

Engineering Society Council Minutes: Thursday, February 11th, 2010

Location: ILC 313

Meeting begins: 5:45pm

Attendance: Victoria Pleavin, Max Howarth, Cory Vos, Jay Young, Derrick Dodgson (V), Valerie Sugarman, Douglas Haney (V), Rachel Currie, Cenk Aytimur (V), Cassie Frengopoulos, Sarah Davidson, Jeffery Leavitt, Lochana Ponnambalam, Mike Brown (V), Adam Bunn (V by Proxy), Tom Bak, Andrew Sullivan (V by Proxy), Jonathan Berger (V), Josh Levitan, Robyn Terry (V), Jeff Booth, Greg Ellis (V), Anna White, Robin Johannsen, Matt Lloyd (V), Xin Zhang (V), Shane Ditlee, Mitchell Dembowski (V), Jessica Albanese (V), Jill Lackey, Lauren Gibson (V), Brigitte Baker (V), Christine McClure (V), Anna-Marie Manley (V), Emily Fay, Jess Clark (V), Nicole Cook (V), Ross Chaudhry (V), Mackenzie Dixon (V), Victoria Buckingham, Sean Abraham (V), Lauren Bates (V), Troy Mannell (V), Steven Prsa (V), Brent Mucci, Dan Gleeson, Andrew Pope, Ed Watson (V), Marinos Tryphonas (V), Chris Bimm, Emily Haggarty

Proxies:

Changes to Agenda:

- Motion 1:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chris Bimm be Speaker Pro Tempore for the night of Thursday, February 11th, 2010 as outlined in Bourinot's Rules of Order

- Pleavin: please vote this so we can have a speaker and council
- Aytimur: What makes you qualified?
- Bimm: I've been speaker before for this body. Very fond of efficiency. I know we would all like to get home
- Passed: 5:47pm

- Motion 2:

Be it resolved that Council approve the Agenda of the Council meeting of Thursday, February 11th, 2010

- Pleavin: Butchered this one. Just bump up the numbers. Vote on adding motion 7 (Motion 6 written down)
- Pleavin: the Motion numbers are wrong on the agenda
- Motion 7 added Passed: 5:49pm
- Lloyd: Add motion "Be it resolved that council approve the cost of \$20.00 for a one month survey monkey account for COI"
- Passed: 5:50pm

- Motion 3:

Be it resolved that Council approve the minutes of the Council meeting of Thursday, January 28th, 2010 as seen on the EngSoc website

- *Adjustments made:*
- *Brown: Motion 4: second speaking point from Greg Ellis is actually me*

- Passed: 5:51pm

Speaker's Business as given by Chris Bimm:

- Ms. Newton is off talking about her vagina. I am the speaker of AMS assembly and am now in a very clearly defined rut. I will probably forget abstentions. Point out any mistakes!

Presentations: None

Actuals:

- Vos: Hey everyone, here I am again at your beckon call with mid-year actuals. Things to point out. Basically if you're wondering about income stuff, rent, prorated. It's missing months of December and January. I did it last week and didn't put in, more money from there. There's no deviation. We're billing them as expended. No worries there. It's all there, everything looks good. We have an extra \$53000 dollars for the next couple months. Questions?
- Cook: for the IT budget why is it so far over budget
- Aytimur: what happened was I didn't realize in the fall term that the summer budget had already been out in. I thought Cory had budgeted an extra server because we thought it was already in the summer.
- Vos: Basically I asked for updated budgets, they thought it was already in there. Logistical error.

New Business:

- Motion 4:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that Council approve the changes to By-Law 3 in its first reading as seen in appendix "You got a friend in me"

- Lloyd: added a little bit about what happens when no one ran for the VPSD position. Just thought it should've been posted earlier. Email out 48 hours earlier. Advertised in GW
- Aytimur: Would like to speak in favour of this motion. Good job
- Passed: 5:58pm

- Motion 5:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that all candidates be reimbursed for their presidential campaign costs

- Aytimur: Not all presidential candidates got 15% in first round voting. We decided that none of the campaigns were joke campaigns so I believe that all candidates ran an actual campaign so I would like to reimburse all candidates
- Passed:6:00 pm

Niyongabo: Motion to have my report next: passed 6:00pm

- Kasmel Niyongabo, External Communications:
 - I have a lab that I have to go to
 - FYIC conference in Thunder bay
 - To everyone who brought a can koodos, to those who didn't, c'mon it'd be a shame to lose to commerce
 - The rest is in my report

- Motion 6:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the changes to Policy Section ZETA, as seen in Appendix "A".

- Pope: If you check out the actual changes that I'm making in policy, basically the main change is that instead of the chairman be at council to give a board report I'm just saying that the chairman has someone come to council to give report. It's hard to work out in schedules. In cases like that I want it to be that the chairman can send someone else or have one of the executive give a report in situations like last semester
- Pleavin: Reminder this is debate on the motion not the board in general
- Dixon: Since the board has all the exec on it I'd like it to be a non executive member: amend that a non executive member of the board – *unfriendly*
 - Chaudhry: who on the board of directors sits that is non executive
 - Pope: other people that sit on BOD are two 2 year student members in their 1st year on Board, two 2 year members in their 2nd year on Board and 2 one year members, in total 6 student members. One being the chair and one the vice-chair
 - Brown: I think that this is important because I'm worried that in the future if the executive disagreed with board there would be a lot of miscommunications between council and board. We should have an unbiased voice
 - Tryphonas: I feel that whoever is best poised to make reports should give the report, similar to AMS. When someone speaks on behalf of the board, they should do that. If their speaking with biased that that's a whole different issue
 - Dodgson: favour of amendment, I feel as though the exec sit on the board so that they know what's going on. The board has completely different interests so I think the board should have a non executive member. And the executive don't sit on the sub committees of the board
 - Pope: I also wanted to clarify. It also says in policy that the chairman of the BOD is an exofficial member of council. The understanding is that the chairman will be here at council unless there is a specific reason that would keep them from being here. The situation that I'm trying to avoid isn't if there is something very important to be presented. But when there is someone who has to sit here for hours to give a 2 second report from board. If

you take away the chairman someone else will come in to replace the chairman

- Vos: I assume the chair of the board would appoint who would speak. There can be a biased based on even tone of voice. The chairman can just pick an appropriate person
- Dixon: in response to Tryphonas there is no rule for AMS or FUBAR because they're all supposed to be here and are already members. With board its different because they're not council members. I believe that if you are elected to be the board chair then it is your responsibility to sit on council for a few hours to give a short report its part of the job
- Sullivan: I'd like to echo what Dixon said. As for sitting here for 4 hours. Directors: That's what we do.
- Dodgson: Sullivan covered
- Pope: absolutely right, I 100% agree. You are misunderstanding my point. It is not if I only have a 2 second report that I should come to council. But if I have another reason, like a lab, that someone else would be able to speak for me. It's not to take away the chairman from council. It's part of the job absolutely. That is not the intention of this
- Gleeson: Remember to debate the amendment
- Aytimur: going back to what's being said, you'd be expecting them to sit through council whereas the executive are already here. We would be putting an extra burden on those students whereas the exec have all their Thursday nights booked off
- Pleavin: New members are pretty confused here on their first time. It would be tough to send in new people every time who have never been to council before.
- Chaudhry: I think in the spirit of the greater motion. I think it's perfectly acceptable for the exec to read the report in extenuating circumstances. I don't think we should pass this amendment
- Dodgson: There is a vice chairman of the board as well. This should be a natural thing
- Dixon: One of the things that does come up is the caucus chair sitting on AMS, the vice chair takes my place and then other. Someone should amend to go vice chair then exec.
- Pope: I modelled this off of faculty board policy. The executive do it then. This isn't a ridiculous thing
- *Amendment Passed: 6:18pm*
- Haney: Motion to amend to read " to deliver an oral report pertaining to the activities of board is delivered to the Engineering Society Council or appoint a non executive member of the board to speak should the chair be unavailable" – *Friendly*
- Mannell: Why do we require this motion? Any other member of council we have to proxy our vote and duties. Why is it any different

- Dodgson: It's just specifying that the chair will appoint a non executive member
- Pleavin: You guys have votes and you have to proxy them. But this is different because chairman doesn't have a vote. If I don't show up Cenk is mandated to be here. There is a difference
- Tryphonas: Another point to add. When it comes to board since is so confidential it has to be defined.
- Fay: it only says that the chairman can speak on behalf of the board.
- Pope: Yes I replaced that
- Pope: So I'm fine with the amendments that were made. I think the motion serves the purpose I put it forward for.
- Passed: 6:26pm

- Motion 7:

BIRT tricolour awards committee

- There needs to be a selection committee. EngSoc puts forward one person to be on this committee. This is one of the highest awards we can give
- Chaudhry: Who is already on this
- Ellis: this elected rep is the only one
- Brown: Sean Abraham – accept
- Aytimur: Ellis – decline
- Cook: Dixon –accept
- Lackey- Albanese – accept
- Dodgson: Brown – decline
- Gleeson: Booth- accept
- Brown: POI what is the time frame
- Fay: I was this person last year. A full day commitment and some reading afterwards.
- Haney: Currie – decline
- Aytimur: Bimm – decline
- Dodgson: Mannell – decline
- Chaudhry: Prsa – decline
- Gleeson: Pleavin – decline
- Llyod: Dembowski – accept

- Albanese: I think I'd be a good member because I was on the EngSoc award selection committee last year and I saw how that process went. Deciding who is "more" deserving. Ruthless if I need to but also open minded. And like to give back to school
- Abraham: I currently sit on AMS I think I could be a good judge of character
- Dembowski: I am an awesome person. I think I would have a good judgment of who else is awesome. I'm on COI. Bring a new young perspective

- Dixon: Senate nominating committee. Takes 150 applications each year and decides who sits on which committee. I've proved that I have no problem with that type of job. This is an important award. I think it's important to have someone on this committee that understands
- Booth: Tricolour award committee is people choosing things. I'm really old... but not stuffy. As far as some of the other candidates that are here I have a bit of a wider view. FREC, queens bands, tearoom. The experience with people of what it means to serve the university. I know what it means to put forth your best effort. I can help make a judgement after 5 years.
- Gleeson: Do an interpretive dance of painting the tricolours of the world
- Chaudhry: what is one of the overrated things people can have on their resume
- Booth: Senior senator... kidding! Orientation leader
- Dixon: Positions they've held without their specific accomplishments
- Dembowski: what they've accomplished. Need depth
- Abraham: doing abnormally good things, aka tearoom starting
- Albanese: High school awards
- Fay: what's the importance of having a tricolour award
- Abraham: give people something to strive for and rewards them
- Debowski: Recognizes people that do great things for the school and their sacrifices
- Dixon: recognize the people who don't normally get recognized
- Booth: Immortality! No seriously, it recognizes people that didn't do one huge thing, but done a billion little things that isn't seen in the headlines of the journal
- Albanese: Echo. To give recognition to those that have given back above and beyond the spirit and community of the school
- *Vote*
- Aytimur: all members or only voting members?
- Ellis: voting members
- *Booth wins*
- Ellis: if you vote this down we don't send anybody
- Passed: 6:44pm

- Motion 8

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council approve the cost of \$20.00 for a one month survey monkey account for COI

- Lloyd: I think it's going to be a good survey and \$20 helps us do more
- Tryphonas: Do we have to get this approved
- Aytimur: Yes... because COI doesn't have a budget
- Pleavin: we have extra money because we aren't being charged by the AMS for the online elections this year
- Passed: 6:46pm

Executive Reports:

- Greg Ellis, President:
 - Engineering Hymn: Bimm
 - At FYC we went 12 or 13 verses of the hymn!
 - Today applications for director were due
 - Transitioning Vic Pleavin the President-elect and her email is up and running.
 - There isn't a whole lot of time left

- Mike Brown, VPA:
 - Adam Bunn my successor.
 - The building committee was delightful. We want it to be shovel ready 2013 – the new mechanical / civil building also with a chem space. “Integrated research centre” research that's common between departments.
 - Principals vision statement. Contact academics reps and make sure they're on curriculum committees

- Ed Watson, VPSD:
 - Wrapping things up. CIRQUE was this past weekend. Really good show. Environmental conference apps out
 - QEC chair apps due tomorrow and committee apps out yet
 - Dean gave a lot of money to clubs

- Ryan Low, VPOps:
 - Not here

- Cenk Aytimur, VPSA:
 - Congrats Emily Fay vp ops
 - Derrick Dodgson vpsa
 - Year exec and discipline club elections coming up soon.
 - First week back march 1st-5th will be year exec elections. Transition period.
 - Discipline clubs: new EngSoc rep should be elected before the AGM so that they could be in for march 18th council
 - I still have 3 new policy changed that will be here next council
 - Trying to get a list of all the eng students, year, and emails

Director Reports:

- Victoria Pleavin, Internal Affairs:
 - Next council is potluck council wooo
 - Lots of money to foster child

- Robin Johannsen, First Year:
 - I still get super nervous and shake during these reports...
 - FW video happened last week went really well. Should be on DC soon

- Did an interview workshop for first years
- Andrew Sullivan, Professional Development:
 - One of the few not in Chile
 - PEO Kingston met with them last night. They're looking for student volunteers to help with bridge building competition. Interested? Email me
 - P&G went well.
 - Computer managers have been working to get a career / summer job info site up with a distinct eng only focus. They have a template ready. Will be launched in the next few weeks
- Jillian Lackey, Events:
 - Buddy ski trip! It was awesome. Stucons liked it!
 - Working on a semi date, moving it to the 15th, Ale, talking to them to confirm date
- Dan Gleeson, Services:
 - SQ instructor hiring. Learning so many new things!
 - Manager apps out!
 - Journal and GW ads soon!
 - March 3rd for head managers
 - March 10th assistant managers
 - There is no size minimum size requirement for my job!
 - Happy valentine's day and pre-Cuba!
- Cory Vos, Finance:
 - In report
 - Financial forms are officially online so you can print them off yourself if you need
 - EngSoc.queensu.ca/finance
- Brent Mucci, I.T.
 - Managers working on new email client. Much better
 - Finalizing protocols for backup servers
 - New EngSoc website working on

Question Period #1:

Q1: Dodgson: Gleeson, is your service manager hiring in a large enough font

A1: Gleeson: that was as big as it would go!

Q2: Lackey: Can you only eat at potluck if you bring food?

A2: Pleavin: Yes

Q3: Dixon: When you knew the new server wasn't budgeted for why didn't you come to council?

A3: Aytimur: was budgeted in summer budget. Brent and I didn't realize. The server was bought with budgeted money

Q4: Tryphonas: Can you elaborate what that list is for?

A4: Aytimur: EngSoc doesn't get any information from the registrar. Will be helpful for list serves and everything needed for knowing who is registered in engineering. We'll get all their names, year, discipline and email addressed. There will have to be a confidentiality agreement. We'll then be able to make the different mailing lists easier

Q5: Prsa: Brown: SEED is running a course review on APSC 174.

A5: Brown: THE committee hasn't set a firm date yet. They will announce an open forum for any student of any year. The aims aren't necessarily to eliminate the course but to provide constructive feedback

Q6: Johannsen: Tried to find manager apps online and couldn't

A6: Gleeson: They're there

Q7: Pleavin: When I was out a lot of people stepped up for my portfolio, round of applause for Max and Cenk

Round of applause ensues

Q8: Chaudhry: will policy be coming to council re: using the list receive from the registrar

Aytimur: good question. I'm not sure yet. I'll have more info asap

Pope: pretty sure there's actual laws covering that

Q9: Dixon: Budget questions for the Director of events budget, kamikaze and terry fox?

Vos: Text I just left it in because they run with now expense and then there was an expense so I put it in there... Came out weird

Q10: Abraham: I heard we have a list with everyone and who they voted for

A10: Aytimur: I believe we have that list in case we ever need to have a recount. It is an excel spreadsheet. We're going to delete all the personally identifying info and then print and file

Dixon: When the election info was brought to us by the CIA. Hearing that there's a spreadsheet with names when we were told that it would be anonymous is disturbing.

Bimm: I didn't really work with that for AMS so talk to CEO

Faculty Board Report as given by <name>:

- Hasn't met

A.M.S. Report as given by Abraham:

- Met next Thursday, rushed

- Online voting will probably continue. 93% favour for students supporting voting

Senate Report as given by Dixon:

- Senate is meeting next week
- Naming motion

Board of Directors Report as given by Pope:

- Board met Monday
- I've been hearing feedback that in general there's a bit of people questioning what's going on with board. I recognize those concerns
- Very few people have spoken to me directly, so please come and talk to me, I would love your feedback
- This issue that I'm discussing was brought up at the most recent meeting. Everyone on board signs an agreement that they will not talk about board unless board declares it can be talked about. There are reasons for the board's confidentiality but there are things within board that the general student body is entitled to knowing. Looking into declaring things that can be discussed. Thinking about having an open session followed by a closed session. Getting knowledge out about board. Some kind of report to council as to what board does and why we're here and open forums.

QPID Report as given by Zhang

- Fundraiser, silent auction, tomorrow. Lunch with Newstead etc
- Youth projects underway. Qpid.engineering@gmail.com
- Need volunteers for Kingston projects
- QPID summer director is due tomorrow, 12\$ hr
- Applications out for other directors

Athletic Report as given by <name>:

- Not here

Club Reports: Sunny

- Geological Engineering Report as given by Baker:
 - Wednesday – bake sale
 - Tonight showing departures in miller
 - This weekend we're having a party
- Chemical Engineering Report as given by Tryphonas
 - Ski trip. Went well!
 - BNO GNO in a few weeks
 - Planning for year eng banquet
- Apple Report as given by Lauren..:

- Planning night out with elec at Clark for when we get back from reading week
- Civil Engineering Report as given by McClure:
 - Clothing sales last week
 - BNO GNO last night
 - Civil hockey last week
 - 1st year night went well
 - Bonspiel coming up
 - Elections march 25th

Year Reports:

- Sci'10 Report as given by Gibson
 - Booked semi formal march 10th at the grizz
 - Booked iron ring after party at ale, higher capacity
 - TY gift - Planning a silent auction – laser tag party!
 - Rock the gift tournament – we'll pay the entry fee for the first 3 teams that contact me – winning team gets laser party
 - Continue to submit photos for yearbook
 - Merch coming – pre-orders on polos coming up and shirts
- Sci'11 Report as given by Clark:
 - Had semi formal last week went really well
 - Flasks came in – selling them and t-shirts
- Sci'12 Report as given by Haney:
 - Finally ordered t-shirts. Didn't hit number we wanted but stayed below costs
 - Semi formal moved to March 20th
 - Tickets after reading week
- Sci'13 Report as given by Lloyd:
 - Merch on order, glass beer boots... from Germany
 - Semi on March 12th at Harbour, buses booked for that

Question Period #2:

Q1: Prsa: Pleavin: if you're the pres-elect does that make John Simpson the first lady
 A1: Pleavin: For those who don't know, John is my boyfriend. Indeed, it will be splendid

Q2: Cook: where is the silent auction?
 A2: Zhang: facebook – look it up

Q3: Albanese: Bates: who would I talk to about apple photos?
 A3: Bates: Me

Q4: Dixon: Zhang: What can you put on a 64 MB USB stick

A4: Zhang: ... one of the auction items

Q5: Aytimur: funniest thing in the book

A5: Bimm: you're mom got written a few times, Jay, Mackenzie's mom, I made it on the list 3 times again! The only other person to make it on 3 times was Leo Jonker! Funniest thing, Jay Young put my wife, and then Dodgson wrote Jay's wife

Q6: Brown: Apple / ece rep, there's an amazing band? Details?

A6: Mannell: Pancakes on Tuesday morning in WLH 2\$ all you can eat, 7:30 Olympic hockey game at Clark and then after that Slippery when Wet with Jeff Booth!!! Woo

Q7: Gibson: Where do we put our cans?

A7: Pleavin: Put them in the bin in the lounge, right on your left! Thank you!

Discussion Period:

Pleavin: I would like input on how council runs in general. Time? Place?

Professionalism: is game bad? The AMS has statements from members, would this be a good idea? Any ideas would be great

Gleeson: in advance people telling people nit picky things that didn't need to be brought to council, questions and clerical errors. Should be done outside of here since the agenda is released early

Tryphonas: I don't see the point in all the jokes, questions, moments. Good with rituals like FC but not for every single election?.. waste of time.. as well as game. People complain about length, let's give the game. And why do we have the QPID report.. VPSD can do that.

Prsa: Game, I think it's a huge waste of time, maybe a 5 minute recess would be better suited

Sullivan: Agree with Prsa and Tryphonas. We need to set guidelines as to what's appropriate with ratification so that we're not accused of hazing

Chaudhry: EngSoc cliff notes could use some updating. I like the middle joke name, fun little things.

Vos: careful with the "would just like to echo" it's already been made and useless to say it over again. That's not necessary

Llyod: agree with that. But I like the little joke questions, less boring

Johannsen: I like discussions

Dodgson: Game can probably go but I like the other fun stuff we can do as long as it's monitored. Fun aspect of council should remain

Albanese: keeping presidents name short.

Abraham: I like that the agenda goes out on Sunday. Hazing things, FC unnecessary.

Focus on policy. We analyze the nitty-gritty of policy too much. It gets tiresome

Bimm: statements by members. Allows everyone to make their statements there. Makes things more efficient

Pope: game playing is fun. But bingo during AMS speeches. That was a serious issue. They were guests at council. I don't think it was right to treat them like that. It's a fun

game but being someone that wanted to listen to the speeches.. it was embarrassing as a council

Bimm: I completely agree. I definitely think it detracts from the professionalism. But when we have an engineer running they're trying to say buzzwords. I'm completely opposed to the bingo idea

Pleavin: I really like the discussions because new people speak. Discussions at the end of council? Good? If they're relevant and time is permitting

Booth: heated debates, budget, policy, statements can get pointed. It can be intimidating. Making sure that pointed statements are made to the speaker. Making sure everyone respects each other. When you see someone new sit down next to them and talk them through it

Vos: ratifications, committee heads hired them already, I think it's pointless to do that, when was the last time anyone shot down anyone that was hired. I think that it should be an introduction not a 'we're judging you'. Adds a lot of time

White: This is my first time at council. Robin was really great. I think someone other than DOFY welcoming people would have been great too. Every seat is full.. it seems like you're not expecting guests. Stress that people shouldn't come for a game. The impression was more professional than expected. People might come more if people think its professional, not a social event.

Prsa: reports – written and oral, if it's in the written report it shouldn't be addressed orally!

Brown: there does need to be a difference in the written and oral reports. It gets to the point where people just skim important information which needs to be watched out for.

Dixon: on senate things aren't really voted down they're passed or sent back to the committee. I'd like to see things coming say a week sooner than necessary so we can say revise and come back.

Lloyd: Welcoming feel and bingo. We are an intimidating student body to speak to. Bring a friend to council was on the same day as elections. Maybe look to changing that day

Currie: That was my first council because I didn't know I was allowed to come. I thought that was good because I got to see all the platforms.

Bak: Ratification thing. I'm the only engineer on my exec..

Chaudhry: I think the way council is organized, motions, questions periods, reports. That could be improved. Explore to have playful motions at the end.

Tryphonas: Hiring and ratifications. Establishing legality that someone was in fact ratified. Keep them and removed joke questions. Oral reports important even though it's a bit redundant it's nice to have interaction

Bimm: I am someone who's been speaker of EngSoc and AMS. Speaker or DIA should lay down a presentation about how they're going to run council re rules of order and joke motions. This is some of the best discussion I've ever seen. They're not good at AMS. I miss that since is engineering there is a real sense of camaraderie in this body. On AMS they don't interact of a regular basis. You guys are colleagues!

Pleavin: thank you so much. If you have anything else, email me

Meeting adjourned: 8:00pm