



MCMaster ENGINEERING SOCIETY
Council Meeting Minutes



March. 18th | ONLINE | 6:30pm

ALL ATTENDANTS: Please inform the President of your presence.

Approved Absences: NO approved Absences

- Yovana
- Daulet
- Btech rep
- Eng 1 reps
- First year btech reps
- First year comp sci rep

PROXY: (Person for Person)

Quorum Count:

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Ratification of the Agenda

Motion to amend the agenda, moving the Troitsky Presentation to After Exec Updates, and the 2020 Welcome Week Budget Presentation to immediately after that.

Motioned by: Alex Moica

Seconded: Amy Gullins

Motion to amend the amendment: Add the presentation on Sustainability to be added to the agenda immediately after the preceding presentations.

Motioned by: Amy Gullins

Seconded Ian Currie

For:All
Against:
Abstained:
Motion:Passed

For:All
Against:
Abstained:



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Motion:Passed

Motioned By: Dan Wise

Seconded by: Dziugas

For:ALL

Against:

Abstained:

Agenda:PASSES

Ratification of Last Council Meeting’s Minutes

Motioned by: Chris Liaconis

Seconded by: Emilia Nietresta

For:ALL

Against:

Abstained:

Minutes:PASSES

Executive Updates

President: Melissa Cusack Striepe

Discussion:

- Transition with Alex, helping with by-elections
 - Completely online
- Dani has been working hard

VP Student Life: Aya Aboughanem

Discussion:

- Still don't have a replacement
- Project locker key returns
- Nobody can work in the hatch centre workshops right now
- Window decals for the entrance of the hatch student workshop so it's more identifiable
- SAGM is replaced for reports for clubs and teams to receive funding
- All events are cancelled
- Any updates on Kipling and Formal?
 - We are doing etransfers in place of in person refunds
 - People have to show proof of purchase to get a refund
- Planning BTM, Big team Meeting, working with Alex to plan that.

VP Academic: Alex Moica



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Discussion:

- All Dept reps should have received an invitation from the maclab fund
- Textbook library is closed, a dropoff bin is in the hatch centre, if you can't return the textbook next term
- Transitioning new VP Academic Andrew
- BTM is now going to be online on April 5th
- For mac lab, no mgmt and society reps required
- All dept reps have to go.
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VP External: Amy Gullins

Discussion:

- National engineering month
 - Not much interaction with it
- ESCCO
 - Student commissioner positions
 - Mac people should apply
 - E sports tournament, league of legends
 - Will be advertised online

VP Finance: Ian Currie

Discussion:

- Transitioning Emma in.
- COVID: groups and teams funding for this bit.
- For all the dept reps, we will still be giving you all the funding you would get as long as you submit the report for SAGM
- Closing the books, all expense reports must be submitted by March 31st.
- Working on changes in the lounge
- What documentation is required for dept reps
 - I will send an email

VP Communications: Roberta Boreham

Discussion:

- Transition to Terrel Marshall
- NEM competition, win a google home mini
- FYEC organizing committee
- Vote in the by elections
- Appointed Positions are open
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Presentation #3: Troitsky Open Conference Funding

Presented by: Bradley Stephen

DISCUSSION:

- Troitsky is a popsicle building competition, an interdisciplinary competition. Which bridge is the best in each category.
- Lots of logistics and costs
- McMaster does very well in this competition every year, we have 38 students in Troitsky.
- Why is troitsky not a team or group in the MES?
 - It's only a few months long
- How do we ensure that the students who are receiving these funds are undergrads?
 - New rules for only undergrad coaches

Presentation #6: 2020 Welcome Week Budget

Presented by: Ben Torres-Kulik and Brendan Tomaiuolo

DISCUSSION:

- 74 000 dollar budget right now, plan to err on the side of caution.
- Keeping things the same as last year, cutting out some stuff but adding to others
- Looking to improve sponsorship efforts.
- What's the 10000 in swag for?
 - First year swag
- Product/supplies line of the budget?
 - One of the categories established by the SSC
 - Re: things like move in, misc
- COOC 2021 funding?
 - Money put aside for next COOCs before April
 - Food for tryout
 - Food for toga pub
 - Books for other things
- Bus Pull?
 - Working with the city right now, at the moment there is no schedule yet. We need an alternative route
 - Rentals for the bus pull is more shine related: speakers for the event, generator for literal speakers, and people-speakers themselves.

Presentation #7: Conference on Sustainability In Engineering

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Presented by: Paris Liu

DISCUSSION:

- **LEED is** a standard of certification for sustainable building architecture and use.
- Transformed a house by retrofitting to create a platinum LEED certified house
- Key Takeaways
 - Impact Alliance
 - Use the SDGs
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Motion #1: Events And Bus Monitor Policy Changes

Spirit: Update the policy for AVP Events as it is outdated and incorrect

Motioned by: Erin-Leigh Yusek

Seconded By: Christina Cindric

WHEREAS: The AVP Events Policy is outdated and incorrect

BIRT: The Bus Monitor Committee be added and updated along with all related policy

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DISCUSSION:

- Which committee does the policy specify?
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 - This motion would need to be tabled
 - Motion to table this motion to the end of the agenda before supdates
 - Motioned by: Erin-Leigh Yusek
 - Seconded by: Emilia Nietresta

For:
Against:
Abstained:
Motion:

Motion #2: Approval of 2020 Welcome Week Summer Spending Budget



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Spirit: As one of the Co-Orientation Coordinators, I believe it is imperative we have the capability of developing programming for the new incoming class of engineering, btech, comp sci, and ibio students that will be joining our community. With people and community building as our central pillars, we believe empowering and enabling the new class to develop and grow as individuals regardless of background not only benefits themselves, but benefits the community as a whole.

Motioned by:Alex Moica

Seconded By: Dziugas

WHEREAS: Whereas the Welcome Week 2020 organizers should have access to the funds in their budget to develop programming for the incoming class of first years.

BIRT: The MES approve the Welcome Week 2020 budget and approve summer spending by the Co-Orientation Coordinators and Orientation Committee.

DISCUSSION:

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For:ALL

Against:

Abstained:

Motion:PASSES

Motion #3: Funding for Troitsky

Spirit: Going to conferences can increase knowledge about the focus of those conferences and funding is available to MES members for this reason.

Motioned by: Amy Gullins

Seconded By: Emilia Nietresta

WHEREAS: Many McMaster delegates were sent to the Troitsky competition, you have seen their presentation on what the funding would be allocated towards.

WHEREAS: The Open Conference Funding Policy requires that if they are requesting more than \$500 council must vote on the funding allocation.

BIRT: Troitsky competition delegates be allocated an amount greater than \$500 (following policy manual guidelines) for reimbursement.

BIFRT: The head delegate(s) must submit a report to the VP External by March 20th in order to receive the funding.

REQUESTED FUNDS: Max \$600



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DISCUSSION:

- We should support these students

For: ALL
Against:
Abstained:
Motion: PASSES

Motion #4: Exec Ops Summer Spending

Spirit: Allocating funding to allow next year's exec to actually do things.

Motioned by: Ian Currie

Seconded By: Amy Gullins

WHEREAS: The 2020-21 budget will not be approved until September 2020.

WHEREAS: The executive team will be completing work over the summer.

BIRT: \$6000 be allocated to executive operations for summer spending.

BIFRT: A member of the executive present at the first council meeting in September on what the funding was used for.

REQUESTED FUNDS: \$6000

DISCUSSION:

- For exec ops and Exec Weekend
- What has been the spending budget for exec ops in past summers?
 - 3500, but this was because we were prepping for opt out to be much higher.
 - This year, we know what we will see for SCI. In the past, it was around 8000.
 - Allows us to do things in the summer.

For: ALL
Against:
Abstained:
Motion: PASSES

Motion #5: Emergency Group/Team Fund

Spirit: To assist clubs/teams financially who have had large events cancelled by COVID-19 closures.

Motioned by: Ian Currie

Seconded By: Aya Aboughanem

WHEREAS: Some clubs/teams have had events cancelled by COVID-19 closures.

WHEREAS: Some of these cancellations will have significant financial implications.

BIRT: \$5,000 be allocated from surplus to be passed on to clubs/teams in need.



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BIFRT: The VP Finance will present at the first council meeting in September on how the money was allocated.

BIFRT: This capital budget line be dispersed as of September 1, 2020

REQUESTED FUNDS: \$5000

DISCUSSION:

- A little bit less routine: a relief fund for the clubs and teams that were impacted by the closure of McMaster due to COVID 19.
- Hopefully this money will not be touched. It is so we have some money accessible to us in the case that groups need money. Eg. Musical.
- We are running a surplus this year due to COVID19, we want to put some of that money in a capital spending account so it can be allocated at the discretion of the MES.
- Q: It'll be presented in Sept what the money was allocated toward?
 - We will follow the MSU's lead on this, we will file an invoice on these things to see the money that teams lost before giving any money out.
- Q: Every club and team will be contacted by the VP Finance?
 - Yes

For:ALL
Against:
Abstained:
Motion:PASSES

Presentation #1: Updated Office Use Policy

Presented by: Alex Moica

DISCUSSION:

- This will be voted in as policy next year.
- Lately, it has been noticed that the MES office can be a closed off and non-inclusive place.
- We want the office to be a welcoming place, and remind students that we represent all students in the faculty.
- All changes can be found in the proposed policy changes.
- Is there someone responsible for ensuring that long term storage is not being practiced.
 - Someone who has office access can enforce these rules, but does not have to act on it unless they want to.
 - Who is responsible for enforcing these rules?
 - Whoever's office hour it is can enforce these rules?

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- An MES key-holder can enforce these rules?
 - These rules are more directed toward key-holders.
 - If you don't want to have someone be the bad-guy, perhaps add a line that says, if you see someone abusing these rules, inform them.
 - Location should be updated to say GHC H101.
 - Can we clarify what constitutes MES work?
 - MES work is anything related to the operations of the MES, in any capacity.
 - clarify/decide who is responsible for upholding rules of work in the office
 - don't remove line about no stealing but add something about discretion for taking small things out of the office to use them bring back

Presentation #2: VP External AGM II Accountability

Presented by: Amy Gullins

DISCUSSION:

- See Presentation
- Congrats to Amy on her new role!

Presentation #4: Sustainable Event Planning

Presented by: Alex Moica

DISCUSSION:

- See presentation
- How we can plan more sustainable events.

Presentation #5: Open Conference Funding Update

Presented by: Amy Gullins

DISCUSSION:

- Amounts of money allocated to each group. All clubs: Please submit your info as soon as possible to receive reimbursements.



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Motion to amend Motion 1 to reference a new document.

Motioned By: Erin

Seconded By: Aya

Motion Passes Unanimously.

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For:ALL

Against:

Abstained:

Motion:ASSES



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SUPDATES:

Equity and Inclusion Officer:

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ECE Rep:

- Events were cancelled,
- New president is transitioning for the new ECE society

Matls Rep:

- New presidents for incoming school year
- Interviews for other positions

Tron Rep:

- Elections will happen in new school year

Mech Rep:

- Zofia Olejarz is the new MSME president. Voting occurred but it was mostly just council.
- We have an updated policy manual and constitution to control voting and give the club more structure for next year.

Software Rep:

- Applications for new society

Civil Rep:

- An original sonnet:

*Im just the outgoing civil rep
ill try to make this quick so andrew dont break a sweat
you're some of the nicest people ive ever met
i hope when this is over yall wont forget*

*the epic memes that we all sent
the awesome discussions we underwent
the times that drogas just had to vent
cause to me, every council meeting was time well spent*

*to the new council goodluck everyone,
i hope you're ready to take over cause we're all sooo done
i hope that you guys keep the MES fun
and keep Mac eng number one*

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I'll leave you with this:

Some once told me that the world was gonna roll me

they told me, that i wasn't the sharpest tool in the shed

There was this girl and she looked so dumb with her finger and her thumb

and the shape of an l on her forehead

Well the years start coming, and they don't stop coming.

so make the most out of your year on council cause the time really does fly by.

Thank you guys for everything, I love MY HOBBY, I LOVE DIRT, PEACE OUT

Chem Rep:

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iBio Rep:

- Having elections right now, everything is online and due tomorrow
- Online campaigns next week with voting through avenue
- We contacted the iBio admin and they basically created an avenue quiz for elections.

Eng Phys Rep:

- Good stuff

Comp Sci:

- Boston pizza night planned but cancelled
- Presidential elections.

BTech Rep:

- Boston pizza night planned but cancelled
- Business cards

Management Rep:

- Last time here, it was great.
- RIP musical

Society Rep:

- ESSA elections are a little fudged up.
- Vote for student life

First Year Reps:

Eng:

- Onolusen: Flush takeover was successful
- We are done

BTech:

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iBioMed:



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Comp Sci:

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AVP Services and Productions:

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AVP AR:

- Had our last help/catch up session.
- Transitioning Alex

AVP Events:

- Toga Pub
- PHEK pub
- Transition stuff

AVP Clubs and Sponsorship:

- Will be doing transition
- Any events that were approved are still cancelled.

VP Student Life:

- Can't wait to ratify the new team.

VP Comms:

- No further updates
- Terrel is going to kill it

VP External:

- Good luck to the new team

VP Academic:

- Transition
- Working on policy
- Appointed positions are available for application

VP Finance:

- Good work team

President:

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Administrator:

- It's my birthday
- Still have to cancel my order for 50 pizzas oops

CRO:

- By elections for VP SL and some program reps.
- General elections were a success



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- SAGM is being replaced with a council meeting
 - Motions are not being accepted.

Other Business:

Motion to amend the Agenda to include the new motion:

Motioned by Ian

Seconded by Erin-Leigh

Motion passes

Title: Engiqueers summer spending

Spirit: Allocating funding to allow Engiqueers to go to pride

Motioned by Ian
 Seconded By Amy

Whereas: Pride parade will not be occurring until June

Whereas: Engiqueers have over \$1,000 remaining in their budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

BIRT: \$1000 of the engiqueer’s 2020-2021 budget be available to them for summer spending.

DISCUSSION:

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For:ALL
Against:
Abstained:
Motion:PASSES

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Motioned by: Terrel

Seconded by: Aya

For:Most
Against:2 (Emilia Nietresta and Dziugas Nausedas)
Abstained:
Motion:PASSES