

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 | N 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 Y L Y N |
| Internal Development | Jon MacPherson | Y | Fourth Year Representatives | Deanna Kerekes Haley Birrell Tiana Mistry Kevin Stewart | Y Y Y N |
| Professional Development | Loreta Chan | Y | Secretary | Brienne Nelson | Y |
| Communications Officer | Alicia Schmidt | Y | FYEC | Julia Foucault | Y |



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Agenda Details

Motion to Pass Last Week's Meeting Minutes

Owner- Alicia Schmidt

Secunder- Isabella Cardoza

Against- 0

Abstain- 0

For- 32

Motion passes

1. Valerie Bauman (President)

1.1 Members Absent with Regrets

- Talha Tariq

1.2 Week 8 Successes and Opportunities

- good representation at POSC and accreditation meetings
- thanks for getting fall reading week feedback
- if you're working on something council related, keep council updated → good job at that Catherine (O'Snap)

1.3 Feedback on Fall Reading Week

- after last meeting, a crew met to decide how to get feedback from student body
- separate email went out from announcements for students to read and give feedback
- 58 responses → 52% were for reading week
- of 52% not all specified, but those who did liked option 4 the most
- 2 extra days at end of October rather than after thanksgiving, liked long Christmas break
- shared feedback with director

Matt Demers: what years mostly? → 4th, most didn't specify

1.4 SOE Awards Night, Thursday November 16

- from 7-9 (maybe 5-9)
- big banquet dinner
- a bunch of alumni come and give out awards
- Val, Scott and two PDC chairs are attending
- if anyone is interested in attending contact Val

Julia: didn't registration close on 9th for banquet? → extra tickets to spare

1.5 EngSoc Scholarship BECCA

- met with alumni affairs before o-week
- discussed starting a scholarship
- we donate money every year to be awarded to a student
- brought idea to executives on council

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- questions came up on who would decide who gets the award → brought this up to alumni affairs
- has to start this semester if we want to start it this year
- would bring it up at AGM
- would donate a minimum of \$1000 every year to scholarship pot
- determine criteria (highest average or mark, financial need criteria, involvement criteria)
- none of us would have any part in deciding, just donate money and there would be an awards selection committee to take over the selection part

Sarah Rozon: For the financial need criteria → engineering tuition is really expensive, and other two criteria are existing

Steph Walton: See EngSoc to serve most number of students and scholarships take a lot of money that could go towards many students to one instead.

Matt Demers: Understand point, but we put forward so much money towards things and I think celebrating people among us is good too. If you know EngSoc is supporting an award, it looks good too in taking an academic roll and not just social things.

Julia Foucault: I've been to awards night, there is a specific, small group and many people receive multiple awards. If we were to have multiple recipients then people who weren't always #1 would have a shot too.

Matt Demers: Was on engineering awards committee and whatever the organization is, has freedom to choose criteria (could look at things beyond marks).

Julia Foucault: Nice to do things not mark centric, but important for the student to progress in their degree.

Steph Kotiadis: Market carefully because EngSoc is seen as cliquey.

Val Bauman: It would be on UoG website not EngSoc, same as CPES.

Sarah Rozon: Depending on criteria picked, could destigmatize EngSoc.

1.6 Week 12 Meeting

- week 12 is EngSoc Christmas party
- nice dinner and secret Santa (\$20 or under)
- time to chill and relax
- Christmas sweaters encouraged

1.7 Unused EngSoc Exec Office

- reminder we have exec office sitting filled with stuff, not being used to full semester
- any ideas for it, give to Val by the end of semester or we're giving it up

2. Matthew Curtis (VP External)

2.1 PEO-SC

- this past weekend, Sarah, Eric and Matt attended PEO-SC
- hosted by Ryerson

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- educate students in upper years about benefits of getting P.Eng
- motivational sessions by engineers who decided to get P.Eng later
- Ryerson professors, Bob Dony, Jonathan Hack
- recognizing certain disciplines that are not getting P.Eng (BioMed and Software)
- waving \$75 for people in software
- 6 months after you graduate (get diploma), the \$300 initiation fee is waived
- will present this information in a report, OR
- instead of putting time into report, want to use resources to get someone from PEO, Tracy Caruana, to come

- rent out room, open mic night, presentation about PEO and us to ask questions

Val Bauman: WISE gets people to talk about how to get P.Eng. Could collaborate?

Matt Curtis: ces would collaborate. Tracy said they speak with 4th years, but they might not have questions. We could provide this to all years to be able to ask questions.

Betty Zhao: WISE is organizing that next week on Tuesday. Would you want us to collaborate with them now?

Matt Curtis: Will get in contact with WISE and Tracy and either figure it out or do it next semester.

- two more conferences that we fund, upcoming: congress
- congress → anyone who would like to continue being involved, would recommend you apply to congress

-January 2nd to 8th in Halifax, NS

2.2 ESSCO Update

- executive is Ram Raputhy is resigning
- Andrew Cook, president of ESSCO is currently taking on his position
- there will be call for positions ending Nov 15th
- if anyone here who wants to be involved in ESSCO or know anyone who wanted to be involved in EngSoc, refer them to Matt

Julia Foucault: Have to be undergrad? → Yes? But will clarify

3. Matthew Saunders (VP Internal)

3.1 SAGM Atrium Booking Fee

- booked for Nov 15th
- will not let us have it for free → \$52/hr
- have to pay for technicians overtime
- should have him for 2 hours but could be longer depending on how long meeting goes
- would like to budget for 4 hours of time, but do you guys think it's worth it?

Tiana Mistry: Why is it in the atrium?

Matt Saunders: Trying to be more open and accessible to all students. For accountability, want it

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more visible. Previously no one but EngSoc comes. Maybe people would have better idea of things we do here.

Steph Walton: Extra money would be worth it to increase amount of attendance, and we could present those numbers next year to maybe get rid of fee.

Julia Foucault: Might make us seem more inclusive and transparent.

Betty Zhao: Accountability → would it be wise to send it out through an email as well?

Val Bauman: Would arrangement of atrium change? People in there studying. How would voting work and attendance? → trying to set up scantron for voting

- presumably people in there are in engineering
- abstain doesn't count towards quorum

Shawn Hustins: If able to do it in another room for free, could always budget towards food or something that would encourage people to come.

Julia Foucault: Atrium has benefit of people wandering in and out. Think it is important for accountability and motions in general. Would be valuable to rearrange half of it so people know an event is going on.

Propose motion to amend budget to additional \$250

Owner- Matt Saunders
 Secunder- Sarah Rozon

Abstain- 1
 Against- 1
 For- 34

Motion passes

3.2 Two positions opening

- EngSoc election for FYEC for January
- same week as presidential election
- confirmation from people in charge of lab fund finances
- need student wide referendum → want to pass with 20% quorum
- need to get all friends to vote in order to hit 300-400 people

Val Bauman: Referendum will happen at same time as presidential? → Yes

4. Betty Zhao (VP Academic)

4.1 VP Academic Update (Accreditation, Electives Night)

- thanks for accreditation who found people and went

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- electives night: went well, 20-50 people
- Anne Macdonald was there and gave formal presentation
- a lot of different disciplines
- would you like this to happen next semester? → Yes

4.2 1-in-5 Mental Health Awareness Week

- gave out shirts today
- panel at 5:30 in McKinnon 113
- panel is very powerful 5 speakers, very moving and touching, a lot of people are surprised at how much they can relate
- will send details
- how to help a friend workshop in THRN Nov 9th
- if you see a friend struggling it will be helpful

5. Loreta Chan (PDO)

5.1 Guelph Engineering Competition

- Nov 17-19
 - looking for teams to sign up
 - categories: programming, consulting, junior design and senior design
 - teams of 4, \$20 to sign up
 - looking for 7 teams per category
 - sign-ups are done at EngSoc office and info will be posted on Facebook
- Matt Saunders: Who decided the \$20 fee?
- decided a long time ago for GEC committee so people commit to signing up so we don't turn away teams when others back out

6. Julia Foucault (FYEC)

6.1 ENGG Pub Night

- November 23rd
- have small committee, but if anyone else wants to give input or plan let me know

6.2 Morale Boosters

- donation of coffee and hot chocolate from electives night
- had enough for 200 people, gave it away for free to students
- will do that once in a couple weeks from now and once during exams

7. Stephanie Walton & Ciaran Buckley (VP Social)

7.1 Blood Bus

- 15th and 16th of November
- 4:30 and 6:00 cabs, staggering them

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- Steph is free both nights but if someone else wants to go one of the nights to donate and/or just to have an EngSoc member there
- commitment from 4:30 to 7:00 (two people could split)
- Deanna can do Thursday
- sign-up sheets on excel Thursday
- advertise to friends (free)

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

8.1 Coffee House

- Tuesday Nov 21st in THRN 1200 from 6:30- 9:30 or 10:00
 - set up at 5:30PM
 - decorations → Christmas lights and art donations, any other ideas let them know
 - made Facebook event page, sent email in weekly announcement, Talha made posters
 - year reps → announcements and posts
 - looking for more sign ups and volunteers
 - what type of performers? → open to anything appropriate, mostly musical so far but comedy, poetry, anything in the time limit and appropriate
 - thinking of ways for people to stay towards the end → raffle?
 - if anyone could donate something cool, were also thinking eng swag
- Catherine Dang: eng swag → not all performers are engineers
- Hugh: Performers do not have to be engineers? Do they have to be part of the university? No
- thought might increase attendance if we got professors to get involved
 - if anyone has a prof they think might be interested, approach them
 - in search of art donations → any friends, even if not from the university
 - in search of volunteers for the evening, arrive at 5:30 at earliest
 - coffee manager, 2 art managers, help collecting and setting up art, one stage manager (notify performers), one tech manager (if someone is good with tech or knows anyone)

Parking Lot

Matt: Movember → joined engineering team, there are 3 so far and only one who's grown a moustache. If you're doing Movember anyway, just join the engineering team. Cause supporting men's health and also mental health and suicide prevention. Fun wrap up at the end of the month.

- Courtney and Annie will run the wrap up

Alicia Schmidt: New protocol → questions about what can go in the announcements

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- anyone can put things on email (will be reviewed) as long as its sent before 9PM
- if things change before 9PM, let me know

Trevor Smith: Merch:

- leather jacket sales went well, better than last year
- next week starting clothing orders

Sarah Rozon: clothing orders can be announced? Yes

Beef:

- no study space
- feeling when you catch up on sleep but accidentally sleep through 2 lectures

Butter:

- girl who dressed up as Bobs Dogs for Halloween
- 48 days until Christmas
- office staying so clean
- engineers helping other engineers
- Haley marry me – mystery potato
- Matt Curtis you represent Guelph so well, stay snazzy

Motion to adjourn

Owner- Isabella Cardoza

Secunder- Abdullah Al Hayali