



MCMaster ENGINEERING SOCIETY

Council Meeting Minutes



Sept. 26th, 2018 | H204/B | 7:00 p.m.

ALL ATTENDANTS: Please inform President of your presence.

Approved Absences: Jed Gonzales, Marina Manoraj, Cynthia Pham, Ian Currie (Melissa Cusack Striepe), Emma Levy (Santiago Vera), Jonathan Wang, Amy Gullins (Andrew Aslanidis), Aras Siddiqui (Zaid Khan), Katya Lemos (Melissa Cusack Striepe), Brendan Tomaiuolo (Keegan Amy), Leisha Fernando (Rachel McKenzie). (NOTE: many of the people listed above did not respond for this specific reason, so it has been assumed that they will be absent based on the fact that they had class during our last meeting. Their proxies are the same as last time.)

PROXY: (Person for Person)

Quorum Count:

Ratification of the Agenda

Majority ____
 ____ opposed
 ____ abstained
Motion ____

Ratification of Last Council Meeting's Minutes

Majority ____
 ____ opposed
 ____ abstained
Motion ____

Executive Updates

President: Liam McDermott

Discussion: Went with Ian (VP Academic), Michael Barbosa (Chief Returning Officer), Erin (Associate Vice President, Clubs & Sponsorship) and three of our first year reps to Adventure Works for leadership training and team bonding. Due to delays for our elections and everyone else's availability we had a small group, which I will make note of in my transition report.

David Hobson and I launched the new MES website. I am pretty sure that the details for how it is currently being ran was touched on in the last meeting, if this is not the case then I will be more than happy to discuss this again.

I went to a meeting for the Co-op Operating Committee, I'll let Melissa talk about it since it's a part of her portfolio. I invited Kathryn Leistner (Co-op Manager) to come to a council meeting to say hello. The exact one she will come to is to be announced.



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I chaired the Student and Professional Affairs Committee with the Engineering Graduate Society (EGS) President (Micheal Luit) last week. The Committee spoke about potential workshop collaborations between the MES & EGS which will be followed upon within a couple of weeks.

The McMaster Student Union (MSU) will start its President's Council Meetings this Friday. All faculty society presidents are a part of the council so if any of you need or want things from the MSU or from a faculty society, please let me know.

Julia Bauer (Hatch Coordinator) and I have been working on using the lockers in Hatch for capstone projects, she will send a google form and an email to all of the undergraduate administrators for each department so students can rent those lockers (for free) during the school year.

VP Student Life: Katya Lemos

Discussion:

VP Academic: Ian Currie

Discussion:

- Gotten started with technical interview prep, first one is scheduled from 7–9 on Oct. 16 in the junction. Will be software related, in collaboration with Google.
- Met with MSU for the academic affairs committee, nothing too vital to report, but we're working on advocating for more open source educational resources (so that more textbooks would be available for free). As well as putting some effort into populating the MSU course wiki. (Available at <https://www.msumcmaster.ca/wiki/pages/2512-course-wiki> , I might be asking for some help with advocating for filling out eng courses in the future, will keep you all posted if that is the case)
- Cookies & cram for 1D03 test 1 is happening October 2, 6:30-9:30
- Curriculum Policy, & MacPherson Institute meetings are happening, no substantial updates to report however

VP External: Melissa Cusack Striepe

Discussion:

- Attended ESSCO PM: see presentation on ESSCO PM.
 - o ESSCO Sports
 - § Volleyball Tournament will be coming up in January, but registration is starting November 12th. Cost TBD. If interested email me.
 - § E-sports Tournament will be happening end of October. Registration will start October 4th. If interested, please email me.
 - § ESSCO Hockey will be next semester in Ottawa.
 - o OSPE Liaison Officer
 - § This year VPX will hold this position but may be turned into a directorship position.

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- § Considering creating our own agreement with OSPE on the tasks this individual will complete.
- o Bell Let's Talk Campaign
 - § Will probably be coming up with ESSCO and OSPE. More details to come.
- o Mental Health Resources for Students
 - § Lots of schools do this differently. Will be working with Wellness Coordinators.
- o Now
- Sustainability Committee
 - o First meeting coming up.
- Now selling ESSCO patches at the drain.
- Conference on Diversity in Engineering, and the Professional Engineers of Ontario Student Conference applications are out.
 - o CDE will be Nov 9th -11th
 - o PEO-SC will be Nov 2nd – 4th
- George Vari Innovation Conference at Ryerson Nov 2nd – 4th
 - o Chris Hadfield
 - o Case Competition
 - o Apply on their website.
- We are DUE TO BID at FYIC 2019 (in early February).
 - o What does this mean?
 - § McMaster has to bid to host an ESSCO conference. We will be looking for and interviewing chairs that want to bid for AGM, PM, or FYIC in 2020.
 - § FYIC: First Year Integration Conference, will be happening in Nov 2020.
 - § AGM: Annual General Meeting, will be happening in Feb 2020.
 - § PM: Presidents Meeting, will be happening in June 2020.
 - o We will be advertising in October & Hosting interviews to choose the bidders in November so that December & January can be used to help prepare these chairs for a strong bid.

LinkedIn Photoshoot coming up October 2nd.

VP Finance: Nick Aubry

Discussion:



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Motion #1: Reigning in the mileage rate

Motioned/Presented by: Nick Aubry
Seconded by: Keegan Amy

Whereas at SAGM II this past year the mileage rate for reimbursement was increased from \$0.12/km to \$0.55/km.

Whereas after crunching the finances at this rate of mileage, the nearly 500% increase will use the conference/competitions budget lines up very quickly and minimize how many people are able to attend these opportunities

BIRT the MES reimbursement amount for mileage be changed to \$0.22/km as this will cover gas and wear on driving to events while still allowing a similar amount of people to attend.

BIRT the following changes be made to Section K, Subsection 2 of the MES policy manual:

2.7. Gasoline/mileage reimbursement for eligible travel (determined by VP Finance) expenses will be \$0.55-\$0.22 per kilometre in accordance with the Government of Canada's "Reasonable per kilometre allowance" and will be updated annually in accordance with the Government. Supporting map data stating total shortest distance travelled must be submitted.

Motion #2: Le Drain Meets 2018

Motioned by: Keegan Amy
Seconded by:

Whereas the drain square system is old and broken.

BIRT the drain uses \$732.24 of the long-term investment value to purchase updated system.

Presentation #1: Le Drain Meets 2018

Presented by: Keegan Amy

Presentation #2: ESSCO PM

Presented by: Melissa Cusack Striepe

Presentation #3: MedHacks

Presented by: Melissa Cusack Striepe

Other Business:

Supdates:

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motioned by:
Seconded by: