



MCMaster ENGINEERING SOCIETY
Council Meeting Agenda



February 24th | [MES Teams](#) | 7:00 PM

ALL ATTENDANTS: Please inform the President of your presence.

Approved Absences:

Carl Castro
 Sarah Sohn
 Stephen De Jong

PROXY: (Person for Person)

<i>Person</i>	<i>Proxy</i>
Carl Castro	Erin-Leigh Yusek
Sarah Sohn	Terrel Marshall
Stephen De Jong	Hazem Elkhaiat

Quorum Count: 12

Ratification of the Agenda

Motioned By: Dziugas
Seconded By: Hunter
For: 13
Against:
Motion: Passes

Ratification of Last Council Meeting's Minutes

Motioned By: Terrel
Seconded By: Andrew
For: 12
Against:
Motion: Passes



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Executive Updates

President: Alex Moica

- SPAC meeting to talk about concerns that affect all the teams
 - What the faculty will be implementing based on online learning, what to keep during in person learning as well, has a task force based on this
 - Looking to get healthy option vending machine in JHE and HAtch
- MSU Meeting with presidents
 - Push for greater clarity on proctoring situation
 - Meeting with the university for upcoming year to see how much of an in person element it can have, looking at courses that can potentially be offered in person, no decision so far
 - McMaster is one of the potential sites for Hamilton vaccination site
- Student showcase: nominations for February and March
 - Releasing February ones soon!

Discussion:

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VP Student Life: Erin-Leigh Yusek

- Meeting to get TA and Faculty awards out
- Kipling to send out gifts out to the grads

Discussion:

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VP Academic: Andrew D'Elia

- SPAC as well!
 - Looking to increase the amount of computational access - a lot of computers don't run inventor
 - Creating better documentations for online resources
- Meeting with MSU and president elect
 - Spoke about new ideas and directions in terms of what students actually want
- Met with team involved with Ember to talk about what to do about next week
- Met with Co-Ocs
- Talking about next years 2PX3



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- Operational Meeting for Eng 1, marks are inflated (no secret), hopefully will all even out for stream allocation, can't change the process
 - But are looking to change for years to come!
 - Undergrad curriculum policy passed motion for all programs under Engineering to have a supplementary application

Discussion:

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VP External: Damilola Fadiya

- Delegates selected for the next two conferences
- ESSCO elections have happened
- CFES commissioner positions are still open!
- Online distance education ESSCO survey is out, please fill it out

Discussion:

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VP Finance: Emma Mandel

- Checks have not been received by Alex yet
 - Message Alex about this!
- Updates transition doc
- Meeting with Terrel on Thursday

Discussion:

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VP Communications: Terrel Marshall

- Been working on to get campaigns out about general elections and red suit tryouts
- Publications: met with new publications and handbook editors for next summer

Discussion:

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Presentation #1: Adding the MES-NSBE Action Plan to Policy

Presented by: Alex Moica

Summary:

- Changing the president's bylaw section to state they should also be apart of the action plan

Discussion:

- What's the current action plan?
 - Main points are outreach, raising awareness, academic support (points from NSBE that they saw room for improvement in)
 - Implemented the changes in the action plan → detailed what we did with regards to the plan
 - Donated to NSBE's scholarship
 - Transparency and accountability: making sure action plan is updates
 - Controlling hiring bias
- If we could change the wording: instead of long term action plan to just action plan
 - Seems though it's supposed to be changed every year

Presentation #2: Changing name of IDEA Committee to Equity Advocacy Committee

Presented by: Jessica Radko

Summary:

- Change the name of the IDEA committee to Equity Advocacy committee to avoid confusion

Discussion:

- Is this an amendment to the policy?
 - Just to change the documentation
- I thought the IDEA committee is currently an Ad Hoc Committee? And not an official committee yet
 - Was added to the governing document! Are official :)

Presentation #3: Why McMaster Engineering Should Support Divest

Presented by: Mymoon W. Bhuiyan, Felicia Mikrogianakis, Ehtnan McAuliffe

Summary:

- The case for a fossil free McMaster University!

Discussion:

- Have you been contacting MSU?



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- Working with the MSU working towards the referendum, takes a bit longer to do
- Have they brought this to the president and board of governors?
 - Yes! Is pushing them to divest, McMaster is slowing their investments slowly, we're saying to stop completely
- Can we hear a bit more about your organization and what you've been doing in the past?
 - Brand new, Tomorrow's our first direct actions and doing a professional protest
 - McMaster pushes for us to get green jobs, want them to support them as well
 - Contact with major stakeholders who we think can help push McMaster to a full divestment in the next 5 years
 - One of your demands by the end of this term?
 - Want them to commit to no new fossil fuels by the end of this term
 - We know divestment takes time but we can start by not starting to invest in any new ones for now
- Divesting is super valuable, as the Society Rep and an engineer, we are one of the professions really closely related to the green change
- Have you had any similar conversations with any of the societies?
 - Wanted to work with the MES first - close contact
 - Also working with CAPE (medical school student organization)
 - A lot of support from the faculties!

Motion #1: Letter of Support for MacDivest

Spirit: To support MacDivest's vision for a sustainable McMaster

Motioned by: Felicia Mikrogianakis

Seconded By: Joshua Lawrence

WHEREAS: McMaster has \$37.5 million invested in the fossil fuel industry

WHEREAS: Fossil fuel companies are the largest contributors to global climate change

BIRT: The MES produce an official letter supporting MacDivest's mission

BIFRT:

DISCUSSION:

- To clarify, will we be writing a letter?
 - MacDivest will supply the larger portion of it, just need a signature
 - What do you want us to do?
 - Divest will write the letter, MES is just singing off and putting in the letterhead



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- Can we take a look at the text of the letter as a council, just procedurally speaking, before signing off?
 - Yes!
- Just agreeing to eventually make a letter
- Is there a deadline?
 - No strict deadline but next direct action is next month, if it can be done before March 6

For: 17

Against:

Abstained:

Motion: Passes

Presentation #3: HESE Case Competition: Special Projects Fund Proposal

Presented by: Jake Howran

Summary:

- Requesting money to help cover the prizes cost and a contingency fund that may arise

Discussion:

- Cool idea! Why aren't you opening it up to the entire faculty?
 - It's brand new, and so we don't know too much on how it'll go so hesitant to open up to everyone
 - In the future, definitely room to expand
 - Are looking to integrate the iBiomed in gener, future plan or what is now?
 - Was planning on having all the iBioMeds
 - In future years, would love to get more participants for example from HHS
- Is there a motion?
 - Mandated by VP Finance
 - Last special project fund, we voted on it?
 - Was a mistake
 - Should take a poll because the VP finance
 - We voted on it based on the amount!

Motion #2: To have a vote on Presentation #3

Motioned By: Alex Moica



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Seconded By: Hunter Ceranic
For: 16
Against:
Abstain:
Motion: Passes

Motion #3: Special Projects Funding for the HESE Case Competition

Motioned By: Alex Moica
Seconded By: Josh Lawrence
For: 15
Against:
Abstain: 1
Motion: Passes

Presentation #4: Awards & Announcements

Presented by: Erin-Leigh Yusek

Summary:

- Council awards, President’s award and new MES President announced

Discussion:

- Congrats to everyone!!!

Other Business:

Supdates:

Equity 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:

- Working with other sustainability clubs at mac to run a March 19 Fridays For Future Actions

Wellness Co-Coordiators:

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Sports Co-Coordiators:

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Leader Development Co-Coordinators:

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Internal Affairs Co-Coordinators:

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Hatch Coordinator:

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Lounge Co-Coordinators:

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Trailer Coordinator:

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Mentorship Co-Coordinators:

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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:

- Starting meetings on it now! So they don't end up in publications editor room for months

Frequency Editors:

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PlumblinE Editors:

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Publications Editor:

- Plumblin is out!

ECE Rep:

- Midterm review currently

Matls Rep:

- Matls paint night, chose new president, applications are out for matls MES rep
- Do we need to resubmit all the documents to Emma?
 - Yes!

Tron Rep:

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Mech Rep:

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Software Rep:

- Running events but have an issue regarding reimbursements, no one's taking them :(
- Planning on doing another study night

Civil Rep:

- Swag orders are done and will be going out soon
- Elections will be out soon!

Chem Rep:

- Swag orders are out and delivered

iBio Rep:

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Eng Phys Rep:

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Comp Sci Rep:

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Society Rep:

- Society Merch out!

BEAMS Rep:

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Management Rep:

- Taking this month to brainstorm for the next round of events

BTech Rep:

- Transitioning finance stuff, potentially moving to online banking

First Year Reps:

- iBioMed:
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- Comp Sci:
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- B TechL
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- Eng 1:
 - Wrapping up the 3MT
 - Been doing some work on the 1P13 side
 - Operating meeting, sad to see how much inflation there is in terms of stream selection
 - Run the FYEC event, lot of technical difficulties :(

AVP Clubs & Services:

- Red suit tryouts are out!
- Having a committee hangout event, to meet the committee members!

AVP Academic Resources:

- Looking into getting BTech Help Sessions



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- Working on the testing bank

AVP Events:

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VP Student Life:

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VP Comms:

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VP External:

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VP Academic:

- Redacting the promise of a speech

VP Finance:

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President:

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Administrator:

- SAGM II Form and will update on swag!

CRO:

- Ran Presidential elections
- BTech Elections, had to run a By-Election
- Nominations are open for general elections: Exec, Program and Department Reps
 - Due on Friday
 - Campaigning next week!



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Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motioned By: Alex
Seconded By: Terrel
For: MAJORITY
Against: 2
Abstain:
Motion: Passes