



MCMaster ENGINEERING SOCIETY Council Meeting Agenda



November 25 | [Zoom](#) | 7:00PM

ALL ATTENDANTS: Please inform the President of your presence.

Approved Absences:

Erin Leigh-Yusek - Midterm
Liam Sykes

PROXY: (Person for Person)

Erin - Felicia Mikros

Quorum Count: 25

Ratification of the Agenda

Motioned By: Andrew
Seconded By: Darya
For: Majority
Against:
Motion: Passes

Ratification of Last Council Meeting's Minutes

Motioned By: Lola
Seconded By: Hunter
For: Majority
Against:
Motion: Passes

Co-OC Presentation #1: Kristine and Jack's Declassified WW 2021 Survival Guide

Presented by: Jack Flannery & Kristine Uchendu

Discussion:

- Position can yield high stress, how will you be able to take that and promote self care for each other
 - Communication is key, getting everyone on the same page



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- Have worked together in the past and already have a healthy dynamic of communication
- Even preparing for the presentation, we were busy. Worked together to organize times to work on this together
- What difficulties do you foresee for this term? High stress or anything
 - Uncertainty of how it'll happen: Preparing for as many situations as possible
 - Having a fall back plan
- Seemed like the reps burnt out on the first day of WW, what will you do to make sure that the reps and you will not burn out?
 - More specific to committee decisions
 - Would prioritise that as we discuss and as we are planning
 - As reps, the squad challenges didn't work out in terms of time as planned, some reps felt that they could not leave because of the first years conversation go
 - Ensure that while training reps, pushing home the idea that reps can leave if they need to
 - Open communication every day and address concerns as there come up
- If someone said a red suit made them uncomfortable, what would you do?
 - Gather as much information from the person as they are comfortable given
 - Ask what they can do to make the
 - Priority is making the first year feel comfortable, and following up with the red suit
- Have you considered how you'll be keeping the bubbles for the hybrid models?
 - If we do need to limit the number, it will be taken care of through how we plan the events
 - If it does not work, will fall back on the online model
 - With the hybrid model, do you see any unfairness and lack of community building with some students being able to only attend online events? Do you see it causing a problem with the community were trying to create with the hybrid group?
 - It would be a choice to be online
 - There still are times where the online students are mingling with the hybrid cohorts
 - Experiences will differ slightly but will probably not be a huge difference to the point where students feel left out of the Engineering community



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- Will try our best to make the experience similar to everyone else
- What if a lot of the reps did not want to be in person?
 - Would let red suits choose either hybrid or online
 - Will largely depend on the numbers
- You mentioned you would extend WW reps to December, how do you plan on continuing community feel between reps and first years?
 - It's really about extending the opportunity to build the relationship between the reps and the students
 - More like the squads will meet up once a month to continue that connection and giving that opportunity to the first years
 - Will be encouraging the reps to facilitate the relationship between reps and students instead of it just texting on a group chat
- For continuing the role of the red suits in the first semester, will you be assessing their availability during the semester during the selection process?
 - Would be making it a clear expectation
 - 2 to 5 events from September to December on top of the squad relationship we want them to foster
 - Will let people know of dates much more ahead of time to help them prepare around them
- How do you plan on bridging the knowledge gap between you and being the Co-OCs especially never being on committee before?
 - Pick people to be apart of committee who we believe are able to 'complete the picture'
 - Will not be too shy to ask questions
 - Can you explain how to pick a committee that will support you? And how will you be able to make sure there is no knowledge gap?
 - A lot of it will go into the committee application
 - Will be looking if applicants have been apart of the committee before
 - But will not be a make or break
 - Seems as though Ben and Brendan are willing to continue to help out, last thing we'll be is shy or embarrassed to ask a question
 - When choosing a committee, there are certain traits and abilities that transfer into the role, support will come in the form of those qualities in people (ex. Having organized an event before)



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- Extending the commitment for reps, that would also expand your role as orientation committee. There are MES and MSU related groups already as they occur during the year. How will you differentiate your role and the other groups
 - Will be giving context why we think this is important
 - Seems as though the community is hard to build
 - Feel like reps have already established a bit of that community before the year starts, it would be a waste to not make use of it
 - Could work with the MES, the diversity clubs etc.
 - The relationship between red suits and the students vs mentorship mentors and students feels more casual with the redsuits, that casual conversation is not really there
 - A lot of times students will go to events with people they already know, so asking reps continuing that community is a way to stop them from being alone and being able to go to events.
- Engagement this year may not have been the best it's ever been this year, for squad challenges there were only 2 or 3 others. HOW will you keep the engagement up?
 - One reason that may have happened is because there were so many different squad challenges
 - With one or two squads there will hopefully be more turnout
 - Tweek the happy balance between less events but more involved events
 - The Co-OC encourages squads to merge if there was a low turnout, and would want to continue to encourage that.
- The recommendations that they gave were really effective in helping with the engagement, especially the adjustments to the websites, the scheduling, and the small changes to the squads and making the identity based squads more open during WW
- Being a first year, the comp sci students especially were planning on attending events together and were really building a lot of community
- With squad events, most of the time would only be 1 or 2 other students along with the leader, with the larger events turnout being larger. Was not exactly what I expected it to be because being in person is more comfortable
 - How do those thoughts convey to the applicants?
 - Ideas were great but not sure how people will actually turnout
- At the end of the day, most people may prefer to be free if they would feel more comfortable
 - A lot of it may be because of people's mindset



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- 1000 people sign up for virtual WW, 600 people participated, squads were randomized
 - There are ways to remedy that issue if online again
- With the proposed hybrid idea, their answers to how they will be making the online students feel more inclusive: live events would help a lot to ensure that they don't feel they're missing out
 - Also, a lot of the current first years who are looking to be red suits next year may not know how campus looks like
- The idea of sending more interactive things to students was really cool
 - Walking to mailbox and getting something from Mac was super exhilarating, even seeing the Eng Mug feels like I am apart of the community
- Jack and Kristine have a really great idea of doing half online and half in person
- The applicants have never been on committee, will they be qualified to do this?
 - Being and experiencing WW in person and online, it must be very difficult, just being a redsuit itself is very difficult, would definitely be a challenge for them to do it but everything is difficult at the start
 - Have a lot of really great ideas and it might lighten their load
 - Jack and Kristine are super hard working people and also the only people who applied for this position
 - They get to approach it a lot differently, they don't know what will happen, they will have free-reign on how they will be undertaking WW
 - Will need support, from committee esp and all the reps, should be taken into consideration
 - There's a lot of nuance of being on committee, a lot of decisions and ways things are done are not seen until being on it
 - They also are the only people who have applied, if not them, who else?
- Co-OC Council Leaving to talk amongst themselves

Rick Rolling and Vine Videos :D

Among us game, Ended because alex came back

Supdates:

Equality and Inclusion Officer:

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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:

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Co-Orientation Coordinators:

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FYEC Co-Coordiators:

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Kipling Co-Coordiators:

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FireBall Co-Coordiators:

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MEC Chair:

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Culture Co-Coordiators:

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Sustainability Co-Coordiators:

- No Updates



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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:

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Mentorship Co-Coordinator:

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Tutoring Operations Coordinator:

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Social Media & Website Co-Coordinator:

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Graphic Designers:

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Handbook Editors:



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- Vote for terrel!!!!
- Or Vote for Andrew!!!!

Frequency Editors:

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Plumblin Editors:

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Publications Editor:

- Frequency in the works, editing tin the process
- Coming out in the winter
- Handbooks have been moved abc to hatch

ECE Rep:

- Ran Among Us night last friday, went well

Matls Rep:

- Event with Chem Eng and Co-Op showcase
- Looking to purchase Merch for Black Friday

Tron Rep:

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Mech Rep:

- Working on MacLab process, contacted tech for mech
- Receiving feedback from students about courses
- Getting swag for MSME, making a patch
- Hosting one last event before the end

Software Rep:

- Hosting last event for the rest fo the year, movie night
 - Shrek!
 - If people are interested, will be putting the link in the MES teams
- President for SES wanted to host in collaboration with Health Sci and iBioMed society



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- Getting in contact with that

Civil Rep:

- A lot of cool games during game night
- Come to the next one!
- Is Among Us a civil game????
 - That is so rude :(
- What was the thought process behind not having minecraft as a civil event?
 - Did not want to buy a server, too much coordination
 - Civil but online, need software knowledge that we do not have
 - If you do genuinely need help, we can help! - from Software

Chem Rep:

- Working on MacLab at the moment
- Orders for swag
- One last event before the semester is over
- Heard you guys are desiginina patch, we gave the challenge to the students and gave them a prize if chosen

iBio Rep:

- Planning on starting a iBioMed discord over the winter break
- MacLab underway

Eng Phys Rep:

- Social last friday on discord

Comp Sci Rep:

- Study session coming up
- Figuring out an event to do during exam season

Society Rep:

- Society party tomorrow
- Not only society

BEAMS Rep:



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Management Rep:

- Sending out gift cards to second years
- Alumni event night coming up in January
- Starting a discord

BTech Rep:

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First Year Reps:

- iBioMed:
 - iBioMed council, met with Health Sci profs to talk about how course is going
- Comp Sci:
 - Comp Sci midterm last week, got it postponed this friday due to a heavy workload
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- B TechL
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- Eng 1:
 - In the process of choosing design studio reps
 - AJ and Darya concluded a report on 1P13 for the deen
 - Meeting with Terrel about advertising for the first years, starting second term
 - The task force for eng 1p13, selecting students to be involved in that task force
 - Talked to Dr McDonald about the first year council planning an event that could apply to the whole
 - One person dropped out of the interview, seems like first years are pretty nervous, maybe will send out a supplementary email saying it's nothing too serious
 - Was that from a tutorial group with only one applicant?
 - There were some others

AVP Clubs & Services:

- Same old

AVP Academic Resources:

- First python help session in collaboration with NSBE



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AVP Events:

- Social Committee meeting last weekend
- Wrapping up events and planning next semester
- Feedback form going out, please fill it out

VP Student Life:

- No Updates

VP Comms:

- Meeting with FYR to improve outreach to first years
- Constructing campaign for upcoming presidential and btech elections
- Will you be running as pres?????
 - Maybe?
- Are you excited about the election between you and Emelia where she campaigns exclusively for you?
 - Cannot deny or confirm it

VP External:

- Had FYIC last weekend and CDE (diversity in eng)
- Two surveys open from ESSCO and CFES
 - Go to the deen about COVID and mental health

VP Academic:

- Had conversations with faculty and the SSC about using Nimbus for the tutoring software
 - Likely trying to make this a transition item
- Task force for teaching and learning came up with list of recommendations for winter term, will share next meeting
- New academic updates for October and November
- Trying to create an appeal process for proctoring software, can choose to approach your instructor and have an idea
- Math 2Z03 issues resolved - a lot of confusion
- Course evaluations are live, please fill them out
- Academic affairs committee was apparently disbanded and have re-banded it and returning to it to improve communications between faculty societies



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- MacLab chair has started up, reach out if confused
- Interviews for 2020-2021 MEC chair happening last week of school

VP Finance:

- Working on credit card, having issues paying it online with our advisor
- Main priority setting up Terrel and her first due to subscription issues
- A lot of emails from everyone and trying to get invoices done, getting those done
- Verifying that funds are getting deposited correctly
- Started editing transition documents
- Working on next batch of cheques to go out (clubs and teams, SAGM 1, Special Projects Funding)
- Access to hatch

President:

- Co-OC selection meeting
- MSU are dealing with HSR bus passes, everyone paying, no one paying, DBAC fees and recreational fees
 - MSU campaigning against that

Administrator:

- Talking to Emma and Campus Store about Swag
- Planning for December council bonding

CRO:

- Doing elections for president and B tech rep, coming out sometime soon
- Nomination period end of november
- New B tech rep and President by first week of February

Executive Updates

- *Mentioned in Supdates*

Presentation #1: FYIC Recap

Presented by: Damilola Fadiya

Summary:



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- Hosted by Ontario Tech University
- Mental Health Discussion, Advocacy 101, MES, Breaking Down Imposter Syndrome, Fake it ‘till you Make it, Professor Stories of Resilience
- Approving the AISES Long-Term Partnership, Changing the name and spirit of AGM - CALE

Discussion:

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Motion #1: Expanding Award Selection Committee

Spirit: Having a greater variety of people overseeing Award Selection will result in thoughtful and fair decisions

Motioned by: Alex Moica

Seconded By: Aras Siddiqui

WHEREAS: Awards Selection Committee should be more representative and inclusive of the population they represent

BIRT: That the Equity & Inclusion Officer is included on the committee as outlined below:

4.2.Awards Selection Committee

b) The members of the Awards Selection Committee shall consist of:

- i) Administrator
- ii) Vice President, Student Life
- iii) One Faculty member
- iv) One student who is not a MES Council member
- v) The Equity & Inclusion Officer

BIFRT:

DISCUSSION:

- Award selection committee for TA, Faculty
- Adding Equity and Inclusion officer on the committee
- How is the addition going to achieve the goal that they need to achieve?
 - Equity and Inclusion had been added to be the consultant that trains other members on council of these ideas and ensuring council runs in an equitable and inclusive manner
 - Ensures that the proceedings are in a fair fashion



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For: 15
Against:
Abstained: 2
Motion: Passes

Motion to pass Chair to Aras

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

Motion #2: Make McMaster FinTech an MES affiliate

Spirit: To educate students about current engineering applications in business.

Motioned by: Nassim Terzout
Seconded By: Jack Flannery

WHEREAS: McMaster Fintech presented at the last council meeting and meets the criteria to follow through with this motion.

BIRT: McMaster Fintech becomes an official MES affiliate

BIFRT:

DISCUSSION:

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For: Majority
Against:
Abstained: 3
Motion: Passes

Other Business:

- Do we get results on Co-OC
 - No announcement announced on day of



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Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motioned By: Alex

Seconded By: Carl

For: Majority

Against: 3

Abstain:

Motion: Passes