

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Sustainability Co-Coordinator:

- Last Friday, ran the first event with the committee Q&A

Wellness Co-Coordinator:

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Sports Co-Coordinator:

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Leader Development Co-Coordinator:

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Internal Affairs Co-Coordinator:

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Hatch Coordinator:

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Lounge Co-Coordinator:

- No updates

Trailer Coordinator:

- No new updates

Mentorship Co-Coordinator:



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Tutoring Operations Coordinator:

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Social Media & Website Co-Coordinators:

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Graphic Designers:

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Handbook Editors:

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Frequency Editors:

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PlumblinE Editors:

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Publications Editor:

- PlumblinE coming soon, new edition of frequency

ECE Rep:

- Not many updates
- Looking to host an among us night - 27th

Matls Rep:

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Tron Rep:

- Meeting with the department about feedback from the program
- Partnered with makerspace and did a workshop
- Will do another one near DeltaHacks



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Mech Rep:

- Planning on running industry night, probably in second term
- Destressor night after exams

Software Rep:

- Had a successful games and study night
- Want to have a movie night, finalizing streaming service
 - If you need an event approved just go to Erin or none of the above

Civil Rep:

- Sent out swag order forms and figuring out how to ship/deliver them

Chem Rep:

- Swag, getting orders and onto putting order out and shipping/delivering them
- Alumni night, Industry event (resume and linkedin critiques)

iBio Rep:

- Feedback for Anatomy and Cell Bio

Eng Phys Rep:

- Planning a meet the profs night

Comp Sci Rep:

- Comp sci society meeting today
- Getting ready to get merch and figuring out how to deliver those

Society Rep:

- First event went really well
- Looking how to have annual society party online

BEAMS Rep:

- Had grad night
- Having lecture series with Dr Wohl

Management Rep:



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- Among us night
- Date for alumni event - January 28
- Planning on sending gifts to every single second year rep - \$5 gift card

BTech Rep:

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First Year Reps:

- iBioMed:
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- Comp Sci:
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- B Tech:
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- Eng 1:
 - With advertisement committee, having meeting next week about first year outreach
 - Having some sort of design studio rep for reach tutorial sections
 - Will be having a biweekly meeting with IAs, instructors and
 - Have you talked to Dr McDonald and Rosalie about extending it to iBios?
 - Did not talk explicitly about this because they are more established, running longer
 - It does differ a lot between the material of the Eng1 Design Studios and the iBios
 - Have completely different projects
 - Would be quite different on ideas to be on the same task force
 - Sociable platform is running through EHOSS

AVP Clubs & Services:

- No new updates

AVP Academic Resources:

- Not many updates, running help sessions

AVP Events:



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- Low submission rate for MES Fashion Show, but not sure will have it anymore
- Talked to Fireball and Kipling about future plans

VP Student Life:

- No further update

VP Comms:

- No further update

VP External:

- No further update

VP Academic:

- 3 recommendations for apart of the committee for teaching and learning for next year
- Working on things course incentive (bonus) and mental wellness (would be nice to have it offline), find a way to fund students technical requirements (ie. emergency fund), standardizing mode of delivery for materials (use only 3, max 4 platforms)

VP Finance:

- No further updates

President:

- No further updates

Administrator:

- Continuing to work on swag

CRO:

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Motion #1: MES and OEC Partnership

Spirit: To have OEC be partnered with McMaster instead of the traditional host role

Motioned By: Aya Aboughanem

Seconded By: Liam Sykes



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WHEREAS: There is no host for OEC 2021

WHEREAS: OEC 2021 team is Interschool

WHEREAS: The schools given this opportunity are only the schools of the chairs

BIRT: The MES supports OEC 2021 with \$3000

BIFRT: The MES receives partner school status at OEC 2021 and is recognized in all promotion

Discussion:

- If the MES chooses not to, would Western become the main host?
 - Did not really discuss this
 - Want both schools to be represented
 - Execs seem very open to it
- What is the most direct benefit that this money is originating from for McMaster students?
 - Supporting students
 - Budget consists of material and prizes and reducing delegate fees
 - More resources will help make it a better competitions
 - Shipping is a huge cost - 300 participants and need to ship to all of them: materials and prizes

For: Majority
Against:
Abstain: 1
Motion: Passes

Other Business Part 2:

- Ignoring Hunters Point :D

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motioned By: Sakshi
Seconded By: Erin
For: Majority
Against:
Abstained:
Motion: Passes