

Guelph Engineering Society Meeting Minutes

Week 1, September 11th, 2017

Position	Name	Present (Y/N)	Position	Name	Present (Y/N)
President	Valerie Bauman	Y	Athletics Officer	Eric Macdonald	Y
Faculty	Matt Demers	Y	Charity Officer(s)	Courtney Steingart Annie Krueger	Y Y
Chair	Andrew Gunter	Y	Arts Officer(s)	Talha Tariq Rebecca Bar	Y L
VP External	Matthew Curtis	Y	O'Snap Officer	Catherine Dang	Y
VP Internal	Matt Saunders	Y	Merchandise Officer	Trevor Smith	Y
VP Finance	Stephanie Kotiadis	Y	Office Manager	Katherine Rog	Y
VP Social(s)	Ciaran Buckley Stephanie Walton	Y Y	First Year Representatives	Thomas Coulson Dominique Mastronardi	Y Y
VP Academic	Betty Zhao	Y	Second Year Representatives	Sophia Vlahos Abdullah Al Hayali	Y Y
VP Student Life	Sarah Rozon	Y	Third Year Representatives	Isabella Cardoza Amanda Nason Sunlier Yao Brennan Jay Shawn Hustins Kaitlyn Richard	Y Y N L N N
Internal Development	Jon MacPherson	N	Fourth Year Representatives	Deanna Kerekes Haley Birrell Tiana Mistry Kevin Stewart	Y Y N N
Professional Development	Loreta Chan	Y	Secretary	Brienne Nelson	Y
Communications Officer	Alicia Schmidt	Y	FYEC	Julia Foucault Bella Khidhir	Y N



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Agenda Details

Motion to Pass Last Week's Meeting Minutes

Owner- Sarah Rozon

Secunder- Matt Saunders

Against- 0

Abstain- 5

For- 29

Motion passes

1. Valerie Bauman (President)

1.1 Members Not Attending with Regrets

- Kevin Stewart, Jon MacPherson, Tiana Mistry

1.2 Week 7 Successes and Opportunities

- great focus group Wednesday → lots of representation

- graduate engineering society reached out, wanting to collaborate more

- had few ideas for next semester about events they want to do

- in order to offer our events to students we need volunteers

1.3 Movember

- campaign to raise awareness for men's health

- someone maintains Movember website and people can set up profiles on it

- grow moustaches and at the end of month organize an event to shave people's moustaches

- Val will man the Movember page online, will send out link tonight to set up profile

- need volunteers to run the wrap-up event → Courtney and Annie

1.4 Town Hall

- **Wednesday November 22nd 5:30-7:00PM**

- open forum meeting for students with director and dean

- students can ask questions or give feedback on school of engineering

- if think grading is unfair or course not being taught properly, can bring it up to them

- good opportunity to get your voice out

- falling on a week with other events going on

- everyone is mandated to attend

- year reps, even if you have nothing to say, your classmates might so see if there is anything to bring up

- open to everyone

- even if you can only come for 20 minutes, that's enough

1.5 Fall Reading Week

- Friday was sent a proposal implementing fall reading week and how that could play out

- made poll on Facebook to see how people felt about it

- thought accreditation would be at risk because semester would be "shortening" → not true it's just a matter of how the days are played out

- o-week would be shortened and Sunday exams

Steph W: Would add 3 days off. Don't understand how 3 extra days off can effect o-week and Christmas break?

Val: Those three days plus in both options, added 2 study days before exams started. Total of 5 days

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adding.

Sarah: Starting school earlier. Delaying things to Christmas decreases motivation, if school was started earlier it would be more beneficial.

Hugh: Have not seen proposal. Is it set in stone that we are getting a reading week?

Val: It is up for debate. A proposal was released with 2 different options on how it would be implemented. Both involved o-week being shortened and exams would start and end later.

Motion to extend speaking rights to Hugh

Owner- Matt Saunders

Secunder- Sarah Rozon

Abstain- 0

Against- 0

For- 31

Motion passes

Betty: Qdding a week before was not one of the options maybe because of the summer semester?

Matt Demers: All courses are wrapped up by beginning of August.

Annie: One constraint was 2 study days between last day of class and first day of exams.

Val: Matt, do you know why adding a week before was not considered?

Matt Demers: No, but might have to do with assumptions about where o-week has to fall but do not know. Feels like the easiest solution personally.

Val: MacMaster has welcome week and has people move in earlier.

Hugh: Mac's o-week starts on 24th of August.

Val: If that is the university saying it's standard across all schools then it's not.

Steph W: Meet with Rosanna to share more info?

Val: Yes, but she sent it out as an o-week approach.

Matt Demers: Standards across university: those are made to justify lack of solutions. But some solutions proposed involve things that go against standards of other universities (ex. Sunday exams). Why are these considered if not other things?

Sarah: Did they propose reading week at same time of thanksgiving?

Val: Why they do that is to take advantage of Monday holiday.

- from here, we should take a stance if we support this or not

- want this to be anonymous

- would everyone be comfortable writing down if they support or not on a piece of paper?

Demers: Want to be careful about this. EngSoc represents student body, risk about opinions of this idea. Good discussion is happening, but on surface, if people are worried about implications of this idea and it is a no vote, that will not be appreciated by majority of students. Risky to have that sort of vote here without a broader campaign.

Bella: Of the 3 options, one does not fall on thanksgiving.

Matt Curtis: Time restraint? What matt has to say is very valid, could damage representation. If we

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could use platform of AGM it could be something we could advertise for students to voice opinions.
Val: timeline → director asked to get back by Friday. CPES by Saturday. Not sure if we can wait until AGM but see value in getting more input.

Hugh: Suggestion → use EngSoc email to ask people for an opinion poll.

Betty: Would be implemented in 2020 so effects some years directly, feel like we need feedback from first and second years.

Steph K: Can't disregard 3rd and 4th year either.

Sarah: Matt → would it be possible to send out survey not on Facebook?

Julia: Did surveys through EngSoc or council previously.

Matt S: Have access to GryphLife who are good at sending out emails, could reach out to them.

Abdullah: Another suggestion would be to announce in classes about this issue.

Sarah: People can unsubscribe to emails so it isn't a fair way to get info out to everyone.

Matt D: tTink it is important to deal with this now since it is by the end of the week. If we set up survey, they must go out quickly.

Propose we create a subcommittee to decide after meeting.

Owner- Matt Saunders

Secunder- Betty Zhao

Abstain- 3

Against- 3

For- 19

Motion passes

2. Talha Bin Tariq & Rebecca Bar (Arts Officer)

2.1 Arts Officer Update

- coffee house:

- **November 21st THRN 1200 from 5:30-10:00PM**

- 21st coffee house, 22nd townhall, 23rd engg pub

- light week in general with enough time to plan

- next week will start sign-up sheet and asking for volunteers and looking for paintings

- opinions on amount of events that week?

Ciaran: If it's a date with no academic conflicts, go with it. It's a light week.

Betty: All 3 events are different in nature, different crowds, should be good.

Sarah: Big commitment for engsoc members. How many people are needed as volunteers?

Talha: Coffee manager and stage manager. Commitment for entire night. Will need about 4 or 5 people committed for the night.

Val: Would it be valuable to ask cheers and gears group if they would be willing to help?

Talha: Yes and band is helping out as well.

- Nov 1st cheers and gears auditions → year reps

3. Stephanie Walton & Ciaran Buckley (VP Social)

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3.1 Blood Bus

- clinic doesn't have as much availability as in the past
- suggested a donation spread over 2 days
- works financially
- **Wednesday and Thursday, November 15th and 16th 4:30-6:30PM**
- 15 people each day

4. Matthew Saunders (VP Internal)

4.1 SAGM Update

- **November 15th atrium at 6:00PM**
- one chance to engage with students to tell them what we've accomplished over the past year
- previously, each position gets up
- proposing that each subgroup goes up instead to make it quicker and smoother
- get together with VP and talk about what you've accomplished
- motion jam:
- Monday Nov 13th after EngSoc meeting to decide what to be changed in constitution as for motions
- will have an example so people know the format
- motions should be due the day before

Matt Curtis: Propose you get motions earlier to get template out to student body and council to see the motions being proposed.

4.2 Presidential Election Update

- in November
- made a post on Facebook group
- election will happen November 23rd and 24th
- nominations November 10th, start campaigning November 17th
- must have served on EngSoc beforehand
- if thinking about it, talk to Val
- can't be on co-op for fall or Winter 2019 (can in winter summer 2018)

5. Betty Zhao (VP Academic)

5.1 Accreditation Groups

- **4:15-5:30PM** now
- If you cannot stay you can leave

5.2 OSPE Forum on Women in Engineering

- significant difference between men and women in engineering's salary

5.3 Faculty Council Update

- transitioning to new structure after accreditation
- director brought up separate classes for thermos, heat and mass depending on disciplines

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- around 75% the same so if you take one can transfer and offer fall and winter
- more options and smaller class sizes
- systems and circuits have more offerings

5.4 Electives Night Update

- hot chocolate and coffee
- need volunteers
- promote to people
- **Thursday November 2nd 6:00 THRN 1002**

6. Eric MacDonald (Athletics Officer)

6.1 Soccer Tournament

- **November 18th 5-9PM**
- 10 students per team
- \$50 per team
- will have a grad student team and faculty team
- fieldhouse booked, SRM approved
- Gryphs supplying free nachos per team and discount afterwards
- need 3 or 4 volunteers for monitoring games and making sure people are safe, set up or clean up
- details in email tonight year reps announce

7. Catherine Dang (OSnap Officer)

7.1 OSnap January Issue

- thanks to who wrote November articles
- no December issue (not worth the one week)
- will do an extra long January issue, so need more volunteers
- will send out email to remind people

Parking Lot:

Val:

- next week's meeting might be in different room
- don't have a phone right now, email or Facebook message

Beef:

- hell week
- flu shot poster being stamped to death

Butter:

- someone asking Matt Saunders if he's a prof
- Professor Saunders
- breaky with Coulson

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- hell week is over

Motion to adjourn

Owner- Val Bauman

Secunder- Matt cCurtis