

Engineering Society Council Minutes: Thursday, November 19th, 2009

Location: ILC 313

Meeting begins: 6:11pm

Attendance: Victoria Pleavin, Max Howarth, Cenk Aytimur (V), Douglas Haney (V), Elizabeth Philp (V), Derrick Dodgson (V), Mike Brown (V), Jay Young, Ed Watson (V), Troy Mannell (V), Valerie Sugarman, Jonathan Berger (V), Matt Lloyd (V), Robyn Terry (V), Josh Randall (V), Jessica Steeves (V), Xin Zhang (V), Jill Lackey (V by Proxy), Robin Johannsen (V by Proxy), Jackson Tse, Michelle Pitts, Cassie Frengopoulos, Jacob Elias (V), Brie Baker (V), Anna Manley (V), Jessica Albanese (V), Robert Lee (V), Nicole Cook (V), Jessica Clark (V), Mackenzie Dixon (V), Victoria Buckingham (V by Proxy), Sean Abraham (V), Derek Zwaan (V), Stephen Prsa (V), Ross Chaudhry (V), Dan Gleeson (V by Proxy), Kasmet Niyongabo, Marinos Tryphonas (V), Emily Haggarty, Sarah Newton

Proxies:

Ryan Low to Dan Gleeson: 6:36pm

Rob Lee to Nicole Cook: 6:49pm

Derek Zwaan to Andrew Sullivan: 7:40pm

Changes to Agenda:

- Motion 1:

Be it resolved that Council approve the Agenda of the Council meeting of Thursday November 19th 2009

- Low: Amendment to the agenda to move up the President and VP Operations reports to right after the presentations.
- Pleavin: Chief FREC ratification was forgotten Motion #4
- Passed: 6:13pm

- Motion 2:

Be it resolved that Council approve the minutes of the Council meeting of Thursday, November 5th 2009 as seen on the EngSoc website

- *Adjustments made:*
- Dodgson: page 8 motion 11 discussion: legit should say legitimate
- Passed: 6:14pm

Speaker's Business as given by Sarah Newton:

- Clark information: 2 one man bands, well I guess they're not bands they're artists... if we make it out of here before 10...we should go! cover is free, let's all gets drink after council
- Jordan Black: I was EngSoc president last year, this past weekend Susanna Lagman passed away, geological Sci 09, very actively involved, Clark staff manager, assistant manager for CEO, EngWeek, fungineering, she was a very close friend of many people. She was travelling in California, hiking, fell a 60 ft drop and didn't survive the fall. If anyone knows Susanna, there is a service in

Orangeville, if you want the name of the church I can get it for you, moment of silence, remember her achievements and her life.

Presentations:

The Rector and the Undergraduate Trustee – Leora Jackson & Morgan Campbell

- Came to present about university governments and our roles
- Jackson: I'm the Rector
- Campbell: Student Trustee
- Jackson: 2 houses that look after everything that goes on, senate, academic affairs, you have 2 senators, and we have the board of trustees, kind of like the financial side, senate once a month, trustees, 4 times a year. We approve things like strategic planning all capital and funding decisions, tuition fees,
- Campbell: 44 members, many alum from Queens, some elected by students, donors, alumni. The board only meets 4 times a year. 9 committees, 6 with student rep. The Friday meetings are open to public for the first half, Fridays and Saturdays, email me if interested.
- Jackson: I sit on 3 committees, Morgan is on 1, and they really have an impact on the way the university operates. Finance committee, discussions about residences, parking, etc, things to generate revenue, nominating committee, people who make up the board shape the decisions that the university will make, diverse range of experiences and background to fill the expertise and function that we need. The last board meeting was 1st week of October, approved a lot of money to be spent, when the university raises money they can just go and spend it until the board says they can. Accountability. Money for new medical school. New process should prevent the kinds of things that happen with the Queen's Centre, better design process and a set of rigorous questions that need to be answered before the designing process can be completed. These will help inform our building decisions.
- Campbell: Sense of direction, invited a guest from Western, Dr. Wolfe is looking into moving the Queen's governance structure into a provost model.
- Jackson: 5 VPs, the first VP would be the chief operating officer, next meeting expecting to see a proposal about the new operating structure of the university, which means that the budgeting will move into the VP academics office. Therefore, the same people that are making decisions about spending are the same people that make decisions about education. I'm the end of my term of rector, I wanted to explain what I do and encourage you all to inform yourself about the position. You don't need years of experience, you represent students and advocate. I sit on a number of university committees; I also sit on a number of student government bodies, example, AMS. Since I sit on so many committees I'm able to provide students with directions for any problems they may be experiencing. There are also ceremonial responsibilities like convocation. Nominating period is the 1st two weeks in January, it's an important role, if you have any questions I'm happy to answer them here and later

Questions

- Abraham: How much money are we missing from the Queen's Centre

- Jackson: Essentially the fundraising ambitions were too high, planning on fundraising 100 million dollars and they've only raised between 30-40 million. All 3 phases should cost 230 million and phase 1 is 40 million over. Don't quote me on those numbers. Now we have to take out a far greater amount than expected, the implication is that somehow we have to pay back that dept. Will have to start to use operating budget, unless we can somehow raise the money
- Lee: Did you enjoy convocation?
- Jackson: it's kind of annoying if you want to work at a good summer job, but it's fun to watch your friends graduate and you can shake hands with all of your classmates. I attended 49 convocation ceremonies
- Niyongabo: re: the Queen's Centre. Is that why they're raising the student fees?
- Jackson: 5 yrs ago there was a question posed to the Queen's AMS regarding how much they would raise for the Queen's Centre. AMS agreed to provide 25.5 million, AMS. For the first 6 years every AMS student pays 71\$ a year and then after the 6th year it would go up to 141 because if a student weren't going to see the effects of the Queen's Centre they would be paying less.
- Rector@queensu.ca, office upstairs JDUC and my website, queensu.ca/rector

Executive Reports

- Greg Ellis, President as given by Ryan Low:
 - Engineering Hymn: Chris Purves
 - Greg is sick, same old, nothing has changed from his report
- Ryan Low, VP Ops:
 - Not much has changed from my report, finances are settling down, school is getting more busy so it's a good shift!

Business Arising from the Minutes

- Motion 3:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves of the changes to By-Law 2 in its second reading as seen in appendix "BABY COME BACK"
 - Pleavin: If you have further problems with it this is time, only speaking once right now!
 - Passed: 6:37pm

New Business:

- Motion 4
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council ratify Chris Purves as Chief FREC for the 2009-2010 year
 - Wunker: Chris is awesome so ratify him please
 - Pleavin: Enter the ring, interpretive dance you finding a ladder
 - Philp: Sing and dance I'm a little teapot

- Lee: I really hope Claire and Gary have been transitioning you well, could you give us a rendition of the Gambler, Claire can help
- Brown: If you had to eliminate one event from frosh week what would you eliminate and why?
- Purves: Bigger and better. It just took too long. We got a catapult, then night came.. it started getting cold, presentations dragged on. I didn't really get to hear. I would change it so that each FC member judges a smaller group, that would be more effective
- Abraham: Are there many things you want to change?
- Chris: I got primer and loved it all. I want to bring in my own ideas, with help from my FC to get the job done. I was sick for months after frosh week. I think there needs to be a bit more resting, transition time between stations, adding more buffer room, especially for Wednesday. If we end up being on time the frosh can just mosh more
- Wunker: You just got to see how awesome Chris is, and he already knows all the verses of the gambler AND he can play it on guitar, get excited
- Passed: 6:49pm

- Motion 4:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Anbareen Farooq, Michelle Pits, Alex Newmann and Danielle Demers be ratified by Council as Youth Action Committee members

- Niyongabo: Have chosen a lot of good people, ratify them
- Passed: 6:52pm

- Motion 5:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the changes to Bylaw 7 (Academic representatives) in first reading, as seen in Appendix: UPDATEDBYLAWSRFUN

- Brown: If you look at the appendix there are actually 2 changes. Basically saying that there's 5 different year reps on faculty board, which currently happens and that the chair is VP Academic which currently happens
- Passed: 6:54pm

- Motion 6:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve of the changes to Policy Alpha as seen in appendix "A wild Alpha has appeared!"

- Pleavin: Yes we've already changed alpha this year, and we're changing it again, just re titling stuff, shifted things around, I didn't add anything for the most part
- Passed: 6:55pm

- Motion 7:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve of the changes to By-Law 3 in its first reading as seen in appendix "It's Super Effective!"

- Sugarman: Going through the bylaws to keep them up to date, just reflection what we actually do, like changing the days of the week, mentioning online election, etc
- Pleavin: To further elaborate I was the chief returning officer last year. It would be really awkward if this wasn't put through at this council since the second reading would be during the beginning of elections
- Dixon: Preferential voting, people are used to marking the candidate instead of ordering
- Dodgson: A ballot marked with an x will be interpreted as a 1st preference candidate so, I don't think it's a problem removing "First past the post"
- Mannell: If we're referring to the first past the post system should we not be outlining it
- Pleavin: If you can pick the type of voting system then you can pick your winner, that's why I got rid of it. You can find definitions online, I just don't want to give it as an option because then people can cheat the system
- Aytimur: We are also going to an electronic voting ballot, will remove the confusion
- Brown: re: Removing first past the post, we come to the point every election where we chose the rules and approve by council, why we wouldn't be able to decide then. I move to amend policy to have first past the post as a possible option – *unfriendly*
 - Brown: it's been in the policy saying that this is a possibility, it's up to council to decide the rules
 - Dodgson: When was the last time we used first past the post?
 - Newton: Not in the last 4 years
 - Pleavin: Against this, even when you bring the rules to here you might have knowledge about the people that we don't, and influence the winning and losing, there are rules that need to change year to year, example now we don't allow stickers. Something where we know the problems that will arise from it, I would rather stick to one method so they can't cheat the system
 - Chaudhry: Mike, who would make the decision on which voting method to use?
 - Brown: Council
 - Aytimur: You have to realize that when we change bylaws we're trying to set a precedent for further years. This doesn't prohibit future councils from using it, but this is why we edit the bylaws, to let future years know what has worked for us
 - Dixon: Keep in mind that first past the post is used by the government in Canada. We're saying that its corrupt but it's just as effective a voting system as preferential voting, keep it as a choice
 - Dodgson: What reasoning council should look at when deciding between voting systems. The only variable is who is running, it doesn't make sense why it needs to be an option
 - Aytimur: the CRO and DIA would present the decision, by taking this out of the bylaw we wouldn't be taking away the opportunity

we would just be taking away the opportunity for the CRO to select it

- Gleeson: Why would one situation be better than the other
- Dixon: There hasn't really been a reason as to why each system is better. It's completely up to council if we want to keep our options open
- Cook: Why do we need to option of changing it
- Brown: I feel that we haven't been given the proper information regarding each system to make the decision, now we will have the opportunity to make a decision, perhaps we should ultimately chose
- Chaudhry: Agree with Mike, we do need to chose, I think this motion is effectively choosing one, when everyone knows each other preferential voting is what we should continue to be using
- Pleavin: If you want to do a study into all the election procedures I can give you all a presentation but right now this is the one we want to go with, with what we do and what we know this is the best one
- Frengopoulos: Does going with the online voting affect having 2 option
- Pleavin: You can do either or online
- Cook: In policy it just says its outlining styles of voting, is that necessary
- Aytimur: section 10 A says we will use preferential voting
- Brown: Basically we need to make this decision but we don't have enough information, keep it open
- *Amendments Fails: 7:13pm*
- Dixon: Amend spending limits section to include amount not exceeding an amount approved by council, just so council has the ability to change that year to year section *-friendly*
 - Tryphonas: make unfriendly *has a second*
 - Dixon: Sounds like there is a maximum spending limit of 30 dollars so that it actually reflects what we do
 - Tryphonas: there should be a fixed limit that is set in the policy not every year. There long debates even though it won't be changing much, no reason to keep changing it, more efficient to keep it in policy. If we want to change it, council can change the policy
 - Dixon: Our election limit is 30\$ and 600\$ is for AMS, 30\$ may be to low
 - *Amendment fails: 7:18pm*
- Mannell: Subsidy and spending, is there a difference
- Pleavin: Difference is one is for referendum and the other is people. It's kind of different, it's not very streamline but it is different because one is how much you get back, the other is the cap of what you can spend
- Dodgson: As I read it's unless council sets a spending limit there is none
- Chaudhry: Part 16 on page 4, section representatives, not worded well

- Dodgson: Change to defining it as a specific class instead of large classes together
- Pleavin: Last year your classes were a complete disaster, super sections were unclear, I don't know how to better phrase it.
- Newton: If you have suggestions send to guru@engsoc.queensu.ca
- Sugarman: Just trying to bring everything up to date
- Passed: 7:23pm

Executive Reports:

- Mike Brown, VPA:
 - Report, faculty name change that was approved was Engineering and Applied Science, vote was 17 to 22, John Orr when swimmingly, first year forum will be next Wednesday
- Ed Watson, VPSD:
 - Only have 1 thing to add, December 6th memorial at 6pm Wallace Hall, 6-7 and then film at 7 in Kingston, WISE (women in science and engineering) are organizing it
- Cenk Aytimur, VPSA:
 - See my report, john orr was fantastic

Director Reports:

- Victoria Pleavin, Internal Affairs:
 - AMS decided to have their council in here last week
 - I'm going to be a judge tomorrow at the GW thing, come out it'll be awesome
 - Last week when a serious diss came upon people who weren't here, this shouldn't happen. Someone should point of personal privilege "you are being a jerk"
- Robin Johannsen, First Year:
 - All in report, scratch the first part about the tearoom thing
- Kasmet Niyongabo, External Communications:
 - PEOC is next weekend, trying to find a way to spend all our sponsorship money
 - ERC is this weekend, Santa clause parade, princess, Saturday, 5pm
 - ESSCO, there isn't too much happening
- Andrew Sullivan, Professional Development:
 - Talk for all undergrads, date is the 2nd, most likely be food,

- PEO last week, Kingston chapter meeting, we have been promised some funding for the Santa clause parade, this weekend, and for National engineering week and PEOC
- Jillian Lackey, Events:
 - Same as report
 - Came in quite under budget on wine and cheese
 - Super smash has been rescheduled to accommodate football game
- Dan Gleeson, Services:
 - Services are presenting their midyear business to board on Monday
 - SciQuest program director due November 25th
 - Staff chats are the burden... Awesome fun party time... of my life
- Cory Vos, Finance:
 - AWAY
- Brent Mucci, I.T.
 - Aytimur: sick, most of it is in report, computer managers having weekly reports.

Question Period #1:

Q1: Pleavin: Max what's happening on the 27th of March

A1: Howarth: A very exciting event, the EngSoc Banquet, it's going to be SO much fun. We're holding it at the Radisson, discipline clubs sounds start planning things NOT on that weekend please

Q2: Dodgson: Super Smash Bros Tournament, info?

A2: Lackey: Stuff will go up soon because the date was changed

Q3: Howarth: If I wanted to work at Sci quest how would I get more info

A3: Pleavin: It was awesome: anyone can apply, 1,2,3 years ALL APPLY, you will have a job this summer apply apply

Q4: Brown: How could an avid float builder help build the float for the Santa Clause Parade?

A4: Niyongabo:

Wednesday at 7:30 pm 154 Colborne St

Thursday at 2:30pm at the design space in the ILC

Friday @ 3:30 design space in the ILC

Q5: Dixon: Don't you have a report?

A5: Pleavin: Yes but I forget things! Example next council is Holiday council

Q6: Frengopoulos: Emily, What about EngWeek tickets

A6: Haggarty: Tickets will be going on sale Thursday November 26th, 630-730 in ILC room 104. This will be the first chance to get curling tickets which will sell out fast. During Week 12 we will be selling Monday – Thursday 12:30-1:30 and 4:30-6:30 in ILC room 104 and on Friday at Ritual and from 5:30-7:30 outside of Leonard Caf. THEN during Exam Period we will be selling every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30-1:30 again in room 104.

Q7: Watson: What happened at your PEO chapter meeting

A7: Sullivan: listen to report, we have been promised some funding for the Santa clause parade, this weekend, and for National engineering week and PEOC and Em Fay is trying to find a speaker from RMC for panel

Faculty Board Report as given by Ross Chaudhry

- Voted on the name change, modernize name, needed engineering, engineering is more correct, moving forward, will now go to senate, improvement for recruiting
- Sci formal was good but they have to look into the security of alcohol
- The faculty of applied science building is moving forward
- Faculty has decided to change name from Faculty of Applied Science to Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science
- Dixon: TAs will have preference over equipment budget

Brown: Motion to open agenda

- Passed: 7:43pm

Brown: I would like to introduce a motion

- Motion 8:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Greg Ellis is mandated to dress as Santa Clause and Ryan

Low as Rudolf the red nose reindeer for holiday council

- Aytimur: Amendment to have Ryan as Mrs. Clause- *friendly*
- Dodgson: Amendment to add: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Cory Vos dress as Rudolph and that his nose be sufficiently bright so as to light the way for a flying reindeer-driven sleigh loaded with presents for all the children of the world -*friendly*
- Dixon: I'm upset that we wanted to be respectful, now we're mandating that one of our own dress in drag
- Cook: Amendment to add: Rob Lee dress up as happy little elf friend – *friendly*
- Brown: Greg is going to kill me
- Passed: 7:49pm

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

- Queens centre is still on track for December 1st soft opening, common ground will be moving, the area in JDUC will be boarded up, thinking of creating a graduate cafe, wouldn't be there for very long since they're gutting the JDUC

Senate Report as given by Dixon:

- Meets next week – senate ops review committee, re composition of the senate, we could lose one faculty senator

Board of Directors Report as given by Aytimur:

- Meeting on Monday

QPID Report as given by Zhang:

- Last week was QPIDs middles school dance party, raised over 2000\$
- Finished up all fall newsletters to alumni
- Forum Tuesday Walter Light 206
- QPID is interviewing apps for projects in Ghana and Nunavut, info on EngSoc website

Athletic Report as given by Makinson

- Submissions for winter sports due 23rd, most teams we submitted have partial teams; go see Dwain in the PEC. You can go online and sign up as an individual but then the captain has to invite you. Easiest to just sign up as a group of your friends

Club Reports: Sunny

- Geological Engineering Report as given by Baker:
 - Just finished clothing sales
 - 2 BEWIC teams signed up
 - Prepping for xmas graunch
- Chemical Engineering Report as given by Tryphonas:
 - Shirts
 - BNO GNO
 - Oil and gas conference
 - Organizing Ski trip
- Apple Report as given by Buckingham:
 - Merch
 - Party next sat
 - Wine and cheese when option
- Civil Engineering Report as given by Watson:
 - Bowling with profs is tomorrow, 4-6
- Mechanical Engineering Report as given by Kenny
 - General meeting today, students get to vent out concerns
 - Wine and cheese was good
 - Merch is getting finalized

Year Reports:

- Sci'10 Report as given by Albanese:
 - Water fountain on the first floor of the ILC
- Sci'11 Report as given by Clark:
 - Finalizing merch
 - Flasks with crest and gentian themes t-shirts, will be on sale hopefully before exams
- Sci'12 Report as given by Haney:
 - Belt buckles came in
 - Half of them have been handed out
 - T-shirts, first order for the exec so we can wear them when we sell
 - Club night at The Spot on the 23rd
 - Semi formal – Feb 14, red tie event
- Sci'13 Report as given by Steeves:
 - Merch, glass boots with crest
 - Xmas event, Greg's going to dress up as Santa, Dan as elf, and we're going to take pictures in the atrium, pictures are a dollar or canned food item, \$ will buy presents for salvation army

Question Period #2:

Q1: Gleeson: When is that?

A1: Steeves: Ill email you

Q2: Dixon: Ms. Speaker, do you know which important EngSoc member has their birthday today

Newton: no

A2: Aytimur: Jon Foster

Q3: Frengopoulos: Emily what's going on with EngWeek class talks?

A3: Haggarty: Discipline Clubs, could you please get one of your members to email me at engweek.queensu.ca re class talks.

Q4: Aytimur: Why are they looking to remove a senator from us?

A4: Dixon: it's a percentage

Discussion: The Marketing Office

- The internal marketing office falls under my portfolio, the marketing office has been unsuccessful for the past 4 years. It's been difficult getting students involved. I would bring up discussion period to discuss possibilities: opening up

marketing office to other faculties (film and commerce specifically) second, no longer a necessity and strike it from bylaws and policy

- Motion to open up discussion: 8:07pm

Meeting adjourned: 8:32pm