

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO ENGINEERING SOCIETY

MEETING #2 – Winter 2014

Date: January 29th, 2014

Location: Carl Pollock Hall 3607

Chair: Eric Evenchick

Secretary: Suzy Patchett

Attendees (Highlight if present):

Executive

President	David Birnbaum
VP Internal	Annamaria Reda
VP External	Leila Meema-Coleman
VP Education	Drew Dutton
VP Finance	Kevin McNamara

Class Representatives

1B Chem	3A Chem	4B Tron
1B Mech	3A Mech	4B Env
1B Civ	3B Geo	4B Civ
1B SE	3A Civ	4B Nano
1B Elec	3A Elec	4B Comp
1B Comp	3A Mgmt	4B Elec
1B Nano	3A SE	4B Elec
1B Mgmt	3A Chem	4B Mech
2A Chem	3B Env	4B Mech
2A Tron	3B Syde	4B Geo
2A Env	3B Tron	4B Syde
2A Syde	3B Elec	4B SE
2A Geo	3B Mech	
2A Comp	3B Comp	
2A Elec	4B Chem	
2A Mech	4B Chem	

Other Representatives:

B-Soc Representative

Total Votes Available: 49

Total Votes Present: 40

Beginning the Agenda items

1.0 Welcome/Call to Order (Time: 5:34)

Quorum established at 40 / 49 voting members present.

2.0 Approval of Minutes (Time: 5:37)

Motion: Approval of Winter 2014 Meeting #1 Minutes

- *Motion:* Table until Next Meeting
- Mover: President
- Secunder: VP Finance
- *Vote:* Motion Passes unanimously

Vote: Tabled to next meeting

3.0 Approval of Engenda (Time: 5:38)

Changes to the Engenda?

Motion: Amend to add Team Nova to New Business

- Mover: President
- Secunder: VP Ed
- *Vote:* Motion passes unanimously

Motion: Fix Annamaria Reda's name

- Mover: VP Finance
- Secunder: VP Internal
- *Vote:* Motion passes unanimously

Motion: Approval of Winter 2014 Meeting #2 Engenda

- Mover: Chem 2015
- Secunder: VP Finance

Vote: Motion passes unanimously

4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes (Time: 5:40)

4.1 VP Communications – Appendix A (Let there be six)

Motion: See Appendix A

- Mover: See Appendix A
- Secunder: See Appendix A

Discussion:

- Motion has been amended regarding feedback from Meeting #1
- Increasing demand for social media communication has necessitated a new, accountable VP role.
- Q: Regarding other schools that have VP Communications, can you give more detail into what those EngSoc's look like as a whole?
- A: Don't know about York. Windsor, Laurentian, UOIT have 5, others have 5 or 6.
- Q: Majority of universities with VP Coms have 5?
- A: Yes.
- Q: What kind of projects would VP Com work on if they had commissioners do more?

- A: It's important to look at what communication will be needed, but if in the future the VP Communications needs more help with the large workload, they might have commissioners. VP Communications could spend time working on new initiatives for advertising, videos, IW advertising, etc.
- Q: Who can run?
- A: Anyone as long as they are in 2A by the time they'd be elected.
- Q: If this is created will it be in this set of elections?
- A: Ideally yes.
- Comment: B soc will also have to pass the motion in order for the position to be official; the person elected will not have a vote on council or be able to sign cheques in that case.
- Q: The B soc exec, where do they fall on this? How will they handle this?
- A: B soc exec are in support, and would run a by-election in the upcoming term if this motion is to pass.
- Q: This person will only be exec for a partial term?
- A: This has been the case for other execs recently as well
- Q: What if it doesn't pass on B soc?
- A: The position will not appear in the bylaws but will still exist unofficially (see above)
- Comment: Disagree with decision to implement before the upcoming election, seems rushed, concerned about the VP I/ VP O situation from past years, concerned with the position not existing until B soc passes.
- Response: There is almost a month before elections so there is still more time, hoping to elect this person so they do not have to join the team late
- Point: Nominations actually start in 2 weeks.

Motion: Table the vote until the joint council meeting

- Mover: 2016 Mech
- Secnder: 4B mech

Discussion:

- Mover's point: It's rushed and more thought needs to go into this, because it is taking up a large chunk of what VP Internal's position is, more thought needs to be put into this
- Secnder's point: Should be moved to committee for evaluating this decision.
- B soc suggestion: Shouldn't push things until joint council meeting, all big decisions shouldn't be delayed to be only once per year.
- Response: Big decision, both councils should discuss it.
- Response: To say nothing should happen until joint council seems backward and ignores the point of the system now.

- Comment: Need to re-evaluate each of the exec's roles before something like this is passed, evaluation can be done in time for joint council, since this changes all roles.
- Response: Postponing this means that the role won't be implemented until 2015 in B soc and later for A soc.
- Q: If this is moved to joint council and passes will A soc have by-election?
- A: Probably
- Comment: The fact that the role changed significantly in two weeks is worth noting. Communications works best as a commissioner unless it's allowed the chance to grow.
- Response: Communication's section of the portfolio actually hasn't changed. From last week: Read/debated, council didn't agree with VP Communications and Administration so was changed to just VP Communications.
- Point: Creating a new vp is more of a Band-Aid solution, there should be a committee to discuss and plan this, rather than creating a new role and putting VP Internal in a commissioner-like role.
- Response: The role of VP Internal will not be commissioner-like.

Motion: Call to Question Motion to Table

- Mover: President
- Secunder: Enviro 2015
- *Vote:* 14 for – motion fails, discussion continues

Discussion:

- Point: We could form a committee that could present at joint council, and if we wait until joint council it is only one more term that this position doesn't exist.
- Clarification: Committee to look at entire exec and commissioner structure.
- Point: Past committees needed more data and recommended that this would be revisited after current structure had been run for several term (commissioner and exec structure), committee evaluation now would be in line with that recommendation
- Note: For first years who don't know, joint council is meeting in July.
- Point: Not in favor of moving it to joint council, it will be messier if moved to joint council and there ends up being a by-election since the by-election will make it more difficult for the new VP to begin. To people saying this is a Band-Aid solution, what are suggestions for other solutions?
- Response: One suggestion is looking at other positions together and rearranges all portfolios as necessary.
- Point: What if B soc amends this and A soc has to pass again?
- Response: If B soc amends this it can pass at joint council anyway.
- Response: A soc could re-amend at joint council

- Response: How is amending it any worse that B soc not passing it as exec position will not be official
- Point: Isn't our organization also very top heavy? This will make it worse
- Point: We should vote on it now and approve the motion, and then be able to make more changes.

Speaker Calls to Question

- *Vote:* 19 for, 17 against, 2 abstained
- Motion passes tabling until joint council

Vote: Tabled until Joint Council Meeting in June

4.2 P & P Nominations Round 2

Discussion:

- Q: If we don't make quorum can we still vote?
- A: Yes
- Send presentations to Eric Evenchick. speaker.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca

4.3 Elections Updates

Discussion:

- Presidential election was pushed back as there was only one candidate, so it will be held with the exec elections.
- Nominations open until the 14th of Feb., Candidate meeting is on the 14th of Feb.
- Campaign will be March 3rd to 7th
- Voting will be on March 8th to the 11th

5.0 New Business (Time: 6:30)

5.1 Team Nova

- Feds election is ongoing,
- gofornova.com
- Three major platform points: improving mental health resources on campus, improve relationships between FEDs and other societies, looking at sponsorship to increase events and reduce reliance on student funding
- Ask questions Tomorrow around POETS area, they will all be wearing red
- Voting is Feb 11th to 13th
- Voting individually, not for entire faction at once.
- Q: What makes them different from the other teams running?
- A: Experience and qualifications, very large breadth of experience, as well as clearly laid out, tangible items to be accomplished in a year.

5.2 Appendix B- Financing is good

Motion: See Appendix B

- Mover: See Appendix B
- Secunder: See Appendix B

Discussion:

- Six at large members
- Q: Time commitment?
- A: 2 hours of listening to presentation + 2 hour meeting
- Q: How much is being allocated?
- A: \$5000
- Nominations: Victoria, Harris, Phil, Julian, Allen, David, Abdullah, Michael, Josh, Kal
- **Elected:** Victoria Debrincat, Michael Kononenko, David Trembetzky, Abdullah Barakat, Joshua Kalpin, Kal Sobel

Motion: Amend to include these names for the Committee

- Mover: VP Fin
- Seconder: VP Ed
- *Vote:* Motion passes unanimously

Vote: Motion passes unanimously

5.3 Engineering a Difference:

- Encouraging more volunteering out in the KW community
- In contact with volunteer organizers looking for opportunities that can fit with an engineering schedule, and promoting to students
- Patches, reward system, p***5
- Question: Website?
- Answer: page on engsoc website, mailing list, facebook page
- Short blurb will be sent out to the class reps to talk to advertise to the rest of their classes.
- Soup Sisters/Broth Brothers, food bank, after Canstruction, DeCanstruction
- outreach@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca – email if you have any ideas

6.0 Executive Reports (Time: 6:58)

6.1 President – David Birnbaum (president.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

- More added to student deals www.engsoc.uwaterloo.ca/studentdeals
- Student award for this term is still open, www.engsoc.uwaterloo.ca/leadershipaward
- EngSoc will be opening an electronics part shop, space is pending
- Will stock common electronic components, resistors, breadboards, motors, etc.
- Help students order in bulk and get group discounts
- Q: Consolidate with ECE and MME department?
- A: Have to be in ECE or MME to use those services. The dean wanted to open one anyway EngSoc offered to run it. Also will expand on what is not available at the ECE and MME stores, which have either component rental or free, common components
- Q: Will shop be non-profit?

- A: That is the goal, like the CnD

6.2 VP External – Leila Meema-Coleman (vpexternal.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

- Change for Change was a success: \$497.44
- Winning year was: 2017
- 10 goats!
- CFES this year is doing a new NEM initiative, recreating discovery channel commercial with other engineering schools across Canada
- OEC is this weekend, WEC winners will be competing
- Ontario centre for engineering and public policy essay writing contest this weekend, 1000 prize, link to be sent out on the mailing list.
- Q: Lyric for discovery channel commercial?
- A: We don't know yet but it will be about loving engineering

6.3 VP Education – Drew Dutton (vpeducation.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

- STEP-New scheduling software (to be trailed this summer) will take into account how many students are interested in taking courses for planning them
- Concerns about block structuring all day are not founded, the blocks will not be the case
- First simulation showed 8 hour straight engineering classes however this will be manually tweaked and shouldn't be a concern, will remain with cohort and take all the same courses
- Major changes will be in applying for CSEs, software will take into account engineers applying for other courses and design a schedule that works more for the engineers
- Q: Will this affect room availability?
- A: They will try to keep each faculty within their own "pavilion" to hopefully reduce travel time.
- Q: Will they be reducing giant breaks for engineers on campus?
- A: The software will also take into account faculty preferences which should reduce chances of evening and late night courses
- Q: In ChemEng the faculty makes up the schedules, will that still be the case?
- A: Yes it should be the case for all of engineering.
- Q: STEP was supposed to be here 2 years ago, there were concerns with all students having 8:30 classes, why was it delayed?
- A: Faculty has been fighting against this, university finally said no. Not everyone will have 8:30 lectures as it also depends on room availability.
- Q: Will it affect what courses are offered?
- A: In the way of pre-enrollment, if 90/90 slots were filled the course would be offered, instead of having the possibility of not being offered. Could reduce courses that only have a few students signing up.
- Co-op: On par with employment from last winter
- Salary field in Orbis (replacing jobmine) there would be a salary listed with Orbis, though will not be able to filter/search by salary

- Q: Not a good idea to advertise salary
- A: This frees up the resources of people who have to do job sign offs for ridiculous salaries.
- Co-op Fee proposal 3% increase

6.4 VP Internal – Annamaria Reda (vpinternal.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

- Interview skills workshop run last night, good feedback and success, new directorship position
- GLOW Liasons event
- Tobogganing

6.5 VP Finance – Kevin McNamara (vpfinance.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

- Got fees from FEDs
- Directors will be reimbursed
- ECIF – meeting at the end of February, submit pro
- POETS improvements
- Sponsorship committee, student teams submit your proposals
- Coverall day sold 26 pairs
- P***5 point for every dollar spent at novelties
- Onsie day will happen
- Fire sale the week after reading week

7.0 Affiliate Reports (Time: 7:20)

7.1 WEEF – Ben Pratt (weef@uwaterloo.ca)

- 3rd, 4th, and 6th of March
- Encourage faculties to make proposals
- WEEF director elections

7.2 Senate – Allyson Francis (Allyson.francis@uwaterloo.ca)

- Nothing to report, no meeting

7.3 Iron Warrior – Spenser Good (theironwarrior@gmail.com)

- Production weekend is this weekend
- Website has been updated

7.4 FEDs Councillors –David Birnbaum (djbirnba@uwaterloo.ca)

- 3 people ran for 5 engineering counsellor seats, still 2 seats open
- Executive elections happening right now 3 pages
- Referendum on U-pass bus service – same time as exec elections
- FEDs council recently formed 4 committees on improving student life around campus, looking for 3 students at large each, apply at FEDs.ca if interested
- U-pass is 77 dollars vs. 250 for per term bus pass
- Referendum is part of the online vote

7.5 EngFoc – David B, Santiago G, Annamaria R, Jacob T (engfoc@uwaterloo.ca)

- Interviews this weekend, email if you didn't apply and want to be a Big
- Tell your class in case the email didn't go through
- You do not need to interview if you already interviewed last term

- If you want to be a Big, contact soon
- 7.6 Graduation Committee – Johanna B, Kayla S (gradcomm2014@gmail.com)**

- Disorientation week is sold out
- Wednesday of next week is the last time to buy IRS tickets, can't be bought at the door
- Make sure people know that IRS and IRC are different things

8.0 Announcements (Time: 7:29)

8.1 Speed Networking

- Thursday Jan 31st POETS 7-9pm

8.2 The Hunger Games

- Top class will win a box of bacon
- Thursday: Montana's for all you can eat wings
- Friday is Pizza Hut
- Saturday is All you can Eat Sushi
- See Facebook Group

8.3 Humans vs. Zombies

- Next week
- Sign up in CPH foyer

8.4 Ski Trip

- 9 open spots left for Sunday, Feb. 2nd
- Sign up in the Orfice

8.5 Valentine's Day Romantic pictures with the tool

- Minimum donation of .25
- Feb 12th in POETS

8.6 EngSoc Curling

- 6pm-9pm March 16th, bus ticket will be \$2

8.7 Re-Engineering Cities for Food Security

- Phosphorous used to increase food production
- Presentation from a U of T professor

8.8 Rube Goldberg

- Province wide through Essco
- Volunteers needed for outreach event

8.9 MacEng Musical

- March 15th after bus push
- Tickets in the Orfice
- "Snow White and the 7:1 ratio"

8.10 TalEng

- Looking for an MC
- March 20th
- Sign up online to perform

9.0 Varia (Time: 7:39)

9.1 How many days 4th years?

- **10 Days ‘til IRS!**

10.0 Adjournment of Meeting (Time:7:40)

Motion: Adjourn Winter 2014 Meeting #2

- Mover: VP Internal
- Seconder: ECE 2018

Vote: Motion passes unanimously

APPENDICES

- Appendix A: Let there be Six!
- Appendix B: Sponsoring is Good!

Appendix A:

Motion	
Title:	Let there be six!
Mover:	President A
Seconder:	President B
Spirit:	To add the VP Communications as an executive in the Bylaws
Whereas:	Currently, all official communications of the Society are handled by an appointed commissioner role
And Whereas:	The communications portfolio is growing very quickly, with the recent addition of faculty and department mailing lists, LCD screens, and more coming
And Whereas:	A higher degree of accountability is ideal for someone with access to communicate directly to all 6000 of our members
And Whereas:	The joint executive believe it is in the best interest of the Society to create a new VP position to take on this large communications portfolio
BIRT:	<p>Bylaw V section B be edited to reflect the following changes</p> <p>Executive Officers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> There shall be five-six executive officers of the Society: the President; the Vice President, Education; <u>the Vice President, Communications</u>; the Vice President, External; the Vice President, Finance; and the Vice President, Internal. The President shall: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Be the official representative of the Society; Be the official guardian of the Society's mascot; Be responsible for the administration and actions of the Society. The Vice President, Education shall: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Be responsible for representing the academic, educational, professional development and cooperative education interests of undergraduate engineering students; Work toward increasing the quality of education for undergraduate engineering students at the University of Waterloo. <u>The Vice President, Communications shall:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Be responsible for managing all official communications of the Society</u> 4-5. The Vice President, External shall: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Be the official liaison of the Society to organizations external to the university. 5-6. The Vice President, Finance Shall: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Administer all finances of the Society under the direction of Council; Be responsible for keeping accurate and complete records of all financial transactions of the Society;

	<p>c) Prepare and submit a budget for Council's approval within the first month of each academic term.</p> <p>6-7. The Vice President, Internal shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Keep a copy of the Constitution, Bylaws and Policy Manual as amended and be responsible for the publication of revisions; b) Be responsible for the recording, filing and distributing of the minutes of all meetings of Council; c) Be responsible for managing events and internal affairs of the Society.
BIFRT:	<p>Bylaw V Section C be amended to reflect the following changes:</p> <p><u>Section B: Qualifications</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An executive officer must be an on-term member of the Society. 2. To be eligible to run for an executive officer position a person must either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Have been successfully promoted from their previous academic term and not be on academic probation; or b) Have attained at least a 65% term average in their previous academic term. 3. To be eligible to run for an executive officer position a person must be a member who, according to their academic program scheduling, intends to be an on-term member for either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the following two on-terms of the Society; or b) one of the following two on-terms of the Society, provided that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) the student is running for the position of <u>Vice President, Communications</u>; Vice President, External; Vice President, Finance; or Vice President, Internal; ii) the student has a running mate who also qualifies under this Bylaw, and who, according to their academic program scheduling, intends to be an on-term member for the other on-term; iii) at least one of the students in the pair is scheduled to be off-term during one of the next two on-terms of the Society; and iv) both the student and the running mate intend to be full-time, registered undergraduate engineering students and members of the Society for the following four consecutive terms. 4. To be eligible for an executive officer position a person must have attained at least the following academic term for their first term of office:

	a) President – 3A; b) Vice President, Education and Vice President, External – 2B; c) Vice President, Finance; <u>Vice President, Communications;</u> and Vice President, Internal – 2A.
BIFRT:	The Society run an election for the VP Communications & Administration in conjunction with the other VP Positions this Winter 2014 term.

Appendix B:

Motion	
Title:	Sponsoring is good!
Mover:	VP Finance A
Seconder:	VP Education A
Spirit:	To create the Winter 2014 Sponsorship Committee.
Whereas:	A sponsorship committee is required to allocate the sponsorship portion of the budget for this term.
BIRT:	The committee membership shall be the following at large members: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Victoria Debrincat 2. Michael Kononenko 3. David Trembetzky 4. Joshua Kalpin 5. Kal Sobel 6. Abdullah Barakat