

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO ENGINEERING SOCIETY 'A'

MEETING # 4 – Winter 2014

Date: February 26th, 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 Nano	3A Mgmt	4B Elec
1B Mgmt	3A SE	4B Elec
2A Chem	3B Chem	4B Mech
2A Tron	3B Env	4B Mech
2A Env	3B Syde	4B Geo
2A Syde	3B Tron	4B Syde
2A Geo	3B Elec	4B SE
2A Comp	3B Mech	
2A Elec	3B Comp	
2A Mech	4B Chem	
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Other Representatives:

B-Soc Representative

Total Votes Available: 49

Total Votes Present: 32

Beginning the Agenda items

1.0 Professor Gordon Stubley Presentation –Associate Dean of Teaching (5:36 pm)

- Course Evaluations
- To be run starting March 10th over a 2 week period
- Make sure your classes run the course evaluations by March 21st, and delivered to engineering society office

Questions:

- Q: How are the evaluations used in the event that a professor has low course evaluations?
- A: About 50% of instructors with low evaluations are new professors and will seek help to improve on their own and no action by the University will be required besides guidance as they improve. Professors that are not brand new will have recommendations made to them by their chair, such as participating in workshops and other ways to improve. High scoring professors however, can be rewarded, and the potential of rewards are better motivation to improve than the threats of getting low scores.
- Q: What about in the event that a class could be improved before the end of the term?
- A: There should be some amount of feedback throughout the term, similar to how students are tested more than once throughout the term. Two minute essays could be a good idea for helping professors get feedback, or by using the class rep program.

2.0 (8.1) CECA Presentation – Alisha M.

- Update on WaterlooWorks system by ORBIS Communications
- Keyword job search, save searches, notifications of new jobs, includes Google Maps of location.
- First group of students (Architecture) will be using the system in Spring 2014. By Winter 2015 everyone will use WaterlooWorks.
- One free “Not Ranked” per term that students may use if they provide a reason in order to not take a job.
- Q: Why would the reason be shared?
- A: To help the employer improve if needed.
- Q: What if CECA doesn’t approve the reason?
- A: The reason is automatically approved.
- Salary will now be posted with the jobs, as well as possibly with offers or ranks.
- Application limit will probably be removed.
- CECA would like student feedback for WaterlooWorks, can join the student panel to provide feedback.
- Poll questions online to collect feedback. Example: Poll on the Skills Inventory (Used internally to help CECA match unemployed students with possible employers)
- Comment: Since skills inventory is a set list, many skills are missing for certain programs

- Q: Would any costs be associated with including a skills inventory into WaterlooWorks?
- A: There would be some customization cost
- Focus groups and demonstrations have been run of WaterlooWorks so far
- Q: One problem with Jobmine was that it logged students out after a short time of inactivity; will the limit remain the same?
- A: This has been brought up by other students but necessary for security, however the limit may be increased.
- Uwaterloo.ca/ceca-systems to join the panel
- waterlooworks@uwaterloo.ca
- Q: Students like the Jobmine glitch, will that be continued?
- A: No?
- Q: Will WaterlooWorks be mobile compatible?
- A: Yes, it should be.
- Q: Email notifications?
- A: Yes
- Q: Will there be more complex search functionality?
- A: The search functionality is very different, check out demos to see different scenarios.

3.0 Welcome/Call to Order (Time: 5:53 pm)

Quorum established at 32 /49 voting members present.

4.0 Approval of Engenda (Time: 6:10 pm)

Motion: Approval of Winter 2014 Meeting #4 Engenda

- Mover: Mech 2016
- Secunder: Elec 2016

Vote: motion passes unanimously

5.0 Approval of Minutes (Time: 6:10 pm)

Motion: Approval of Winter 2014 Meeting #3 Minutes

- Mover: Nano 2018
- Secunder: ECE 2016

Vote: motion passes unanimously

6.0 Smart Solutions – Conference at UWaterloo

- talkchange.ca
- Happening Saturday, March 1st –registration at 9:30 am
- Happening in MC 4020
- facebook.com/developingsmart
- Disruptive Tech in Developing countries
- Speakers coming from all over the world

7.0 Business Arising from the Minutes (Time: 6:15)

7.1 P&P Presentations

David Birnbaum (president.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

- Lisa Belbeck by Josh Kalpin
- Kate Heymans by Anjali Gopal
- Liz Cilantro by British Anjali Gopal

Recap of all presentations:

Eric

Graeme

Derek

Liz C.

Kate

Farzi

Lisa

Voting for P&P Award choices occurs this meeting.

7.2 Elections Updates

Lucas Hudson (cro.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

- Campaigning starts next week
- Will be visiting first and second year classes
- Voting starts a week from Saturday
- Open Forum: CPH Foyer next Wednesday

8.0 New Business

8.1 CECA Presentation (5:30)

waterlooworks@uwaterloo.ca

- Notes earlier in minutes.

8.2 Election of CFO

David Birnbaum (president.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

- **Nominations:**
Puneet
Michael
Soheil
- Winner of vote was Puneet

Motion: Ratify Puneet as CFO for Winter 2014 term

- Mover: President
- Secunder: SE 2016

Vote: Motion passes unanimously

9.0 Executive Reports (Time: 6:45 pm)

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

- Progress on E7 has been made
- Confirmed space for electronics shop

- Initial CnD layout confirmed – might be a slushie machine
- Examinations and Promotions Committee: Every student petitioning will now get an email telling them their resources

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

- 3 teams representing Waterloo at the Canadian Engineering Competition
- March is national engineering month
- Engineering Explorations still needs volunteers
- At MOT there will be filming of the CES video for Waterloo
- WIE Committee discussions on why women and girls aren't going into engineering – grade 12 student girls not taking Grade 12 physics and not eligible to apply

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

- Co-op working group meeting on Monday
- More updates next meeting

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

- Euchre tournament next Friday
- Writing transition documents for the next VP Internal
- Updating the website, adding more exams to exam bank
- More updates next week

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

- Coveralls are in
- Money from FEDs got in today!
- Fire Sale Friday 11 am – 12 pm
- ECIF meeting yesterday
- Must apply for sponsorship by Friday
- Minor Hockey Team sponsorship

10.0 Affiliate Reports (Time: 6:55 pm)

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

- Meetings Monday, Tuesday, Thursday next week
- Election for WEEF director

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

- Pushing more for student space, new AHS, new science buildings
- 18% of all space on campus to be student space – current is 8 % student space compared to 12 % average
- Going to ask for a RIM building to be made into a silent study space

10.3 Iron Warrior – Spenser Good (theirwarrior@gmail.com)

- Read Lucas's article in IW
- Still looking for a student at large to help look over IW, talk to Liz

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

- FEDs elections results were announced
- Still 2 engineering seats available
- FEDs council meeting on Sunday

10.5 EngFOC- David B, Santiago G, Annamaria R, Jacob T (engfoc@uwaterloo.ca)

- EngFOC fire sale on Monday 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
 - Directorship applications are still open for O-week
 - People can still be Bigs if they want! Email EngFOC with quest ID by next Friday!
 - Winter Leader Retreat is coming up March 22nd
 - Offers via LEADS for leader positions should be sent out on Friday
- 10.6 Gradcomm – Johanna B., Kayla S., Kal S. (gradcomm2014@gmail.com)**
- Intent to graduate forms are due March 10th, get them in early

11.0 Announcements (Time: 7:04)

11.1 P5**

- Due Friday at noon
- **Contact:** ptothefive@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca

11.2 Rube Goldberg

- Final build day this Saturday at 9 am
- **Contact:** Jill

11.3 Bus Push

- March 15th, 9:30
- Pledge forms in the Office

11.4 Mac Eng Musical

- March 15th after Bus Push
- Snow White and the 7:1 ratio
- **Contact:** Office for tickets

11.5 Engineering explorations

- March 10th 4 – 8 pm
- Still looking for volunteers

11.6 Willy Wonka Themed Semi Formal

- Friday March 14th
- Turret Nightclub
- Tickets on sale March 3rd to 13th, EngSoc office, \$15

11.7 Education Outreach

11.8 WiE Day

- Tuesday, March 4th
- Talk by Crystal Tse about Women in Engineering

11.9 Canstruction

- Volunteers wanted
- Build thing of Cans in Conestoga Mall

11.10 Euchre Tournament

- Friday, March 7th, 1-4 pm
- **Contact:** VP Internal (Annamaria)

11.11 Minor Hockey Team

- Organizing a group of people to watch the game
- March 8th at 9:30 am, at McCormick!
- Meeting 8:45 at POETS to go

- During Euchre making personalized posters for each of the kids on the team
- **Contact:** VP Finance (Kevin)

11.12 Band Wars

- March 13th at Maxwell Music house
- Sign-ups were opened up today

11.13 2017 Olympiad

- Program Olympiad!

11.14 Alumni Speaker

- Next Wednesday at 5:30 in E5
- See Facebook Event for details

11.15 MOT

- POETS 7 – 9 next Friday

11.16 TalEng

- Sign up if you have talents!
- March 20th at 9:00 pm

12.0 Gradcomm (Time: 7:15 pm)

12.1 How many days 4th years?

- -18 days ‘til IRS

12.2 How many days 3rd years?

- 346 days ‘til IRS

13.0 Adjournment of Meeting (Time: 7:15 pm)

Motion: Adjourn Winter 2014 Meeting #4

- Mover: Mech 2014
- Secunder: Chem 2015

Vote: Motion passes unanimously