



THE ENGINEERING SOCIETY
OF QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, January 11th, 2018
7:00pm, Dunning Hall 27

Speaker: Jamil Pirani
Secretary: Libby Anderson

Council begins: 7:06 pm.

I. ATTENDANCE

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 1

Whereas: It's the first council of the semester!;
& whereas: we have things to discuss;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council approve the agenda of the Council meeting of Thursday, January 11th 2018 as seen on the Engineering Society website.

Moved by: Alexander "snap back to reality" Clifford
Seconded by: Jamil "oh, there goes gravity" Pirani

Alexander Clifford: We don't have a discussion period at the end anymore.

Julianna Jeans: We just fluffed the wording for motion 4. Jamil has an edited version of the wording.

Motion passes, 7:08 pm (27,0,0)

III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

MOTION 2

Whereas: Some things happened last council;
& whereas: we need to approve them;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council approve the minutes of the Council meeting of Thursday, November 23th 2018 as seen on the Engineering Society website.

Moved by: Alexander “You’re not Leah!” Clifford
Seconded by: Libby “Sharp observation” Anderson

Motion passes, 7:09 pm (26,0,0).

IV. BREAK

Council breaks, 7:09 pm.

Council resumes, 7:14 pm.

V. SPEAKER’S BUSINESS

Jamil Pirani: Welcome back! Hope you had a tremendous break. We’ll be passing around the attendance book and proxy book. There’s also council candy going around. With that we move into presentations.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

i. JDUC Redevelopment

Jennifer Li: We’re here to talk about the JDUC Redevelopment. We’re going to go over the goals, what you would want to see, and what you want us to prioritize. The JDUC has a long history for students. It’s a 24/h study space. Lots of club offices. The idea is that it becomes a hub for all students on campus. This project has been in the works for a few years. This year we finally have the university on our side. We also have it as an advancement priority to get sponsors and benefactors. The current state isn’t necessarily a place you want to be proud of. It’s an old building from the 60’s. It’s also inaccessible. There is a lack of club and study space. For the number of clubs and student groups it’s not enough. What we’ve been hearing is that study space is a continuing concern. The JDUC has a good opportunity for individual and group study space and where people can meet with their friends. It’s also a hub for student services. They’re limited by their space. We can improve the services with more space. We could have a patio for QP and give them a kitchen, etc.

Chelsea Hollidge: Goals: Inclusivity, Modernity, Accessibility. We want the groups on campus to grow and foster the clubs and activities we love. We want to improve accessibility. We want 24/h study space. The JDUC is open 24 hours. Increase space for clubs and faculty societies. People use the P&CC and there's a line running out the door at this time of year. Updating AC, plumbing, electrical. Update it and make it modern. Survey went out over winter break and tons of people filled it out. 94% supported redevelopment. We'd love to hear your support. Overall we see people have a need for it. Student life is a huge part of the Queen's experience and we want to make that better. We need more space to accommodate people. We want to be on par with other universities. This is a chance for you to reimagine what student life could be now and in the future. We want to hear what you guys want in a building. Current the timing is to start construction in 2019, on par with when the wellness center will be finished. We have some conceptual drawings. On the front you see the heritage side, but with a reimagined back side. Where the loading dock is by the ARC. We want a barrier free entrance to make the back entrance more accessible. There's no real welcome as it is now, so this would be a clear welcome to the campus. We want to know what you guys are thinking. We launched a website. We have a video on there. Do you have any ideas for programming or amenities? If anyone has opinions please feel free to share them.

Kodie Becker: You mentioned a student fee. What's the logistics behind that?

Chelsea Hollidge: It's an ongoing conversation with the university. I can't say for sure what we will decide on that. There is a strong argument that we would need a student fee beforehand to get an architect and do some functional planning. It's something that other universities have benefitted from.

Jennifer Li: It sounds like students will want the student fee when the construction starts and we could find ways to fill that gap beforehand.

Jillian Reid: You mentioned other universities. How did they get funding?

Jennifer Li: In the past there's been a donor contribution part, a university contribution part, and student contribution part. That's a typical model. We've looked at some similar schools.

Jillian Reid: What's the difference in the price of student fees?

Jennifer Li: It depends on the school and the number of students.

Jillian Reid: What's the amount you were thinking?

Jennifer Li: We don't know. We know an upper limit. We've been getting that total project number down with PPS to something reasonable.

Loralyn Blondin: Something that should be a big focus is looking at the environmental impact.

Jennifer Li: That would be built into the business case.

Paige Maxwell: I'm giving my vote to Johnny.

Taylor Sawadsky: Would there be alternative for shipments to the ARC?

Jennifer Li: The solution would be an underground tunnel that feeds into the ARC loading dock.

Ryan Catresse: There was a lot of the word “increase” with space. Are any of these designs increasing the square footage and how will you prioritize the space?

Jennifer Li: We are at an interesting stage for visualizing what’s possible and we’re working with PPS to get the price to a reasonable amount. What’s exciting is that the students can choose what has more priority. Nothing is set in stone yet. We envision the architects coming on campus to talk to students.

Carson Cook: Is there any research on what the student fees were that people before us paid that went to buildings we are using?

Jennifer Li: Yes, the ARC. Grant was funded by students. Goodes was paid for by students that are no longer here. As well as the new medical building. Generally, the students always pay it forward.

Emma Howard: What consultation process do you have in mind?

Chelsea Hollidge: When we’ve been talking to PPS, we saw an outline that student consultation is important. Students would be sitting on the building committee. AMS representation and possibly visitors and doing some qualitative research through town halls and other things.

Jennifer Li: And website will stay live.

Chas Meadows: What’s going to happen to services like the dentist and stuff that are currently there?

Chelsea Hollidge: We’ve been talking to the university as well about that. Likely they would shut down and then have space in the new building. We’ve been trying to find ways for student services to stay open during construction.

Jennifer Li: It is likely that the food services would have to close. We’re still looking at construction 2 years out, so we can plan. We were also hoping that if you guys have feedback we could pass that to the architect.

Sarah Rodin: Is there going to be any formal proposal made available to the student body? Just because if we’re paying for it, I would want to know what we’re getting out of it.

Jennifer Li: We are thinking of having an approval process. The university will have to be consulted before we move forward.

Chelsea Hollidge: We want to continue the process of feedback through engagement.

Jodan Pernari: On campus there’s not a lot of diversity in the types of spaces. Some groups will have to be consulted on what they need because they have very specific requirements.

Jennifer Li: Yes we will be looking for that

Kodie Becker: Considering the JDUC is an old building and Queen’s has a historic feel, what will you do to preserve that?

Jennifer Li: That’s a really important part. All of the historical parts are being preserved and hopefully the architect we get will understand that. We want to have a good blend like some of the other buildings on campus

Jennifer Li: Closing remark: myjduc.com. Without student input we don't know what students want and we want to make sure that students feel good and like their hub. We'll be sharing more info on social media and we'll be providing updates through assembly and your exec.

VII. NEW BUSINESS: MOTIONS 3-4

MOTION 3

Whereas: This was discussed at length last year;
& whereas: it never actually made it into bylaw;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council approves the changes to bylaw section 17 as seen in APPENDIX

Moved by: Taylor "I love it" Sawadsky
Seconded by: Alexander "It's ok I guess" Clifford

Taylor Sawadsky, Opening: Hi everyone. Thanks for having me today. This motion was discussed at length last year. Dean Woodhouse was the dean last year. This is to honor her and the work she's done. She was an excellent advocate for women in engineering.

Lauren Babington: I just want to bring into attention the wording, that woman and female are used interchangeable. It can give the impression that we're imposing a binary. Just take that into consideration.

Loralyn Blondin: Those were really good points. Some other issues with the wording: "that has been a positive role model for women of all years." It sounds like the award must be to a women and isolates men or non-gender-binary people. Extracurriculars should be important as well. Also I love women in engineering and I am one. The mental health award was similarly approved. There are already awards for women in engineering.

Taylor Sawadsky: Thank you both for those comments. Specifically for the engineering profession comment, with talks with dean woodhouse, that's a big part of her motivation. For the mental health, I would consider adding another award.

Jordan Pernari: This weekend at SFES conference, one of the stances they are hoping to pass is on diversity. If we are going to implement a gender-specific award when we don't have any now, we should be really ready to back it.

Loralyn Blondin: We have a different wording that might be more inclusive, having "positive role model for female peers" and is a little better.

Ryan Catrysse: I was gone last year and it was in closed session so there were no minutes. If we're going to vote, just remember you're not voting on behalf of last year.

Taylor Sawadsky: There were minutes and these discussions and were happening on a live stream.

Point of Contention, Ryan Catrysse: I don't remember that.

Point of Information, Kodie Becker: If we were to agree with the spirit of this and then move on could we amend it next time?

Point of Information, Julianna Jeans: If it was kept to a women in engineering award, then yes. If the criteria changed it would up to Jamil if that's appropriate.

Jamil Pirani: So if we change the gendered language, then that wouldn't change the spirit, but changing it to a mental health award would change it.

Emma Howard: I'd be looking at the sentiments of positive role model to female peers. Could we get rid of female all together?

Kodie Becker: A way to word it would be to emphasize the diversity in our program and continuing the push towards and emphasizing and supporting that notion. Something to consider.

Jamil Pirani: I think that change would be too broad.

Loralyn Blondin: If you think we should be making that change, then we should. What could improve it would be to include other diversities.

Taylor Sawadsky: While I do agree on the importance of diversity, the intent is to honor what dean woodhouse did. It never says in the wording that the person who receives the award has to be a female.

Emma Howard: The involvement of women in engineering may even lead on to more diversity and we could have it be honoring how she helped the diversity of the school.

Ryan Catrysse: I'm just going to echo what Emma said. I would much rather support something that's more about diversity and less about specifically gender.

Jordan Pernari: We actually never settled on it having to be specifically a women in engineering award.

Loralyn Blondin: If anyone knows or could pass on the minutes from last year to people that would be great. A mental health or diversity award would be much more comfortable for me.

Point of Information, Taylor Sawadsky: Allison Kondal may have them as well.

Jamil Pirani: There are a multitude of ways we can proceed with this. You could vote yes and then change the wording, but not the spirit. You could vote no which means that this award in its current spirit couldn't be brought back until next year. It could be tabled for further discussion or Taylor could withdraw it.

Loralyn Blondin: There's not really anything that has to do with specifically mental health.

Taylor Sawadsky: I do feel passionately about this. I really do believe this spirit is important. I'm going to withdraw the motion and in the future it's polite to bring issues like this when things could be discussed beforehand.

Motion withdrawn: 8:10 pm ()

MOTION 4

Whereas: The community outreach portfolio has grown quite a bit since its inception;
& whereas: it still has much more room to grow;
& whereas: some additional responsibilities could benefit the portfolio;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council approve the changes to policy section β, and bylaw sections 2 and 8 as seen in APPENDIX OUTREACH.

Moved by: Jordan “New Year” Pernari

Seconded by: Nathaniel “New Position Description” Wong

Jordan Pernari, Opening: The changes that you can see in the doc are basically a quantifiable version of the discussion that we had this year. I think it quantifies what we were willing to change on this. Slight wording change.

Emma Howard: For B.13 I and II, ESSCO and CFES are a pretty hot topic. Would this change our relationship with them?

Jordan Pernari: No that doesn’t change our relationship.

Ryan Catrysse: The responsibility of communicating with other schools has changed a lot.

Jordan Pernari: Director of Community Outreach has more external relations than other positions. It keeps us honest. In the past a focus was travel and personal enjoyment. It brings Community Outreach to a level working field with all other directors.

Loralyn Blondin: I think this is the best position for it as someone who took ESSCO through a few different positions and I’m stoked.

Kodie Becker: This came up with discussion with JJ and couple days ago. Some of the responsibilities and changes that are being added to this are stuff that were added and then removed, assumed under the president. I think it’s good to pass it to organize this again.

Loralyn Blondin: Just to answer Emma’s question. Even if we change our relationships we still need someone to communicate with them.

Nick Dal Farra: Can we be consistent with the hyphens?

Jamil Pirani: Yes that doesn’t change anything.

Ryan Catrysse: I motion to call the question

Motion to call the question passes, 8:19 pm (25,0,0)

Motion passes, 8:20 pm (24,0,1)
Emma Howard abstains

VIII. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

I) PRESIDENT

Nathaniel Wong: No major updates. The Undergrad Review Working Group met again today. We've outlined some broad recommendations. It's going pretty well. We're not in a place where it's going to take away from students. Recommendations are very reasonable. There's a wide variety. I'll bring them forward when they're finalized. Sing thing.

Council sings the Engineering Hymn.

Nathaniel Wong: We've just figured out the schedule for next year orientation week. The schedule is Saturday and Sunday rez, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday faculty, Thursday, Friday class, then faculty on Saturday and rez on Sunday. We have pole on Saturday. The first three days are the same.

II) VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS

Jillian Reid: Just been keeping everything running and doing transition.

III) VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Julianna Jeans: I was super jetlagged when I wrote my report, so I forgot everything. Director apps will be up before next council. New exec will be hiring 13 positions. Talk to us if interested. New exec will be elected on 31st of Jan. We have all our meetings next week, so we don't have updates for that. Tomorrow I am meeting with the AMS building manager, so if you have recommendations tell me and I can bring them up in that meeting.

IX. DIRECTOR REPORTS

I) COMMUNICATIONS

We have a lot of photography heavy events. It's busy photography wise. We've been helping Rachel McConnel to choose photos for the sci 18 yearbook

II) COMMUNITY OUTREACH

All in report. Congress happened and CFES. I can talk about it with you. I like the stances on student workload, mental health, teaching quality, and others. Also the first blood donation trip is Tuesday Jan 23.

III) CONFERENCES

Julianna Jeans: Aidan is working at Walkhome. If you are in first year and not going to First Year Conference you're wrong. If you're not in first year and not going to Queen's Engineering Competition you're also wrong. Everyone here needs to go to at least 2 conferences.

IV) DESIGN

All in report. I forgot photo this week

V) EVENTS

Julianna Jeans: Leah is on civil trip. Engweek is next week. Selling tickets in the ILC. Go to at least 2 events.

VI) FINANCE

It's in the report

VII) FIRST YEAR

All in report. Come to FYC.

VIII) HUMAN RESOURCES

All in report

IX) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Carson Cook: In report. Q life has some amazing new features. It has current ILC room availability

X) INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Alexander Clifford: Some important dates. Nominations are out. Also for first years you can run for senator. We do have secretary apps up.

XI) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Nathaniel Wong: Hannah is also on civil trip. The alumni networking summit is coming up. It's a fun day. Not a lot of money. We were talking to the Dean earlier today. We're hoping to get a career center that's specific to engineering.

XII) SERVICES

Jillian Reid: All in report. Not much there. We went over the services' finances.

X. QUESTION PERIOD

Nick Dal Farra: Is Wednesday gonna be chopped in half? The first day?

Julianna Jeans: The first three days are almost entirely the same.

XI. FACULTY BOARD REPORT

Noah Ifergan: We haven't had a meeting.

XII. ALMA MATER SOCIETY REPORT

Ryan Catrysse: We haven't met this semester. There's new bylaw in Kingston. It's a nuisance party bylaw. The main points are the bylaw was made in consultation with AMS and the Kingston police. Regular officers can't declare your party a nuisance party. You have 20-30 mins to get people to leave and if they don't, you get a fine. Landlords may raise rent prices, but we've been assured that these will be minimal.

Julianna Jeans: You don't get charged if you ask people to leave. If you're not compliant, then you get charged.

Ryan Catrysse: At FOCO in London which was crazy, only 9 people got charged. It's just to calm down very large and aggressive situations.

Sam Roper: It did sound very intimidating, but it just makes a lot of sense. If it's in your house it's not classified as a nuisance party, it's just so ambulances can get where they need to go.

XIII. SENATE REPORT

Max Berkowitz: It's been a month since the last one and a month until the next one. Most content was to the faculty. Wolf rescinded his application for a 3rd term as principal. There's a committee for finding a new principal. Senate is taking a vote on who will be on the committee. If you have a recommendation, bring it to me before noon on the 17th of January.

XIV. ENGINEERING REVIEW BOARD REPORT

Shannon Dickson: I looked over policy reports. Everything looks fine.

XV. ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

None

XVI. EQUITY OFFICER REPORT

Loralyn Blondin: We now have an equity Facebook page. There will be updates on the page. There's also an advisory board equity committee, so tell me or Max Lindley-Peart if you have ideas. There are awards for equity and faculty, staff, and students can nominate people. The due date to nominate is next Thursday.

XVII. CLUB REPORTS

I) MECHANICAL

Haven't met yet.

II) ECE

Going to FYC on Saturday. Planning first year discipline night. We just had our first meeting.

III) ENG PHYS

Omar acting as proxy: We haven't met yet. We want to have a merch sale and pool with profs.

IV) MINING

We met today. Sorting out merch and faculty night.

XVIII. YEAR REPORTS

I) SCI'18

Loralyn Blondin: Our year has been getting prepped for the iron ring ceremony and after party. Our thank you gift, we are having forums, so start thinking about ideas for that. If you have yearbook pics send them to us. Discipline reps get us your photos. Last meeting Ryan brought treats from his mom, so our meetings are better than yours.

XI) SCI'19

Kodie Becker: As far as I'm aware, merch has been ordered. We have some events planned. We have yet to meet.

XII) SCI'20

We sent a poll for meeting times. We're planning a year takeover at Clark.

XII) SCI'21

Nathan Smith: Still working out times for meetings. Just took order for merch. Our last meeting we had sweaters and cookies, so our meeting are better than yours Lora.

Point of Information, Andrew Vasila: There were over 200 cookies.

XX. STATEMENTS AND QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Loralyn Blondin: If you have that many cookies you might be overcompensating for something. Also throwback at undies is back.

Ryan Catrysse: If you find the minutes from last year's meetings send them around.

Carson Cook: It doesn't look like they're available on the server.

Omar Deluzo: Frosh join eng phys.

Julianna Jeans: If you have ideas for the JDUC please talk to me. I have like 1 thing.

Motion to Close:

Moved by Cooper Midroni, Seconded by Loralyn Blondin

Motion Passes: 8:50 pm (23,0,0)