



MCMaster ENGINEERING SOCIETY

Council Meeting Minutes



March. 4th | JHE H204 | 8:00pm

ALL ATTENDANTS: Please inform the President of your presence.

Approved Absences: Erin Leigh-Yusek, Onolunosen Aziegbe, John Popovici, Danny Al-Sammak,

- Sophie Victoria

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PROXY: (Person for Person) Damilola for Erin, Dziugas for Sophie

Quorum Count:

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Ratification of the Agenda

Motion to amend the agenda: Move presentation on Queen’s Space Conference to the top of the agenda, after executive updates.

For:All
Against:
Abstained:
Motion:Passes

Motion to ratify the agenda:

For:All
Against:
Abstained:
Agenda:Passes

Ratification of Last Council Meeting’s Minutes

For:All
Against:
Abstained:3
Minutes:Pass

Executive Updates

President: Melissa Cusack Striepe

Discussion:

- Vote Vote Vote!

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- Couple of positions are not filled yet, including VP SL, By elections will be happening soon and are on the website

VP Student Life: Aya Aboughanem

Discussion:

- Organizing Kipling pranks
- Organizing kipling formal
 - Tickets went on sale today
- Worked with Hawk on a how-to guide for becoming a new club
- Run for my position!

VP Academic: Alex Moica

Discussion:

- Textbook swap and sust initiative will happen in junction tomorrow
 - Major event for sust and VP academic
- Drain supplies: lots of supplies available for rent, system should be implemented soon
- Dept reps: had meetings with each rep, circulated the doc with each of the faculty societies, but not you guys, so if you want to see what dept faculty had to say come find me!

VP External: Amy Gullins

Discussion:

- Taken on kipling with Aya
- Did some VP Comms, berta is back and better than ever
- Teleconference with ESSCO
 - Linkedin learning, it's free!
- Commissioner apps coming out soon
- Sust conference happened, very good,
- NEM showcases will be going on!
- Sat from 1130 to 1230, dietitian will be coming in to talk about how to eat better!

VP Finance: Ian Currie

Discussion:

- Closing the budget
 - Reaching out to clubs and teams
 - If you have any expenses, please bring them into the Vp finance by March 31st, 2020
- Funding requests are riding a very fine line so please get them in
- Please write a frequency article if you want

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- Last opt out meeting of the year, a presentation will come out at the last meeting
- Student fee cheque (400k) so we can do some stuff
- MacLAB meeting with Dept Chairs and dept reps, so please reach out to them.

VP Communications: Roberta Boreham

Discussion:

- Reminder that an AD form is for running events that are in conjunction with MES exec, if you want something on the hatch TV, please email me, I update them on Saturday nights.
- Hatch TV ratio is 16x9

Presentation #1: Queens Space Conference: Request for Funding

Presented by: Desmond Kennedy and Bri Conn

DISCUSSION:

- 3 day conference hosted by Queens U
- Space industry stuff + case competition.
- 23 mes members attended this year, we made 30% of the delegates at the conference
 - Funding would go toward transportation, accomodations, food, and swag
- Q: Why specifically 600?
 - That's the max request
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Motion #1: ECCS is in the budget now?

Spirit: Ensuring the budget reflects changes from the university

Motioned by: Ian Currie

Seconded By: Chris Liaconis

WHEREAS: The budget does not reflect the ECCS fee being paid through the MES

WHEREAS: The ECCS fee will be paid through the MES this year

BIRT: The following changes be made to the MES 2019-20 operating budget

DISCUSSION:

- Before opt out, ECCS fee would be paid to the MES and we would pay the MES. However with opt out, the ECCS gets paid by the University and cuts out the middleman, except we are still the middleman so we must include it in the budget.
- We pay the ECCS fee one year delayed, we are currently paying the 2018-19 year.
- Net 0 dollars always
- Q: What happens to the 2400 dollars? We will lose it eventually in next year's payment

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For:All
Against:
Abstained:
Motion:PASSES

Motion #2: Sponsorship Coordinators Policy

Spirit: Bringing Sponsorship coordinators into the Policy Manual

Motioned by: Ian Currie

Seconded By: Christina Cindric

WHEREAS: Sponsorship coordinators have been running under the MES for the past year

BIRT: The following changes be made to the MES Policy manual, subject to approval of the constitution changes at SAGM

DISCUSSION:

- Already presented on this last meeting

For:ALL
Against:
Abstained:
Motion:PASSES

Motion #3: Sponsorship Coordinators Constitution Changes

Spirit: Adding the Sponsorship Coordinators to the Constitution

Motioned by: Ian Currie

Seconded By: Amy Gullins

WHEREAS: Sponsorship coordinators have been running for the past year ad hoc.

BIRT: The following changes be brought forward for approval at SAGM.

DISCUSSION:

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For:ALL
Against:
Abstained:
Motion:PASSES

Motion #4: Cleaning up VP Finance Portfolio

Spirit: Cleaning VP Finance Portfolio with VP Comms changes



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Motioned by: Ian Currie

Seconded By: Dan Wise

WHEREAS: Whereas VP Comms affects the positions overseen by VP Finance

BIRT: The following changes be made to the Policy Manual

DISCUSSION:

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For:ALL

Against:

Abstained:

Motion:ASSES

Motion #5: Publications Editor!

Spirit: Gives publications new home under VP Communications.

Motioned by: Melissa Cusack-Striepe

Seconded By: Hunter Ceranic

WHEREAS: The productions are to be moved under VP Communications.

WHEREAS: VP Communications will require managerial help with the productions.

WHEREAS: The production piece of AVP Services and Productions needs a new home.

BIRT: The following changes be made to the policy manual.

DISCUSSION:

- Made the changes that were requested at the presentation from last meeting.

For:ALL

Against:

Abstained:

Motion:ASSES

Motion #6: Funding for Queens Space Conference

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: Terrel Marshal

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



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

BIRT: Queens Space Conference 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

DISCUSSION:

- **Still need to submit a report to secure funding, even after the vote**
- **Q:** DO you have any knowledge of the Queen Space Conference, is it growing? Is it not growing?
 - We fall in the 20-50 delegates range, and Queens only allocates 25 delegates, but then after that students must apply on their own.
 - Funding would go only to students that registered through McMaster.
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- Why are we requesting 600 instead of 500, it's only a difference of 4 dollars per person
 - We would want to reimburse students as much as we can
 - We have money for this in the budget, there is left over money in the VP Finance budget anyway. (~\$4500)
- Any group going to an event can apply for funding
- Considering we still have so much money in the bank, have we considered raising the reimbursement to each conference. When was the last time we changed funding?
 - We changed it this year, it was a vote by the council to lower the reimbursements because we were unsure if we would have money for it in the budget from SCI
 - No, there haven't been talks of increasing it, in my mind we should consider this next year.
 - There is still another group planning to ask for funding.
 - That leaves 3200 dollars?
 - We still have some unprocessed requests as well, so we really don't know how substantial the budget for increasing funding really is.
 - We want to increase the variety of conferences and reach out to more students. So it would be better to save that money for new conferences or other groups rather than allocate more funds to less students.
- If we don't use up the money this year, where will it go next year?
 - It sits in the bank for next year as a financial contingency



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- Exec will look at allocating it elsewhere if we accumulate more money over the years.
 - It doesn't stay in an open conference fund?
 - No, we open a new conference fund, we can look into changing the way this runs next year
 - For example, We had leftover money from old grad student donations and turned it into a capstone fund.
 - CHRISTOS HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST SO NO VOTE
CHRISTOS

For:ALL
Against:
Abstained:
Motion:PASSES

Presentation #2: Policy Changes Vaguely Related to AVP Eventz

Presented by: Erin Leigh-Yusek

DISCUSSION:

- I updated the policy manual for AVP events because it hasn't been updated in a while.
- Included social committee, bus monitor perks, changed mystery pub to bus
- Took out road trips
- Added some policy to the VP SL
- Lengthened the term of the Fireball coordinator position

Motion for a 2 minute recess by Dziugas

Seconded by Christina

All in Favour!

- Q: VP SL Point Q – You took out culture coordinators and added committee members, but do not specify which committee,
 - Don't see why culture is there, but I will specify committee. The future AVP can amend the policy if they see that it is necessary to change it back.
- Change mystery bus to mystery pub!



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SUPDATES:

Equity and Inclusion Officer:

Culture Coordinator:

- March, Friday the 13th is Pi Day at Mac! (9am-3pm)
- Bunch of us will be going class to class to pi teachers in the face
- Also looking for MES volunteers
- \$5 to be pied, all proceeds go to the Ronald McDonald house
- We will also be doing Pies at SAGM
- Q: how do I volunteer?
 - I will be posting a volunteer google form by the end of this week and also on the culture committee facebook group #@ashley wohl
- JHE lobby!
- John Janson is also doing a pie day thing
- \$5 to pie the Dean, if you're all interested we can *congeal* to pie the dean together and pool our funds
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ECE Rep:

- Life is good
- Running oru review session for 2SI4
- Making some hats soon
- Sophie is hoping to get funding from MacLAB.

Matls Rep:

- Lazer tag event, 20 people meeting
- Board game on campus for free, 19th of march
- Found a bunch of old shirts in a closet so we are all selling them
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Tron Rep:

- Bowling night tomorrow with comp sci
- Not many tickets sold yet
- Dropping some merch soon

Mech Rep:

- Had our most recent meeting today now
- Town hall tomorrow with the faculty
- T Shirts by the end of the semester

Software Rep:

- General info session

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- Pizza can bring in a lot of people
- 8:30 the 12th, pub night for software peeps
- Will software have a ratboy team?
 - Will get back to you

Civil Rep:

- Went to troitsky
 - My bridge failed
- We only placed 3rd
- We didn't win team spirit
- 6.66 kg for satan

Chem Rep:

- Smokers conference fundraiser 5:30 to 7:30 at BP
 - 15\$ ticket, drink or salad with pizza or pasta.
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iBio Rep:

- Assassin game

Eng Phys Rep:

- Lazer tag on March 24th, 6:30 to 9:30 bussing to and from the event out of JHE
- Message me on slack if you are interested in teaming up
- Hevacon robot competition
 - Very beginner level
- Info night for level 1 students tomorrow night!

Comp Sci:

- Cast trivia night
- Planning BP night either april 7,8, or 9
- Presidential elections for software society happening soon

BTech Rep:

- Alumni night (march 11)
- Elec night, for first years
- Youtube channel with helpful info for first year students

Management Rep:

- Having an info session on Thursday march 12th at 6:30 to 8, BSB B103
 - Find it on FB

Society Rep:

- Hats are in the drain
- Have a games night coming up



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First Year Reps:

Eng:

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BTech:

- Great success for flush takeover
- Still planning for future events

iBioMed:

- Drowning in midterms yeet

Comp Sci:

- Welcome back

AVP Services and Productions:

- Ian stole my thunder
 - Brought in the new frequency edition today
 - Please take one!
- If you'd like to add something for the frequency, message me! And attach the document

AVP AR:

- Next MES help session for 1ZB3 on Wednesday March 11th. JHE 265 at 7pm

AVP Events:

- Helping with kipling
- Working on toga pub, looking for a location (Apr. 4th)

AVP Clubs and Sponsorship:

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VP Student Life:

- SAGM coming up, clubs and teams will be presenting to keep their MES status.
- Big team meeting is in a month from now for the new council (sunday april 5th)

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VP Comms:

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VP External:

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VP Academic:

- Stream info night went well
- Recent concerns with office use, there will be a presentation on future office use at our next meeting

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VP Finance:

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- Council swag, get the money in
- Ashton, please pick up jacket
- Looking at opening up special project funding
- Dept reps:
 - SAGM funding forms
 - MACLab, you are preparing these presentations!
 - March 31st deadline for the MacLab funding

President:

- Next meeting is our transition meeting, both you and your replacement will attend but it will still be a full meeting with voting
- Please come prepared with your transition reports ready! Just exec meetings
- When are by elections?
 - We won't know who the elected members are until SAGM.
 - Anyone is welcome to attend council meetings

Administrator:

- SAGM forms are going out tonight!
- Opt out meeting was really good, my first and last
- Tropical donuts were way better than root beer.
- Last meeting march 18th

CRO:

- Elections, please vote. We need 3% of the population
- Proposing meeting on the 24th.
- Voting will be opening up for 2 days, please invite people to apply

Other Business:

- **Council bonding at fairweather!**

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Motioned by: Ian Currie

Seconded by: Alex Moica

All in favour.

1 opposed.

Meeting Adjourned.



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