



MCMaster ENGINEERING SOCIETY

Council Meeting Agenda



Tuesday October 8th, 2019 | JHE 2H04 | 6:30pm

ALL ATTENDANTS: Please inform President of your presence.

Approved Absences: First-Years (Midterm)x5, Dan Wise, Victoria Robinson, Daulet Jailaubekov

PROXY: (Person for Person): Adi Gelb for Roberta Boreham

Quorum Count: 22

Ratification of the Agenda:

Agenda Passes

Motion to add a motion to the agenda: Moving hatch coordinator from president to VP Student Life

Motion Passes

Ratification of Last Council Meeting's Minutes

Executive Updates

President: Melissa Cusack Striepe

Discussion:

- Updating key card access due to glitches with H103,
 - Should have access to this room again
- Fippa agreement with IAN, related to opt-out and a list of names of those who have paid their fees.
- Repped mes at elevate tech conference
- Met donna strickland
- Working with Ian on things such as fireball
- Looking to meet with dept and program reps
 - Hawk will likely join
 - Just to check in
 - After reading week
- Reviewed welcome week and coocs for transition to new coocs
- Next meeting will be cooc selections
- Starting on welcome week plan late november
- Eng numbers: 35% intake of female students!
- Attrition: 3.5% Most people who start end with an engineering degree
- Accreditation in 2021
- Calling 1P13 a “cornerstone course”
- PEO info night coming up, will be sharing with us, great for BTech students looking to get a PEng



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VP Student Life: Aya Aboughanem

Discussion:

- Working to make a more organized process of becoming a club
- Adding this to the website
- Creating the EOHSS planning guideline for events
 - Tutorials for presidents and event planners
- Mystery bus last week, turnout not that great
 - Likely moving to a new time
- Moving date for HEK pub out of november
- Oksober fest
- Haunted Hatch event
- Halloween Pub
- Looking for volunteers for Oksoberfest
- Forms for volunteers for haunted hatch will be outs soon

VP Academic: Alex Moica

Discussion:

- Going to a lot of curriculum meetings
- Looking over mentorship program
 - First monthly email sent out
 - Keeping mentees engaged
- Meeting with students regarding academic issues and concerns
- Q: what are some of the curriculum changes being made
- A: mechanical eng is getting an aerodynamics technical elective course
- Town Hall?
 - Adi and I are working on an equity and inclusion town hall, for any students in the faculty to come out and speak about an equity and inclusion points of discussion.

VP External: Amy Gullins

Discussion:

- Went to CFESPM meeting, hoping to sit down and put all the great stuff in a ppt that will be shared via slack under “external stuff”
- Will be a linkedin photoshoot on october 4th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm
- Clothing drive: delayed
 - For dept reps, will be reaching out via slack to create donation boxes
- Congress conference stuff going our for january
- OSPE: now have a hub at Mac,
 - They want to use their resources to spread around campus
 - Looking for an ambassador! Those interested should come see me.
- Q: clothing and monetary donations for the clothing drive?



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- Yes

VP Finance: Ian Currie

Discussion:

- Working on Changes to membership presentation
- Working on FIPA membership thing, figuring out how to keep track of membership
- CFES budget stuff increase
- DRAIN sale reimbursement will be coming soon
- Survey coming out for general info
 - Share this survey widely, we need as much data as possible
- Optout committee to advise changes on how the uni deals with optout
 - If you want to join and share thoughts please do
- ECCS: nuclear career fair this thursday
 - Companies for software mechanical and electrical people coming! As well as eng phys
- FIPPA: freedom of information and privacy protection act
 - Ontario specific

VP Communications: Roberta Boreham (Adi)

Discussion:

fall website: oktoberfest coming up

Motion #1: Legitimize Equity and Inclusion Officer

Spirit: Add Equity and Inclusion Officer to the policy manual officially.

Motioned by: Adi Gelb
Seconded by: Patrick Wojtera

WHEREAS: The Equity and Inclusion Officer policy does not currently exist.

WHEREAS: The Equity and Inclusion Officer position has grown in the past year, and the policy should reflect the changes of the role.

BIRT (Be it resolved that): The Policy Manual be updated to reflect the changes and expansion of the role of Equity and Inclusion Officer and the Equity Committee.

DISCUSSION:

- Changes highlight responsibility of EIO, and what responsibilities will likely be in the future.

For:ALL
Against:
Abstained:1
Motion: PASSES



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Motion #2: ITE McMaster Student Chapter Affiliate Status

Motioned by: Anastasia Soukhov

Seconded by: Aya Aboughanem

WHEREAS: ITE McMaster Student Chapter has already presented to council in the previous year about their group's activities and justified why it deserves affiliate recognition.

BIRT (Be it resolved that): ITE McMaster Student Chapter be recognized as MES Affiliates.

Presentation Link: <https://prezi.com/p/l5zyjdt8vg2x/mcmaster-institute-of-transportation-engineers-chapter-affiliate-presentation/>

DISCUSSION:

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For:Most

Against:

Abstained: 1

Motion: PASSES

Motion #3: MES Membership Policy Changes

Spirit: Clarifying the value that MES members will receive due to changes made because of the student choice initiative

Motioned by: Alex Moica

Seconded by: Dan Wise

WHEREAS: The MES offers different benefits/services to members vs. their non-member counter-parts

WHEREAS: A presentation on MES membership was made at last council meeting

BIRT (Be it resolved that): The following changes on membership are made to the policy manual.

DISCUSSION:

- Presentation now also includes additions to reflect financial aid as a factor of MES membership
- Drain employees are no longer required to apply as MES members, but must be members after employment
- This was already discussed just put in writing
- Many clerical changes
- Dan: Yes.
- How will the cococ's be able to provide these exceptions?
 - It is up to their discretion based on an application-based appeal.
 - To clarify, this does not count as an actual membership rather than being allowed to participate despite not being a member
 - This will not be a written record, which is why the criteria is not completely clear
 - The year such that a student is selected will be the year that a rep will be exempted from MES membership. This should be clarified.



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- The exemption is for the year of selection
- Motion to amend the wording of the changes
- Motion for a 5 minute recess by Melissa
 - Seconded by Yovana
 - In favour: ALL
- Motion to amend existing motion: Cristina Cindric
 - Seconded by Alex Moica
 - Split point 3 into two points
 - iii) Upon selection, Reps must hold an MES Membership for the academic year in which selection occurs.
 - iv) A financial need exemption to the MES Membership requirement may be granted at the discretion of the Co-Orientation Coordinators.
- All: FOR
- Motion PASSES

For:ALL
Against:
Abstained:
Motion: PASSES

Motion #4: Constitution Membership Things

Spirit: To update the constitution to represent the changes due to opt-out

Motioned by: Ian Currie

Seconded by: Cristina Cindric

WHEREAS: The Student Choice Initiative was initiated this year and can be expected to take effect for the foreseeable future

WHEREAS: Significant changes to the meaning of an "MES Member" are necessitated by the Student Choice Initiative

BIRT (Be it resolved that): The following changes to the MES Constitution be brought to 2019-2020 SAGM 1.

DISCUSSION:

- What is the associate member category for:
 - We had this wording before, we don't want to change this because the whole point is to gear this motion towards opt-out stuff, talking about the associate member would call for a second motion
 - Do associate members get to appeal for the financial aid consideration from the CRO.
 - That wouldn't be in the constitution, it would be in the policy manual



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- They could qualify for the financial exemption, based on the current policies we have in place for such a scenario.

For:ALL
Against:
Abstained:
Motion: PASSES

Motion #5: VP Communications Policy

Spirit: To ensure consistent strong communication between the MES and the community.

Motioned by: Melissa Cusack-Striepe

Seconded by: Terrel Marshall

WHEREAS: The VP Communications position has been tested and is showing great improvements for our advertising and organization surrounding our events and services.

BIRT (Be it resolved that): The following policies for the VP Communications be added to the Policy Manual.

DISCUSSION:

- No changes from last time, just here to motion next time. Did some rearranging of supervisory roles to the VP comms. I AM AN APE
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For:ALL
Against:
Abstained:
Motion: PASSES

Motion #6: Taking VP Communications to SAGM

Spirit: Better communication between the MES and the community.

Motioned by: Melissa Cusack-Striepe

Seconded by: Terrel Marshall

WHEREAS: The VP Communications has been a valuable asset to the MES Executive.

BIRT (Be it resolved that): Adding the VP Communications position to the Constitution be brought forward at SAGM.

DISCUSSION:

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For:ALL
Against:
Abstained:



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Motion: PASSES

Motion #7: Motion for hatch coord:

Spirit: to Move Hatch Coordinator positiony

Motioned by: Aya Aboughanem

Seconded by: Melissa Cusack-Striepe

Whereas: the Hatch Coordinator position relates more to the VP Student Life portfolio

BIRT: Hatch Coordinator will be overseen by VP Student Life and the changes to the policy manual as shown in the presentation from last meeting

DISCUSSION:

- This used to be under the president because the president likely made this position
- But since this position has changed so we want to move it into a place it is more relevant.

For:ALL

Against:

Abstained:

Motion: PASSES

Presentation #1: We need more hand signals

Spirit: The goal of this motion is to add more hand signals and to make meetings more fun visually.

Presented by: Yovana Racic

DISCUSSION:

- People may not feel comfortable opposing everyone ditto-dingoing
- People may feel distracted by a ditto dingo
- Ditto dingos may serve as a distraction to actual people trying to make a point
- Seems fun, does it need to be a motion.
- I think we should keep this unofficial.
- We need productivity during our meeting, jokes should go at the end.
- Watch out for dangerous uses of the ditto dingo.

Presentation #2: First-Year Rep Position Inclusive-ness

Presented by: Patrick Wojtera

DISCUSSION:

- Give first year reps legitimate responsibilities to their specific programs and encourage them to assume a position on their program club.
 - This may not work for first year eng reps that do not have another clubs to join.
- Does this apply to eng-reps?



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- No.
- MESSenger? Is that still in the policy manual.
 - Planning to revise this, but we can actually make use of this and will be reevaluating the usefulness of MESSenger
- The comp sci society has this put in place already
- Same with iBioSociety. Though this year it's running a bit different so they should consider to reach out to each society.
 - We will look into this.
- Regarding the first change: about having first year reps get concerns from people in their program. Does this discourage first year reps from being open to other student's feedback
 - In addition to the fact that some programs share classes, so it is relevant to more than one program rep.
- There are certain things that only some programs will understand, but first year reps should be representing all of the faculty of engineering
- You are only elected by people only inside your program, so you should only be obligated to those students.
- Some programs are not as well represented by the MES so allocating more specific representation in this regard may be a good thing. More attention to each group.
- For eng 1 reps, you need to represent everyone in eng 1, for program reps, they only represent people in their program not all first years.
- People may get confused about streams vs programs (ie. all three streams of bTech.)

Supdates:

Adi: nope

Dan Wise: Nothing much

- Bumble, not much
- Second jacket sale on oct 23rd, so get one if you missed out the first time.
- Q: if we want changes done, can we go at any time? Yes.

Yousef

- Super successful event
- Might hold a comp sci mock tech interview on oct 29th.

Hawk

- Mes card back online, go get one if you want them they are a sticker
- First years have first committee meeting tomorrow.

Hunter

- no

Fadia:

- Had a meet the second years meet the upper years. Softball social



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- Early november having a guest person: L3 Wescam

Mel:

- Upcoming meeting dates
 - Oct 29: cooc slection meeting (6:30 start, 7 is the selection time)
 - Nov 5th: SAGM I (6:30)
 - Dec 3rd, last meeting of the sem
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Patrick

- Had mentorship event last week
- Swag sales continuing
- Bake sale
- Halloween
 - Btech hell week

Yovana

- Got a new frequency edition in.
- Should be in dept lounges, please distribute it if there arent any there
- FYEC:
 - Buy coffee urns... may make sense to buy for use at events
 - Will buy 2.
 - What is a coffee urn?
 - It's a coffee dispenser.
 - We will have one for coffee, one for hot water/tea.
 - Holds the hot, brews the hot, dispenses the HOTT
 - Cost?
 - \$75 per urn
 - Decided to spend money on this rather than charging stations
 - Will we still be purchasing charging stations?
 - Probs not
 - Will this be available to rent?
 - Yes! Everyone will have access to the rental form and it will be added to the policy manual.
 - When will this be finalized
 - In time for FYEC.

Chris

- Exec team has grown
- Design lab is finished
 - It is not a lounge, it is a design lab for collab work
 - Be careful with wording around machine shop guys.



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- Located at: 43°15'37.9"N 79°55'12.9"W Mech Design Lab Location
- T-shirt design contest since people didn't like it.
- Working with other depts to put together a coffee house
- Really big industry night coming up
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Dzuigas:

- Happy birthday Ian
- Really good Boston Pizza night
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Sophie:

- Review session for second year course last night
- Working with eng phys for an event later in the fall
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Emilia

- Swag sales yeet!

Alex

- MEC: happening Nov 2-3, registration open until friday
 - Has a new bio competition for the biologically inclined.

Abdul

- Went through applications, had a first eyar join the software committee,
- More general outreach

Alexie:

- Meet the profs with Cam Churchill
- Had a meeting with him,
- Logo contest for management since having no logo is not cute
 - Will start during reading week, will end on the 29th
- There is acc a logo it's just not nice and not used often

Cristina

- Spooooky bonfire at altitude
- Review session for ibio

Aya:

- **Hunter:**
 - Sent an email to all dept reps regarding floor plans for industry nights
 - When booking junction or even the boardroom
 - Indicate the time you will start setup at
 - Even for bake sales
 - Wellness: Naloxone training session!
 - Giving out apples and apple ciders at Oksoberfest



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Erin:

- Mystery bus went quite well, not a great turnout
- Oksoberfest Oct 23
 - Maybe a Smash tourney at the end of the night
- Bike ride around Hamilton
- Petting zoo
- Pumpkin smash
- Halloween Pub Oct 31st at Absinthe
- HEK will be in action for Feb
 - May add another program
 - It's my birthday the day after
- Bought an air popper for the MES
- Q: bumble may sponsor some of oksoberfest?
 - Waiting to hear about this
- Will the airpopper be usable for other events in the MES
 - Yes
- Will the airpopper be available for MES meetings
 - No
- Do you want to make the airpopper rentable?
 - For the time being, no

Amy:

- Clothing drive is in comp with other Ontario schools
- IN IT TO WIN IT
- Also for a good cause
- Monetary donations accepted, goes to helping hands charity
- Money will not count towards our score
- Financial literacy PD events from scotiabank (oct 28th)
 - Investing
 - Doing it with engineering grad society
 - Wil be focused on post grad life and beyond
- If interested in OSPE come see me!
- Clothing drive is effective now!
 - Seasonal clothes preferred
 - Skinny jeans preferred.

Ian:

- Coffee urns
- Survey: right on the front of the MES website
- Called the MES survey



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- Reminder of the nuclear career fair on thursday

Terrel:

- Two MES help sessions
 - One for physics and the other for math
 - Good turnout
 - Enjoyable
 - Reach out to first years and spread awareness.

Andrew:

- Please submit motions and presentations ON TIME
- Swag orders have been placed! Hoping to take the tax off the orders

Mike:

- Absences will be tracked
 - Must be submitted more than 24 hours prior
 - It will be counted and it will call for discussion if it happens more than once
 - May be cut from council as a result
 - Will be reaching out to those who missed todays meeting
 - Is removal from council a voted thing?
 - It's in the policy that after two unnotified absences
 - Discretion for removal will be taken
 - Exec will not be voting to remove people, it will be reviewed by the CRO
- Should we let you know before a meeting if we are going to be late?
 - Yes please tell both me and Andrew if you are going to be late!
- Motion to put Ian on camera:
 - seconder : Sophie
 - For: ALL
 - Opposed:
 - Abstained:
 - Motion: PASSES

Other Business:

- Are meetings at 6:30?
 - They are generally going to take place at 6:30, although the next few will be at SAGM.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motioned by:Yovana
Seconded by:Amy

For:ALL
 Against
 Abstained
 Motion:PASSES