



THE ENGINEERING SOCIETY
OF QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

6:00pm, Dunning Hall 27

Speaker: Andrew Farley

Secretary: Natalie Arpin

Council begins, 6 pm.

I. ATTENDANCE

Andrew Farley: Attendance is going around.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 1

Whereas: We're back;

& whereas: council is now in session;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council approve the agenda of the Council meeting of Thursday, February 7th, 2019, as seen on the Engineering Society website.

Moved by: Emily "Check the site" Varga

Seconded by: Andrew "It's on the web" Farley

Motion passes, 6:05 pm

Carson Cook: Move to motion 6 and president's report to directly after Speaker's Business.

Emily Wiersma: Seconded.

Motion Passes, 6:04 pm

III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

MOTION 2

Whereas: It's February now;

& whereas: last council was in January;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council approve the minutes of the Council meeting of Thursday, January 24th, 2019, as seen on the Engineering Society website.

Moved by: Emily "How can you type that fast?" Varga

Seconded by: Natalie "I'm a keyboard wizard" Arpin

Motion passes, 6:05 pm

IV. BREAK

Council breaks, 6:12 pm

Council resumes, 6:15 pm

V. SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Andrew Farley: I would like to acknowledge that Queen's sits on traditional grounds of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe nations. Welcome and unless you are explicitly allowed, you cannot have your laptop open.

VII. SPEAKERS MOTION

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: MOTION 3

MOTION 3

Whereas: Our Academic Representatives is structured poorly;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council approve the changes to By-Law 7 – Academic Representatives, as seen in APPENDIX "REPZ".

Moved by: Carson "Rep me rep you" Cook

Seconded by: Sidney "Rep all of you" Picco

Motion Passes, 6:17 pm

Sidney Picco: What the change being made is, not removing information, but it takes two of the faculty board and senate sections and makes it into one. It's making it more organized. I read through the changes and it appears to be about formatting only.

MOTION 4

Whereas: Director Duties are outdated;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council approve the changes to By-Law 8- Engineering Society Directors, as seen in APPENDIX "DUTIES".

Moved by: Carson "Out of date" Cook

Seconded by: Emily "But not out of style" Wiersma

Motion Passes, 6:23 pm

Emily Wiersma: We are updating the director positions to reflect the actuality. Some name changes for things like Festival of Carols to Festival of Cheer.

Jonathan Corbett: It said something about things that Director of Conferences responsibility's and was wondering why the asteroid mining club fell under this director. I was also wondering if we have this robotics team.

Emily Wiersma: It's a mentorship for high school students. Clubs are being moved under Director of Conferences.

Melisa Young: Under Director of HR, it gets rid of supporting clubs based in equity and intersectionality. Is this going under social issues and did you talk to Engiqueers about where they belong?

Emily Wiersma: They are under conferences as all clubs have been moved under this director for financial reasons.

Jordan Pernari: Its engineering without borders.

Kodie Becker: I would like to propose and amendment to HR. It should include administering and managing feedback. This is under A.10.a

Kaija Edwards: I was wondering if the amendments, has equity officer been moved to Director of Social Issues?

Kodie Becker: It was brought last semester.

Emily Wiersma: This is not comprehensive. Just some changes that are needed.

MOTION 5

Whereas: Elections and Referenda Bylaw does not describe how individuals are held accountable to campaign regulations;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council approve the changes to By-Law 3-Engineering Society Elections, as seen in APPENDIX "E&R".

Moved by: Carson "Democracy is great" Cook

Seconded by: Emily "So is accountability" Varga

Motion Passes, 6:25 pm

Emily Varga: Before this bylaw was vague and did not specify what accountability means. It specifies that Chief Elections Officer holds them accountable and lists the sanctions that could be imposed. The sanctions can be appealed to ERB for a final decision.

Kaija Edwards: Is there regulations about suspension or is it up to board?

Emily Varga: It is up the Chief Elections Officer, so the suspension varies based on the severity of the action

MOTION 6

Whereas: AMS Judicial Committee does not have exclusive jurisdiction over removal of elected officers;

& whereas: EngSoc must acknowledge Judicial Committee's jurisdiction,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council approve the changes to By-Law 1-Engineering Society Council, By-Law 3-Engineering Society Elections and By-Law 22-Alma Mater Society Judicial Committee, as shown in Appendix "IMPEACH ME JCOMM".

Moved by: Carson "Impeach me" Cook

Seconded by: Emily "Not without By-Law" Varga

Motion Passes, 6:09 pm

Tayo Oduyemi abstains

Carson Cook: So, this motion is about removing the wording exclusive jurisdiction. There was wording that the judicial committee of the AMS has exclusive jurisdiction over the removal of elected officer. This made the section empty. In bylaw 2, there was how to remove members of council but it did not indicate elected officials. Also, added that with losing your position, you lose your council membership. Every faculty society has to have something about recognizing the judicial committee so that is what bylaw 22 is. The process for removal is the same but it did add that council with a 2/3 vote can remove anyone not covered in the bylaw. Its not in the spirit of the motion so I am going to strike out 3.i.

MOTION 7

Whereas: Some responsibilities under the Director of Conferences position are outdated;

& whereas: it's time to grow the conferences team;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council approve of the changes to Policy β: Section C-Directors and Policy γ: Section A-Appointments, as seen in Appendix "CONFERENCES".

Moved by: Sam "Conference call" Roper

Seconded by: Emily "Conferences for all" Wiersma

Motion Passes, 6:28 pm

Emily Wiersma: That was from when Director of Conferences was the main delegate at CFES and ESSCO. It is outdated as the executive now attends. Sam and I are planning on introducing a conferences team. Sponsorship for meeting sponsorship goals, logistics to ensure that everything is approved and finance so that budgets are good to go.

Jonathan Corbett: You mentioned in the scope of finance they would handle money for sponsorship. Where is the line?

Emily Wiersma: The finance is making sure that numbers are hit and sponsorship is more reaching out and the people side of things.

MOTION 8

Whereas: Joint Hiring Policy hasn't been updated in a long time;

& whereas: It has now been brought up to date with help from ComSoc;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council approve the changes to Policy γ: Section C- Joint Hiring Policy, as seen in APPENDIX "GETTING COMMIE WITH IT" contingent on the Commerce Society passing the same policy.

Moved by: Kodie "Eng Com" Becker

Seconded by: Carson "Join forces" Cook

Motion Passes, 6:33 pm

Kodie Becker: Like I mentioned, I talked to their HR. We hashed through joint hiring and it was extremely out of date. We removed what did not make sense and was outdated. It will help conferences now when they are doing hiring. I have an amendment of C33 that applications must be on the commerce website for 7 days. They still haven't passed the policy so if any changes need to be made, it will be brought back.

Peter Matthews: There is a typo in C.1.2 where it says week instead of weeks.

Kaija Edwards: We have cards for ERB when you hire and I was wondering how this works with joint hiring. One society or a joint effort?

Kodie Becker: In C.7, means of appeal, the process of appeal is outlined. For Engineering, you go to ERB and for Commerce, they go to their equivalent.

Gillian Wu: I was wondering if we know the section for the commerce society policy and if it will be included?

Kodie Becker: Yes

Kaija Edwards: If you are an engineer, it goes to ERB but what if it was a commerce panel. What impact do we have?

Kodie Becker: Yes and no. If you have a problem, you go to ERB. Since it is joint, they have to follow our rules even if they are not in engineering.

VII. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

I) PRESIDENT

Carson Cook: Thank you for the restructuring. Jamil and I need to head over to the AMS assembly about what should be cut for the loss in funding. The board of directors has the final say but they want to hear input. They are expecting a 30-50% cut in funding. We have worked to restructure our fee but we are not expecting that significant of losses. I have sent the letter out. Congrats to Delany, Zaid and Jinho. Over the past few councils there has been a lack of engagement. There should not be circular discussion and funny questions. We had a motion about removal and I have a hard time believing that there are no questions. Council is important and it is important to ensure that we are moving forward. Please come with an informed opinion.

Council sings the engineering hymn.

II) VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS

Behshid Behrouzi: If anyone has questions about directorships under me, let me know. There are lots of changes coming to the society due to the government and the student fee increase. I am excited to work with Jinho and congrats to the new executive team.

III) VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Emily Wiersma: Elections are over. Referendum passed. Congrats to the new exec and Peter. I want to talk about training that I have mentioned. Consent training is coming so thank you to Paige and SHRC. I am working on the script and we are going to have dry runs.

VIII. DIRECTOR REPORTS

I) ACADEMICS

Sidney Picco: All in the report. BED fun proposals are approved by the board and are headed to the dean. They will be coming to council. If you have a course or academic issue, please let me know.

II) COMMUNICATIONS

Alexander McKinnon: Not much going on. Congrats to the elected team. We got lanyards and humans of the ILC have started and congrats to the team who went to Focus film festival and won awards.

III) CONFERENCES

Emily Wiersma: Conferences are in full swing. QGEC is still selling tickets so check them out.

IV) DESIGN

Hatem Dawaghreh: New projects for FYPCO, resume book, Clark social for design teams, more space in the ILC.

V) EVENTS

Miranda Bundgard: Talking to people applying for director of event sand checking in on my FYPCO. Working on actuals and transition. ENG-Nurse skating went well. Sweaters as well.

VI) EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Zaid Kasim: Fix N Clean is this weekend. Community outreach team is planning stuff. Ex Comm Comm, we have been working on heading in a new direction. FYPCO is planning a cool event and then transitioning my lower.

VII) FINANCE

Brandon Tseung: I have been away so thanks to my finance team for helping out. Working on implementing my FYPCO project.

VIII) FIRST YEAR

Emily Wiersma: First year stuff is going on. Mid term is rescheduled to Friday so we are working on that.

IX) HUMAN RESOURCES

Kodie Becker: Gearing up for hiring season and trying to organize everything. Package on hiring.

X) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Max Karan: Sorry for no report. Email resets and a new archives system. Ops team has started to learn the language that DASH is in.

XI) INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Emily Varga: Elections happened. Thank you for voting. Thank you to the candidates and congrats. Working on the banquet. Annual General Meeting is on the 21st at 6 pm. I wanted to add onto what Carson said. Many people are coming to council unprepared as I can see that people are not opening the attachments on the emails. If you don't look at them before you cannot be prepared and will help with informed discussion.

XII) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Emily Wiersma: Juliana is doing a great job. Summit was fantastic and a great chance to talk to alumni.

XIII) SERVICES

Behshid Behrouzi: He wanted to mention that Golden Words apps are up. Carter Watson and Solomon Segal are the current editors.

IX. QUESTION PERIOD

Sidney Picco: I forgot to mention that EngLinks and Icons head manager application are up. Jordan and Levi are the current head managers.

Jordan Pernari: Question for Zaid, are we attending a hockey game.

Zaid Kasim: Yes, we will!

Sam White: Curious on if the taxes workshop is happening?

Brandon Tsueng: I was looking into it and another Queen's group was running one. We could see if they could present.

Kodie Becker: I needed to mention this, I would like to address Director of Water Team applications. They have not been in the allotted two all-engs but there has been a tight timeline and this will not be allowed with other apps. I apologize for this.

X. FACULTY BOARD REPORT

Blake Wisniewski: Its next week.

XI. ALMA MATER SOCIETY REPORT

Emily Wiersma: As Carson said, they are talking about the future. They are talking about commissioner salaries. Its in Goodes 151 if you want to drop by. AMS happened and it was very short. Nothing exciting.

XII. SENATE REPORT

Max Berkowitz: We were at last senate and have info. As everyone knows there are tuition cuts for the coming year. A lot of stress in the room as the faculty feel their jobs are at risk and students are worried about class sizes and availabilities. Tuition is over 50% of the school's revenues so that's 30 million in losses for next year. If you are running a club and want to ask for money it will be a hard time.

Sam White: To be specific, 24 million will be cut with an additional 7 million from tuition. They are planning on focusing on providing teaching, research and the community. They do not want to cut support. The impact is not equal between schools and within all programs. OSAP wise, the total OSAP applicants at Queen's is 7000, 1700 are on free tuition so their family income was at a level that their tuition was granted. Less people will be getting these grants. Professors with tenure are okay. A solution could be international solutions but people said Queen's does not have the support and facilities for that. People were upset with this. A team was made for revenue and budget. The provost will give a new budget at the last senate. They are going to give bursaries to those who need it the most. People who are not getting grants will get bursaries. More info will be out at the next senate meeting.

Max Berkowitz: Congrats to Peter on being the next senator.

XIII. ENGINEERING REVIEW BOARD REPORT

Caitlyn MacPhee: Rebecca has an interview. Policy is good and she has an ERB team finally.

XIV. ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

Behshid Behrouzi: Advisory board is going well. Next one is after reading week.

XV. EQUITY OFFICER REPORT

Delany Benoit: Focusing on restructuring the role for when it becomes a directorship. Looking at how we are distributing bursaries. Process that needs to be revisiting.

XVI. CLUB REPORTS

I) GEOLOGICAL

Caitlyn MacPhee: Thanks to those who came out to our info night. If you have questions, please let me know. Saturday evening at the Leon center is the fur cup for geo versus mining game. Tickets are \$20 and there is an online system.

II) CHEMENGCHEM

Ryan Kealey: We handed out sweater and created academic feedback forms to distribute in week 6.

III) APPLIED MATHEMATICS

Hatem Dawaghreh: All good.

IV) MECHANICAL

Melisa Young: All of mech exec is at beers with profs. They are working on dates for banquet and academic forums.

V) CIVIL

Delany Benoit: Civil club is ordering Patagonia sweaters and booking location for banquet and ordering bridge patches.

XVII. YEAR REPORTS

I) SCI'19

Jordan Pernari: Chugging away on the regular things. Iron ring signup is open and do so before next Friday. If you have thank-you gift ideas, let me know. Send us pictures for the yearbook to sci19yearbook@engsoc.queensu.ca. Working on the after party and are looking for volunteers for that. Tickets are on sale after reading week.

II) SCI'20

Devin Alldrit: Nothing much has changed. Planning a bake sale.

Melisa Young: We are planning a merch flash sale as well.

III) SCI'21

Chas Meadows: Not a whole lot. Karaoke event with Nursing 21. Should be fun.

IV) SCI'22

Julia Takimoto: We are working on merch and had a physics mid-term cancelled.

XVIII. STATEMENTS AND QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Blake Wisniewski: For civil folks, the department is hiring faculty so there are seminars happening for undergrad students to go to. I went to two today and I was the only undergrad there. They are only half an hour. The next one is tomorrow at 9 am. If you are in a civil group, its been posted about.

Emily Wiersma: General update. The engineering wellness center, we have been working with heads and have a proposal for the faculty. We were planning on a student fee so we will see how that goes.

Hatem Dawaghreh: Shout out to CTT for the competition.

Blake Wisniewski: There is one tomorrow at 9 am for environmental.

Proxy: I was curious about tuition, is this also applied to international students.

Max Berkowitz: No. It has been left by the provincial government as an easy target position. They claimed to consider all options by the Principal Wolfe said it would be dishonest to say that they were not considering this.

Delany Benoit: Do international students increasing mean increasing class size or decreasing domestic students?

Sam White: There were talks about increasing class size and reducing provincial student. They seem to want to play with ratios.

Caitlyn MacPhee: Is this info public and where can it be found if so?

Sam White: The minutes are publicly posted. I have the slides from the provost. The minute are on the governance portal

MOTION TO CLOSE:

Moved by: Kodie Becker

Seconded by: Andrew Vasila

Motion Passes, 7:06 pm