



MCMaster ENGINEERING SOCIETY
Council Meeting Minutes



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ALL ATTENDANTS: Please inform President of your presence.

Approved Absences: Patrick Wojtera (Midterm, Erin Nunn), Aras Siddiqui (Midterm, Zaid Khan), Brendan Tomaoulo (Night Class, ___), Aya Aboughanem (MEC, ___), Katya Lemos (Night Class, Melissa Cusack Striepe), Hassan Elaghoury (___, Zaid Khan), Kaylie Lau (BEAMS, Alexandra Whyard), Brodie Bresette (Midterm, Melissa Cusack Striepe), Cynthia Pham (night class), Marina Manoraj (night class), Ian Currie (tentative, Lab, Nick Aubry).

PROXY: (Person for Person)

Quorum Count: 19

Ratification of the Agenda

Majority For
 None Opposed
 None Abstained
 Motion Passes

Ratification of Last Council Meeting's Minutes

Majority For
 None Opposed
 1 Abstained
 Motion Passes

Executive Updates:

President: Liam McDermott

Discussion:

Had a meeting about getting money to get civil structure back
 Quick history on civil structure
 Working with the deans and it's COMING HOME
 Walters Inc. - original donor so they will be donating again for it
 Will be deciding soon, costs 30k to update, repaint and fix
 Image of an engineer award presentation is ready, showing you this meeting so we can fix and edit together
 Town hall for the LTP sometime next week, waiting to find a suitable room



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VP Student Life: Katya Lemos

Discussion:

- tvs should be functional by the end of the week --> there was an issue with facilities not installing the power cord and safety mechanism for them. Will be used for advertising, marketing etc.
- met with Dan Picone to talk about his new role in experiential learning, and how we can work together for clubs and teams

VP Academic: Ian Currie

Discussion:

- technical interview night was last night, it was an "experiment" to say the least, will be working with the committee to find a more suitable solution for future technical interview solutions
- nothing of note to report from recent faculty discussions
- arcs have cookies and cram session tomorrow night for 1D04 test
- MEC is this weekend, talk to Aya (Julian during the meeting) for more information

VP External: Melissa Cusack Striepe

Discussion:

- attended CFES PM
- chose delegates for CDE and PEO-SC
- sustain committee first meeting

VP Finance: Nick Aubry

Discussion:

- Writing checks and keeping on top of our budget and Finances
- Giving unofficial clubs and teams advice on how to become an MES affiliate.

Presentation #1: Image of a McMaster Engineer Award Dry Run Presentation

Presented By: Liam McDermott

Came up with the idea a while back and most of council has edited and fixed it a bit. Note that this presentation does not reference the strawpolls but I will mention them when they come up. This award is a revamp of the old image of an engineer award that is usually given at fireball to grads.

Requirements: Must be Level 3 or above and an MES member.

Decided to go with getting nominated by other people. No criteria for who the nominator is. Nomination forms will be up on the website shortly after monday. Applications due December 5th at midnight (tentative). Selection committee is the president, co-ocs, culture coordinators, associate deans and a Blind Ballot. The Blind Ballot will be picked via Google Form, by November 14th, 2018. The winner will be



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announced at Fireball. As well, there will be 12 to 15 winners. Is that gonna change based on number of applicants. Training or not? Number is low so it's not worth it right now. If the award gets expanded, then they have the option to add training.

Q: Need to talk more about why we didn't choose training. Cant be just "we thought it's not worth it"

A: Working on that

Q: Are there changes coming to the policy manual regarding this?

A: Ad hoc so no

Q: Since this award replaced the grad award, is there going to be a new award for grads?

A: Grads can win this award too

Q: If you decide they need training, will they get it along with the Welcome Week reps?

A: No, due to budget and the fact that they are separate all together

Q: What kind of training will they be getting if we decide so?

A: Mental health awareness, equity, inclusion, safety on campus, sexual violence and assault, other small safety stuff since they are technically employees, inclusion in the workplace and stuff, EFRT

A: To best prep to help a first year, in case an incident happens. It's more than just being a leader

A: if training is chosen, the training will be some hybrid form of the Welcome Week rep training.

N: change it to "up to 12 - 15" candidates" or "max "12-15" candidates

Presentation #2: Reconstructing the MES isn't just for civil students

Presented By: Liam McDermott

Motion!

Turning Director of Public Relations and Director of Sports to be **Coordinators** so they are not elected positions anymore. We don't need people to vote about that kind of stuff. The crossed red text in the presentation is the old policy and the normal red text is the new policy. Note that this policy is from 2016, which is the last time it was updated and posted online. This means there may be some other gaps since. If there have been any changes to the positions since that time that those terms would be included into the next one when Barbosa puts it into the new Policy Manual. Barbosa says it may just be one of those things.

Public relations are getting a new point, point o).



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Side Note: The new Policy Manual is going up on the site soon, Barbosa is talking to the IT Coordinators about it.

Presentation #3: It's 2018, our constitution should reflect that!

Presented By: Liam McDermott

Another Motion!

Again, going over anything written in red.

Changing the Wellness Coordinator to the AVP of Wellness. Wellness is becoming more and more important and it makes sense to make a move in this direction.

The 6 First Year Reps are updated:

- 3 Eng I
- 1 BTech
- 1 iBioMed
- 1 Comp Sci

Changing the officers section and adding the Equity Officer

Small change, but adding (s) to the end of each position because some can be done by 2 people.

Nick: Edit the BLUE Lounge Coordinators, since the BLUE Lounge does not exist

Getting rid of the Tutoring Program Coordinator, basically done by VP Academic.

Adding the 2 positions listed in the previous presentation

Adding the LTP under Section 16

Section 14: How to make amendments and when you make changes prior to SGM, how to advertise
Changed "bulletin boards" to "social media and website, etc."

ADDING ONE QUICK POINT: review those changes before the cooc meeting! It's a long meeting so we need to vote quickly. Come prepared pls and thx. Tryna keep discussion limited

Presentation #3: CFES PM

Presented By: Melissa Cusack Striepe

Went to CFES PM during reading week. Lot of info in here. Canadian Federation of Engineering Students, to represent all of us on a national level and Engineering Societies on a national level. Host conferences (Congress in Jan, CDE in Nov, Sustain one in Feb), students go to learn about leadership and topics of interest. They have an exec and have a council, Mel is on that council. President working with IFESA and working with a German Engineering Society, called Bonding. VP Academic working with



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CEAB (accreditation board), CFES. VP Services (Dani Lake), working on diversity and inclusion stance, working with corporate relations commissioner, making more events more inclusive.

Looking for people to translate things into french (2 cents/word).

Events Updates: CDE, Congress, CEC

CFES PM had ~\$14k for the events, CEC has ~\$240k

IFESA (international students society that they are making). We pay our rep, but the fee is quite small. They created a VP international who does all this. Their budget is not being increased. We will not pay membership fees to this.

General Assembly. No minutes yet. Will be needing more info from us on how she should move forward. Tier delegate fees, VP international established, still working on diversity stance (that's where we come in to give info), activity surplus and deficit policy not passed, service fee removed and bonding is an official partner

CFES Increased Advocacy: Polytechnique (member school of CFES) had a shooting that targeted women in engineering. They are working on a campaign to strengthen Bill C-71 (getting passed through parliament). Research more on your own about it. They outlined why they thought the CFES should help them increase gun control.

Support for this was passed at CFES. (6 abstained but that may be because they felt that they could not properly and thoughtfully vote). Struggled a lot with this decision, very politically divisive. This is something that we need to think about as the MES, there's nothing in our governing documents about it.

If the VP Ex goes out and the topic is this, how are they supposed to handle it?

It is important for VP Ex and all of us to know this.

Polytechnique put together a petition to get government support, they have 500k signatures. The government said it was good but they need organizations to back it as well. CFES is non partisan but they back member movements, so they backed it. VP Ex's said it was important but they can't just use CFES' name every time. Decision has basically already been made but we can always address any concerns.

Will put a presentation together for SAGM so the student body knows, since the CFES is taking this stance on behalf of all of us.

Q: Do you get notice about the topic? You can always ask council before a final decision is made. When do you usually get the agenda?

A: We get an agenda but it wasn't clear that we would be voting on it. Maybe we could review each agenda with council before each meeting just in case.



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Presentation #5: Consistency in the Constitution

Presented By: Liam McDermott

Whereas the MES Constitution currently lacks consistency in its footer because Mitchell's motion at SAGM II 2018 was unconstitutional.

BIRT all occurrences of the footer of the MES Constitution which read as "McMaster Engineering Society Policy Manual" be changed to reflect the true purpose of the document as shown on pages i-iii of the Constitution which read "McMaster Engineering Society Constitution".

The bottom of the constitution says policy manual so i'm bringing it up now. It was supposed to be changed last time, but council did not vote on it. It will be voted on at the Co-oc meeting.

Other Business:

Discussion #1: Change the meeting date since a lot of people can't make it

Brought Up By: Liam McDermott

How many people here would be open to Sunday meetings? 20 votes (17 voting members)

Q: we are consistently losing the same execs every week.

A: We'll send a doodle out to see who can and can't make it

Supdates:

Nicole: Firsties asking about next pub night

Liam: next pub night is Nov 1st, halloween pub, waiting for EOHSS, selling tickets once we get EOHSS, next week or the week after

Alex (Kaylie): BEAMS: hosting anatomy trivia night tonight, waiting to see how many people show, 3 more events in november

Ian: nothing much, it's all up in the exec updates

Aya, ECE: review session for a 2nd year course, we had cookies. That went well, lots of people there
Planning industry night for 3rd week of january

Aya, MEC: MEC this weekend! If not participating, we need two volunteers on saturday.



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Nick (Le Drain): 69 leather jackets were sold. The new Square system is “lit”, it adds security and takes account of the change in the drawer. Easy to keep track of change and overall. TV outside the drain isn't there. It can't be locked so were waiting for a lock so it won't be stolen.

Nick: just doing my job, helping people become teams and affiliates.

Bio-med: meet the mentor, anatomy trivia night tonight, ibiomed society is helping now

Alexie: meet the profs night was awesome, good turnout, meeting got pushed because of it. Finally have all exec! So we can get going with more events. AI conference in Toronto so we are trying to send people to that

Alexii: Developing some equity training for first year reps since they are hired after the council training

Q: Will this have to do with MEC coming up?

A: No

Andrew: Just started our social media campaign, look for it.

Julian: picking exec tomorrow so we can get shit going.. that's it

Erin: Lockers in the office are getting worked on. Planning a diversity event

Erin (Patrick): first years want to know more about b tech events

Desmond: Mini industry night, L3 wescam. Board game night friday and Eng phys society is looking to community outreach outside of engineering things

Q: can anyone come to mini industry?

A: Yes, sign up on eventbrite

Hassan: good CAS meet the prof night, lots of people, tron society is running a pool hall next week, trying to get more 2nd years involved

Mel (Brody): Mgmnt: industry night is jan 17th

Mel (Kat): tvs functional by the end of the week. Once they're up we'll talk about that. Met with Dan Picone about experiential learning and working with clubs and teams



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Mel: tell me what you think about diversity stance so we can improve their stance, to be passed in january. Will email it out with the gun control stuff

Barbosa: cooc meeting on thurs. Nov. 1st. Council meeting so you must attend. People applying to be new coocs, old ones will be there too.

Liam: who are ken and maria? Ken is Dr. Coley, associate dean academic and Maria is associate dean.

CRO: this replaces the meeting we would have had, will be 7 to 9. To apply, must be 3rd year and up and had to have been a rep. Get your stuff into Nick about funding and make sure your quorum (10 people).

Liam: dont need to meet quorum but get as many people as you can

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motioned by: Liam McDermott

Seconded by: Desmond Kennedy