Engineering Society Council Minutes

January 23, 2014

Beamish-Munro Hall (ILC) 313

Speaker: Alex Wilson

Secretary: Caitlin Stewart

Meeting Begins: 6:02

1. **Adoption of the Agenda**

**Motion 1:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council approve the agenda of the Council meeting of Thursday, January 23rd, 2014 as seen on the EngSoc website.

Moved by: JT

Seconded by: Alex Wilson

Opening (JT): Oddly our placards have gone missing, but for anyone who does not know, I am JT and this is Alex Wilson. We will work on finding our placards for next time. Since the agenda went out by email, there is an added motion from Mark and Nicole about RoboGals, which will now be motion 3. Mark’s report has also been added to the printed versions of the agenda.

Matt Slavin: Can we please check to make sure we have quorum?

Alex Wilson: Yes, would everyone who has their own vote please stand up. Look s like we are good, everyone can be seated.

Sam Crème: Can we switch the pre-actuals presentation ahead of the CFES one? Mark needs more time.

JT: That’s friendly.

Nick Hetherington: Are there any more agendas?

Alex Wilson: Looks like they have all been handed out, but we could pass them around or one of the other directors could go print some more out.

Motion Passes: 6:06

1. **Adoption of the Minutes**

**Motion 2:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council approve the minutes of the Council meeting of Thursday, January 9th, 2013 as seen on the EngSoc website.

Moved by: Caitlin Stewart

Seconded by: JT

Opening (Caitlin Stewart): If you ever find any mistakes, or need me to change something in the minutes, please let me know now, or email me at 11cs51@queensu.ca. If there are any changes I will fix them up and send them to JT.

Alex Wilson: Is there any debate?

Motion Passes: 6:08 (Cole Halenda hypothetically abstains)

1. **Speaker’s Business**

Alex Wilson: Please ask lots of questions after the presentations guys. Other than that, we are going to move into presentations. First up is the AMS teams. They are going to give a little overview about who they are and what they stand for, finished with a question period.

1. **Presentations**
	1. **AMS Elections 2014**

Allison Williams: Hi everyone, we are Team WRL, made up of myself, Allison Williams (Presidential Candidate), Phillip Lloyd (Vice President University Affairs Candidate), and Justin Reekie (Vice President Operations Candidate). Personally, I have interacted with the AMS in past, and I currently sit on the council but I am new to it.

Justin Reekie: I have interacted through external committees and have formed strong relationships with the services, especially with the coffee house.

Allison Williams: We stress the importance of consultation, chatting with faculties and societies, and engagement, which is one of our key pillars. We want to support the societies and what each represents.

Phillip Lloyd: We are trying to bring things that will appeal to all students, such as cheaper Via Rail tickets and more summer courses to spread out the work. Throughout our platform we have consulted a wide audience, done extensive research, and met with stakeholders, therefore we are confident in everything we stand for.

Allison Williams: A lot of our platform looks big, but we are working on already started projects. We look forward to answering all of your questions.

Scott Mason: We are team SMH. I am Scott Mason (Presidential Candidate) and this is Mark Asfar (Vice President Operations Candidate). Unfortunately our Vice President University Affairs Candidate, Hasina Daya, couldn’t make it tonight because of another appointment. Personally, I have interacted with EngSoc somewhat before. I have been to Clark, and spoken to your student senators. I also traveled down to Boston with Chris, Emily and the other engineers that went.

Mark Asfar: My background is a debater, so I enjoy arguing with people, as well as the student life center admin manager. I came to Queen’s after learning about the purple jackets, so engineers will always have a place in my heart. The AMS is a great organization and we hope to have the opportunity to reach our platform goals.

Scott Mason: Our platform is a realistic vision of what we can achieve. We are not biting off more than we can chew.

Mark Asfar: We plan to implement a walk-in clinic in the Queen’s center, open by September.

Scott Mason: We also plan to open a dentist’s office in the JDUC.

Mark Asfar: Our third main platform goal is to bring halal, gluten free, and nut free food to CoGro in the Queen’s center.

Scott Mason: We are very happy to take any of your questions.

Alex Wilson: Would everyone please enter the womb of love. We will entertain some questions now.

Matt Slavin: Full time AMS positions such as managers often require time commitments greater than 25 hours. How can you change this to make them more feasible for engineering students to take on?

Allison Williams: Some of the positions require an abbreviated course load. In those cases, it is written in policy, so there would be nothing you can do. Other students cannot afford a 5th year, so we are thinking about how we can reach out to other faculties, because it is important for the AMS to represent all of the faculties.

Mark Asfar: I am actually doing that same thing right now. First, we could highlight positions that don’t have a huge commitment. Second, we need to look at why engineering and commerce students are missing these opportunities. Apparently when students are on exchange they miss the transition period for the positions, so we are looking into how to account for that.

Nick Hetherington: Given that the AMS is supposed to support us as engineers, what are your ideas about AMS services competing with EngSoc services?

Mark Asfar: Since the TeaRoom is two blocks away from CoGro, some might say they compete, but I say they complement each other. They are not entirely antagonistic and competitive because they serve different products at different locations. In the future it might be beneficial if they might talk to each other and potentially build a symbiotic relationship.

Phillip Lloyd: I think a little healthy competition is fine. However, I would like to talk with the AMS services about making the TeaRoom more involved in AMS services promotion, as we need to preserve all services.

Michael Blair: As you know, innovation is a critical part of the engineering profession. What will you do if Queen’s adopts innovation policies?

Allison Williams: Moves toward more entrepreneurial educations have already been made, but we will hold the administration to getting that project across campus. It is largely funded by EngSoc, but we would have the lobbying priority to make that happen. In our platform there is also a micro-financing option for kick staring your company, as well similar options with career services.

Scott Mason: We met with a few design teams, including Hugh Gillen from QUEST. He felt that there were issues that they were facing with financials. What we came up with is the clubs initiative. We want to evaluate all the funds and grants that are given out, in order to pool more money into club grants. For Hugh Gillen, that means getting ratified as an AMS club and better funding.

Shane Dibblee: If you had to cut one thing from your platform, which would it be and why?

Mark Asfar: That is a hard question because we like all of them ad think they are all feasible. To answer your questions though, it becomes a matter of timing or quality control. Adding the dietary options is about quality control, so as far as timing and quality control go, that would be the one to cut because I wouldn’t want to offer anything that tastes like crap.

Justin Reekie: For us it would be the cell phone boosters probably, as this project is already under way. Essentially these boosters relieve pressure off of cell phone towers. This project will likely continue with or without us.

Peter Davidson: If you had to adopt one new item from the other team’s platform, what would it be?

Allison Williams: For us it would be the e-mentoring system to connect students with Alumni.

Mark Asfar: One thing that they have brought up is that they would like to do a survey first before adding something else. We would therefore amend one of our platforms points, implementing the Dentist’s office, to do that.

Chris Reid: What is your most ambitious goal and what steps will you take to make it viable?

Mark Asfar: Our most ambitious goal is the walk-in clinic. Some of you remember a time before the grocery store and a pharmacy were in the Queen’s Center. I think that a walk-in clinic is the next step for that. I know you are busy around the clock, and LaSalle is only open until 4:30. The clinic will offer the ability for everyone to get medical attention.

Phillip Lloyd: Our most ambitious goal is the tri-colour festival on University Avenue during homecoming. There are concerns about liability and safety, but we are looking to alleviate those concerns by starting on it right away. We want to stress the importance of student centered programming.

Emily Townshend: This coming year there will be half as many tickets for homecoming as it will only be on one weekend. How will you address this?

Allison Williams: This past homecoming there were issues with the distribution mechanism, and with back loaded tickets. We have been talking about implementing a rolling ticket distribution in different phases, as well as improving communication. We are also looking at an app to keep up on the football game, as well as live streaming at other places on campus.

Scott Mason: We are looking to have a beer tent on AB field, which we believe is a feasible objective, unlike the tricolour festival which was rejected. Having a controlled environment for student drinking improves safety, and it becomes a place where alumni and students can interact.

Alice Wang: For WRL, how would you increase summer courses? For SMH, how did you research on the dentist?

Mark Asfar: What we currently have is a room called the performance lab, which is unused and in disrepair. That space is a designated retail space, so what we would do is begin process to bring in new tenant, and pick whichever Dentist is best. They would pay monthly rent and have to be compatible with student health plans.

Allison Williams: That research was already done by the current executive. As far as the summer courses question goes, the faculty does research for one term which is usually the summer, and does a combination of teaching and researching for the other two semesters. What we are looking at right now is shifting some of those schedules to fix that. We are also looking at working in different kinds of programming.

Alex Savides: What processes did you go through to make your platform for students, not just what you think? Also, which goal is your least feasible?

Justin Reekie: We have been brainstorming and talking to people a lot, talking with involved people all the way down to people who don’t really care. We also meet with club executives to discuss our ideas. The tricolour festival is probably the least feasible goal, but I think we can make it work.

Mark Asfar: We discussed with stakeholders, and discussed cost and feasibility with lots of people.

Scott Mason: As far as feasibility goes, there are only two that we cannot absolutely guarantee, which are the homecoming tent and the course waitlist, because they both depend on faculty approval.

Sam Crème: Do you know anything about what’s going on with the EngSoc elections?

Scott Mason: I know there are two presidential candidates, Caroline and Robbie Thompson, who I actually know. I spoke to a few people at Clark and heard a bunch of pros and cons about each candidate.

Allison Williams: We know both the presidential candidates Caroline and Robbie, and we know that you guys are running for VPSA and VPOPs.

Meredith Raddysh: We are restricted in our freedom about what services we subscribe to. Dietary restrictions not met by the caf, but we are forced to pay for it. What will you do to fix this?

Phillip Lloyd: All of those decisions happen in food committee, which meets every couple of months, so that is the best place to put everything on the table. We could help with that by going into the first year market and figuring out what people want. We would certainly advocate for any dietary restrictions at food committee.

Mark Asfar: Hasina is currently the ResSoc president, so we are missing our expert on this. We are currently working to improve this issues at CoGro. We understand the difficulties with getting those kind of products into Sodexo and companies like that. Even the Gael burgers and Gael wraps all include bacon and pork in some way, which is not appropriate, so we are fighting for these options and how they are presented.

Alex Wilson: I am expressing a friend’s concern about the Underground. What is your plan for this?

Mark Asfar: I think it is incredibly valuable, as it is safe with the StuCons right there and WalkHome two feet away. The deficit is an issue, but in order to fix that, we have to make it a student’s night club right away. We would consult with students again. We could also have parties with costume themes, food service, speed dating, just to name a few ideas.

Phillip Lloyd: The Underground is definitely a safe drinking space. The problem is that it is a closed session board of directors that cannot give info out to students. They have expertise in this area. Once we opened, they sent a survey out, and we got some good responses. We need to look at this as a new service and about the social bottom line.

Doug McFarlane: Here is a hypothetical situation: you have stumbled upon one million dollars. I don’t enjoy going outside, so what two buildings would you choose to build a bridge between with the money?

Allison Williams: I think we would definitely do one from west to main campus.

Scott Mason: We would do a ski lift from Grant to the JDUC.

Alex Wilson: Let’s see your musical numbers now.

Allison Williams: We are going to do the cup song.

Mark Asfar: We are going to do ‘Put on Your Old Queen’s Sweater’.

Alex Wilson: Thank you so much for coming out to talk to us, great job guys.

* 1. **Pre-Actuals – Amanda Brissenden**

Amanda Brissenden: Just a heads up, this is strictly up to date until the end of December, so don’t worry because nothing in January is included. This only includes things that are on the budgets too, so Discipline reps and year exec, yours won’t be included in this. Things are basically on track, and nothing too surprising came up. Lots of events ran under, so there is around $2000 surplus. ExComm is way under budget, as NICWE was way under because of some extra sponsorships, so way to go Matt. The president’s meeting was also well under budget. This is for everyone’s benefit to see where the society is going, so if anyone has any questions, let me know. Some of the services events came in under budget, such as FYC which had lots of ticket sales. Financial training was a little more expensive than anticipated. Things are still under way but everything seems on track with how they are supposed to be. Total revenue and total expenses are still looking good.

Sam Crème: One thing we are over on is the accounting fees because I miscalculated on how much our financial review would cost.

Matt Lawson: What else has been over budget?

Amanda: Lab improvements and individual improvements are some of the small differences. The only big one was the financial review. Other than that, nothing was 100 over, and other events were under so it works out.

James Gibbard-McCall: How is the TeaRoom doing?

Sam Crème: Technically the TeaRoom does not report their financials to the EngSoc, only if it is regarding their loan, but it is doing fine.

**Motion to Open the Agenda**

Moved by: Sam Crème

Seconded by: Chris Reid

Motion Passes: 6:58

Sam Crème: I would like to motion to move the CFES presentation to between motions 4 and 5.

JT: That is friendly.

**Motion to Close the Agenda**

Moved by: Sam Crème

Seconded by: Chris Reid

Motion Passes: 6:59

1. **New Business: Motions 3-4**

**Motion 3:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council approves the addition to policy manual Kappa (Student Development) and policy Appendix C (Design Team Charters) as seen in Appendices ROBOTS and LEGO RULES respectively.

Moved by: Nicole Proulx

Seconded by: Mark Godin

Opening (Nicole Proulx): We already have a Queen’s chapter, but we would like to be formally ratified. It is a great organization that provides a lot of support but allows each chapter to be autonomous. We provide robotics workshops to young girls who wish to pursue engineering.

Robert St.-Onge: How will you work with WISE?

Nicole Proulx: I am currently the president of WISE, but with future exec, networking events would be collaborative, and funds could be shared.

Leslie Chaplin: The two organizations run similar workshops and events. There has been lots of communication and cross-collaboration already.

Peter Davidson: How many people are currently in your club?

Nicole Proulx: We currently have an exec of 4 members, and we would be looking to hire 1 or two more exec and 15 more students for workshops.

Sam Crème: Would you follow EngSoc hiring policy?

Nicole Proulx: Yes, once ratified we would.

Michael Wetton: There is a space issue here, how would you address that?

Nicole Proulx: We are looking at applying for an AMS club space to hold the robots, as well as looking at doing conferences in the ILC or at Queen’s somewhere else.

Stephen Martin: What ages are the programs for?

Nicole Proulx: They are focused on elementary and high school students.

Motion Passes: 7:05

**Motion 4:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council approve the changes to the by-laws (in its second reading) in APPENDIX CHANGE IS GOOD!

Moved by: Madeline Poirier

Seconded by: Emily Fleck

Opening (Madeline Poirier): This is the second reading of the bylaw, no changes were made since the last time. They are some short ERB changes. DHR will sit on ERB instead, we have added constitutional gurus, we added a caveat to elect a society representative, and added rules about quorum and majority vote. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me.

Alex Savides: With the change of the DHR from Director of Internal Affairs, would you be working on policies with hiring grievances?

Madeline Poirier: The role of the director previously was to liaise, but we have that role already. The reason we chose HR was that it is just more relevant.

Motion Passes: 7:08

1. **Continued Presentations**
	1. **CFES – Mark Godin, Matt Lawson and Emily Fleck**

Matt Lawson: Please stop me at any time to ask questions. We went to the CFES conference in Orford outside of Magog, oh Magog. They had decent chicken, a sweet mechanical bull, and we stayed in a hotel near Orford ski hill. It was a pretty packed schedule. There were socials, banquets, and different sessions. Any of the presentations that we went to, the minutes were taken, so you can look them up if you are interested. Anything that I mention tonight is available.

Mark Godin: It was an interesting conference especially because of the national perspectives. An interesting session was called game of thrones, which was about politics outside of university. There was also an interesting session about media training and occurrences with frosh weeks, about how not to deal with the media. There were talks about incorporation and liquor laws. My favourite social was the campus tour. It was a really interesting tour from the ECE department, which is entirely project based learning. My best new friend was probably a fellow Zack from McGill, we talked extensively about general managers. One of the more boring sessions was one called hub pub club, which was an internal CFES thing. Most of the internal sessions were kind of boring. There were a couple that were very menial, and I didn`t get anything out of them. The conference could have been much shorter. They could have cut it down by a couple days with ease. They could have compressed it and cut out any unnecessary sessions.

Doug McFarlane: What was your favourite social that wasn`t the campus tour?

Mark Godin: Food poisoning sucked. My favourite social was probably the first night at the hotel. Everyone was there meeting each other, and there was still new interaction because of the national scale.

Matt Lawson: They rented out a liquor license in the basement of the hotel, so it was really strange. I was going to show a video about what CFES is because it went over each role and clarified everything for some people, but instead I am going to put it on the website. It was really interesting that all the sessions were bilingual, and there were live translators. At the CFES plenary there were 42 votes and 37 motions. That was the reason that we were there. The way their council works is the first day all the motions are read out, and the ones that are in contention are tabled until the next session. This system allowed for debate, as well as amendments to happen behind closed doors, rather than during the discussion.

Emily Fleck: I was planning to put something together for this over dinner, but instead I sliced my hand open. The best session was called #optics which was really interesting. There wasn’t much that we actually learned from it. It was interesting to see, but we are so good here about preventative measures. The bull was really fun. My best new friend was David Birnbaum from Waterloo, who has a big personality. He held a position on the ESSCO exec, and he is now an Ontario ambassador, who is really passionate about his work. In one of the boring sessions I learned how to run events under the radar, and they called it protecting traditions. Tradition to us is a big thing like the grease pole. They were talking more about something like buddy program events that you would maybe want to keep away from your faculty. Plenary was over so many hours and so many days, but the conference was way too long, we missed too much school because of it.

Peter Davidson: You said that there were 42 votes, what is the distribution?

Matt Lawson: There are three schools that have two votes because they have two different campuses or two separate programs. Other than that each school has 1 vote.

Lowell Rose: Is length the reason why it’s so expensive? As well as the translators and mikes? Is all of that necessary?

Emily Fleck: Yes, we have two national languages, so it is important.

Mark Godin: There were definitely people there that would not have understood the debate in English.

Matt Lawson: A lot would be lost if the translation was not done live too.

Lowell Rose: Was anything else excessive?

Matt Lawson: The food was all done in house, and one night there was a beer tasting, but most of the cost of the conference is covered.

Mark Godin: Approximately three quarters, yes.

Matt Lawson: NICWE was changed to the CFES conference on diversity in engineering. NICWE, CEC and Congress improved consistency on what is offered at each of those events. They have also improved their transition of information, making sure the exec is accountable throughout the year, which just comes down to filling out a little blurb on the website after events. Officer work plans are being approved, and they are going through a strat plan expansion, and putting it in policy to make sure it happens. They are also working to make the small school travel bursary guidelines clearer. There is currently $2000 in it, and in order to be eligible, you have to have a budget under $50000 and be under a certain populous, also depending on how many people are you sending. There was also a bilingual cultural report, where they are working on improving inclusiveness. They don’t want it to be a barrier, but part of the conference, so the feasibility report was a good step forward. There is also some news about the elections. The new president is Mathieu, who was previously the academic commissioner. He has done really good work, so I think he will do a great job. The new national counselors are Elizabeth and Taylor. Elizabeth has tons of experience from her living memory role. All positions were great decisions. For conference bids, CEC hasn’t had a bid yet, Congress is going to be in Calgary, and the new NICWE will be in Waterloo. Are there any questions at all?

Alex Wood: How much was the delegate fee?

Matt Lawson: It is a tiered fee, so the first delegate was $300, the second was $350, and $400 for the third.

Matt Slavin: Is it necessary to send 3 members?

Matt Slavin: It is policy to send each of the roles that went, yes. My FYPCO was supposed to come as well, but he couldn’t make it out.

Alex Wilson: Thank you guys.

1. **New Business: Motion 5**

**Motion 5:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council approve the decision to rescind our membership to the Engineering Student Societies’ Council of Ontario as see in APPENDIX CHANGE IT UP. Furthermore, the executive-director team shall, in consultation with interested members, bring forward a proposal and motion to next council for the formation of a committee on external communications, the members of which being elected at that time, pending approval of the motion.

Moved by: Emily Fleck

Seconded by: Doug McFarlane

Opening (Emily Fleck): Thank you to everyone who came out to the town hall, hopefully we got some good thoughts going. The reason that we are bringing this motion forward is that it’s the executives opinion that this money could be used better elsewhere, it’s our opinion that what we get out of it is not worth it. Maybe Doug could speak to some of the things that came up in the town hall.

Doug McFarlane: We had lots of people come out. I can’t think of anything that Emily has not said, but if anyone wants to mention anything, please do so.

Lowell Rose: Even if there wasn’t anything specific, please speak up, but what were the key points that resulted in this position?

Emily Fleck: There we a couple things. The first half was focused on what we could do to make these organizations better, fixing them from the inside. We talked about a couple of years ago how we had someone on the exec and nothing was really changed. We also talked about how we valued the fact that they could represent us as engineering students within a huge body, not just a school. We found that their representation is not strong enough of us. The other part was our other options are, like directors pursuing alternate external communications. Just to put this in perspective, the total saved money would be just shy of $5000 that we could use in other places.

Doug McFarlane: One thing that I noticed is that the conversation came to what we would lose if we don’t attend, and the conversation did not come up with much.

Shane Dibblee: There has been a lot of talk about developed engineering societies not getting a lot out of this, are there any other schools that are doing the same?

Emily Fleck: U of T has, but they are pretty internally focused. We do need to speak to some of the other big schools like Waterloo. They wouldn’t be able to justify the cost if their Dean didn’t cover it for them. A lot of the other big schools have had people involved with ESSCO, so it makes it harder to rip the bandaid off. This might turn into a domino effect where other schools follow suit. Leaving might also be a negative because we won’t have the opportunity to defend our position.

Matt Lawson: U of T did leave, but they are still aware of decisions and things being made by other communication. They have a redefined mandate, focused on advocacy, high school outreach and improvement of engineering societies, and we were part of that discussion and making that mandate.

Doug McFarlane: Other schools have considered leaving, however this is because we are giving things to the smaller schools, but there has also been talk from the smaller schools, or one at least, that they might not be getting a lot out of it either.

Sam Anderson: We have a responsibility to other engineers provincially and nationally. ESSCO may not be the best tool, but we still need to reach out to other schools. I propose that a committee be struck to reach out to other schools to keep the external communication while avoiding some of the other pitfalls. I apologize that this motion isn’t fully formed, if it works better, we can work out the details at a later time.

Emily Fleck: I would like to offer the suggestion that we speak about this with your consultation in the time until next council and then we could bring forth a proposal then?

Matt Slavin: Isn’t the order of this off?

Sam Anderson: The intention of the committee is not to discuss the membership in ESSCO but look at future options for external communications.

Emily Fleck: This would be for creative solutions like looking at an online forum. I think this committee would come up with some creative ideas, however it would not have anything to do with this body or the body of ESSCO.

Alex Wilson: Please be careful about direct responses.

Peter Davidson: I would like to know what the pan is right now. When we leave ESSCO are we making a formal submission to them or are we just stopping paying our fees?

Emily Fleck: We will definitely submit something to them to say why we are leaving. There is enough information for that. We will still be attending the first year integration conference in two weeks’ time, but after that we would give them notification.

Meredith Raddysh: We have talked about how we are going to leave. Have we talked to ESSCO about how we are not getting anything out of it? Are we actually going back to them and suggesting improvements and things like that?

Mark Godin: This is a conversation that has been going on for about 5 years now. Among multiple schools as well as our people on the executive, it is pretty clear that this is happening and that the information is getting back to them. Have we actively written an email to the ESSCO exec this year? No.

Alex Savides: I found documents from 1995 saying similar things.

Matt Lawson: In reviews and surveys, we have been brutally honest. ESSCO can only do so much and ask other schools to put forth content. They are looking for people to step up, and they know that they don’t have relevant content but they have tried to address it and failed.

Alex Wilson: I will read out the official amendment from Sam Anderson: He motions to add an additional statement to the motion that reads: Furthermore, the executive-director team shall, in consultation with interested members, bring forward a proposal and motion to next council for the formation of a committee on external communications, the members of which being elected at that time, pending approval of the motion.

Emily Fleck: That is friendly.

Alex Savides: If we do decide to leave, what would the next steps for student lobbying? Are we going to spearhead the creation of a new group?

Mark Godin: ESSCO does not advocate for us on a provincial level right now. They don’t really do anything. Perhaps a five year goal would be to connect with other schools is Ontario to make that lobbying happen.

Matt Lawson: There is a lobbying committee that each year chooses a new topic to lobby to their capacity, but this year they didn’t come up with anything, I don’t know what our plans are, but they do have potential.

Holly MacNeish: As the Director of Professional Development, I can say that we do lobby within Queen’s for students.

Sam Crème: The major reason behind this decision is that ESSCO is only providing help to the few students who go and hear about it. This is not worth the $5000. Some of our spending ideas are internal conferences, more bursaries and grants, and expanding these to directly affect our students, and giving leadership committees more money. Other ideas include giving out TeaRoom goodies, adding to the jacket bursary and Sci’ Formal bursaries, as well as investing in more professional style leadership conferences such as ones for management and engineering. The whole reason behind this motion is that we want to better serve the Queen’s engineering students. Yes, this might be a negative impact on other schools, but we should be focusing on you.

Leslie Chaplin: What doors are we actually closing? I know we wouldn’t be attending conferences, but what else?

Matt Lawson: The two conferences would be PEO and FYI. We still should be able to attend those for an additional fee, which would still be less than the membership fee. You can access a lot of the perks of ESSCO without actually having to be a member. Engineering competitions might eventually become under their purview, so we would have to think about that for the future.

Eric McElroy: OEC has been struck from that list, but is that something that we are no longer attending?

Emily Fleck: That should have been on the list, and we should be attending that.

Mitch Wasson: How permanent is this, would we be able to re-enter?

Matt Lawson: There is no precedent for this, but they might follow what CFES did, which was that they were allowed back in with a vote in form the other schools and paying back fees.

Lowell Rose: Seeing that this has gone on for so long, is there anyone if the ESSCO leadership that is sympathetic to our feelings?

Matt Lawson: The president is part of a school that provides a large percentage of the content, but they are not getting a lot out of it either. EWB national conference has a strong connection, and they are joining in a partnership for outreach and advocacy with engineering.

**Motion to Call the Question:**

Moved by: Michael Blair

Seconded by: Stuart Wyle

Motion Passes: 8:03

Closing (Emily Fleck): Thank you all for putting up with my dramatics over here. This has been a focus for the past couple years, and I think the vote is going to go where we should be going. Next year the exec will have a little bit more wiggle room with their budget. I hope you vote this through and next council we will bring some kind of committee motion to make sure that we maintain external communications with other schools.

Motion Passes: 8:05 (Matt Slavin opposes)

1. **Break – 8:05**

End of break: 8:12

1. **Executive Reports**
2. President

Emily Fleck: Everything is in the report.

1. VP (Student Development)

Mark Godin: My apologies for not having my report in the digital copy. I haven’t’ seen you guys in a while. Right now we are talking a lot about space, meetings with students and faculty that lasted about 3 hours. Hopefully we will be seeing some beneficial changes. Queen’s space conference is this weekend so register now. CIRQUE is next weekend, and runs for two days, mostly the same idea. CEEC registration is starting up soon too. Concrete toboggan are in Waterloo this year. Congrats to RoboGals. Queen’s biofuels engineering team coming back, so look for that soon. 14 people going to OEC in Oshawa. Otherwise, I am busy with AMS, but I do have to run.

1. VP (Academic)

Chris Reid: I had a meeting with JPCC about curriculum changes and BED fund proposals are coming in, which are looking really professional which is great.

1. VP (Operations)

Sam Crème: Congrats to Amanda about pre-actuals, she is on top of everything, and they are looking great. I have a couple projects still to complete. I want to work on liability for board members and changing CRA officers as well as the financial review. I will be working on that this weekend and send out more info in the all-eng about a council motion. If you have questions, come and talk to me. Congrats to Ben McHale for science quest. Encourage your friends to vote in the election and the referendum because it is really important!

1. VP (Society Affairs)

Doug McFarlane: Please vote, it is most important. Congrats and good luck to all of the candidates, it is a stressful time and you have been handling it well. If anyone is interested in becoming a director, applications are up now and due Feb 5th. There is also the really cool new EngSoc Apply online application system! It looks great, the link is in my reports and it will be up on the website, fb and twitter. Moving on from now, all apps will be available on there.

1. **Director Reports**
2. Communications

Neal Hougham: I have been working with David to get ready for the elections doing promotional stuff. I made a banner that you can set as your cover photo, so I encourage everyone to do that. I also worked with Doug on the application system to get it ready for launch.

1. Events

Elizabeth Prendergast: Fungineering and ERC are just getting going. Fungineering is working on a dodge ball event with Profs and ERC is working on snow forts. Engweek did a great job, as almost all of the events are sold out. If anyone is interested in my position, please come talk to me.

1. External Communications

Matt Lawson: Thanks to everyone who showed up to the town hall, especially the first years who participated in the discussion a lot. I am going to be presenting CFES next council. If you have any points for me, please let me know. The Engineering hymn was what McMaster got in trouble for, so hopefully there weren’t any CBC reporters around tonight.

1. Finance

Amanda Brissenden: Not too much has been going on besides pre-actuals. I have just been catching up with all the groups and sorting our sponsorships and donations. Actuals are coming along, so if anyone has any questions, please come and talk to me or email me.

1. First Year

Stephen Martin: Going back to last week, I helped run the all-disciplines night. Thanks to all of the discipline reps for putting in all of the time to talk to the first years. We split up the disciplines which made it easier access and better. FYC went over really well, and it was a terrific weekend. I am super proud of my committee, and the conference has expanded from 100 students last year to 200 this year as well as an extra day, and the feedback has been great. For the future, we had some troubles with budget things, and I wasn’t prepared to share them this council, but we will bring that information next council. Please come and talk to me after if you have any questions. Other than that, I am really looking forward to talking to the frosh about director positions, especially my own.

Alex Wilson: Congrats on FYC, it has really blossomed over the years.

1. Information Technology

Alice Wang: There is not much going on, I am still looking for RAM and I will let you know when I find it. I transferred a few more sites onto the new server. We will be spending some time cleaning out the Clark server room which is really messy, so I am looking forward to seeing what things we dig up in there. Thanks to everyone who has made me aware of problems.

1. Internal Affairs

JT: Elections are going on right now. The cover photo idea is amazing, and please help up all get the word out to vote. Next week’s council is going to be Olympic themed, which was Pippa’s idea, so I can’t wait for that.

1. Professional Development

Holly MacNeish: I have been preparing for the AutoCAD workshop, which filled up in 2 days with a significant waiting list, and I am still working on getting a second one together. PNG has expressed interest in coming back for round two of interviews. I have also been working on the AUTOCAD contract because they can’t actually do that, so I have been working on a solution.

1. Services

Cole Halenda: Science Quest assistant director happened, so I have been working on getting contracts together. Manager hiring is close on my radar as well, and I have been working on a marketing strategy for that. I am hoping to get more first year applicants. The hiring fair for the tearoom is also coming up. I am done revising staff chat forms for round two. I am hoping to review the managers in the next little while to give them plenty of time. In the campaign period for winter referendum, tearoom and golden words as well as design teams are in that, so please vote because it is imperative that they get their funding. Share the pages and get the info out to your friends. Also, CEO is having a design contest this week for general merchandise to win 50 dollars’ worth of merchandise. Send your designs to Thomas Lloyd by this Sunday. Please note that Cole said words.

1. **Question Period**

Sam Anderson: Where is the voting mechanism for the referendum?

Cole Halenda: It is completely online. You will be emailed a link that will take you to the survey website. Last semester our email system blacklisted the email account that sent it out which was a huge issue. I am assuming they have remedied this in some way, but we will also have computer voting stations set up in the ILC.

Michael Blair: Are they separate or the same?

Cole Halenda: They are on the same system.

Leslie Chaplin: FYC went really well, but the flyers sent out by the discipline seemed to be written by second years, which wasn’t exactly a good representation.

Peter Davidson: The VP Student Development budget is empty for actuals, why is that?

Sam Crème: It is because all of the conferences happen in the second semester, so a large part of Mark’s budget is with conferences and design teams that get entered at the end of the year.

Peter Davidson: A lot of the things were for safety training and the like, does that mean that those happened and will be paid for later?

Amanda Brissenden: Like Sam said, some of them will be taken care of in the second half of the year. If you have any more questions, please come and talk to me after.

1. **Faculty Board Report**

Emily Townshend: There was abysmal attendance at the meeting, but a lot of stuff happened. A lot of money is going towards the new building, but we need more. For team space cleanup day, the dean is looking forward to throwing stuff out. With regards to the campus master plan, the only building that is up to code for accessibility is Beamish Munro. The Dean’s list is up, so good job to everyone that is on it! The new engineering counselor Joanne is now going to be in the office, so make sure to say hello. There will also be two 6th year students as bounce backs for additional support coordinated by Joanne. 30 students are going to the castle this summer. Steve Tanner has gone to arts and science, so they are advertising for his position. There are a few curriculum changes, the biggest in mining and electrical as well as some other minor ones. They are bringing in a new high school summer study abroad program, and they are looking for paid positions to be mentors, so if you are interested please contact Scott Yam.

1. **ERB**

Madeline Poirier: We met yesterday and redid the hiring script for EngSoc. There were some small procedural changes to the hiring policy, and we are working with Emily to get director review to pass on. We have also been working on some transitional manual stuff.

1. **Alma Mater Society Report**

Doug McFarlane: It was the quickest one in history, as we approved everything that was going to be put on the referendum. I even won a prize for being hilarious.

Alex Savides: can you read out what you wrote?

Doug: Nichola asked why we need to review out student fee policy. I gave the following response: I'm pretty sure there is only one reason to re-evaluate student fee policy. As we all know, the death star is an extremely necessary asset to the empire. Unfortunately, it had one flaw. A well placed concussion shot to a single exposed core resulted in its detonation. The second death star was created with an added challenge. The pilot was required to navigate a very narrow passageway to the centre of the death star, where a well-placed concussion shot and a proton torpedo would cause a large explosion in the centre core. The explosion created a reaction which destroyed this space station as well. The student fee policy must be reviewed to determine an appropriate percentage of all fees collected (suggested at 100%) to be allocated to the creation of a third and FINAL death star. This death star will have higher degree of security, in which THREE pilots will be required to fly through three narrow passageways and each fire a coordinated concussion shot and proton missile to the centre core. Only then will it detonate and destroy the third death star. If this occurs again, student fees policy will be reviewed again to help allocate funds to the creation of the fourth death star with a slightly higher degree of security. I won a line skip for Underground tonight.

1. **Senate Report**

Meghan Brunner: Homecoming will be just one weekend for the 4s and 9s and we will be playing York. We are thinking about hiring someone to connect to the government. I am a little worried about how it will affect the rector position, but we have asked lots of questions about the restructuring. We talked about the campus master plan, and there are many concerns with financing. They are doing it more like a menu, where not everything will happen, but sponsors will pick things that they wish to pay for. Nothing will be started until they have the money for it. There is also a new code of conduct definition of hazing, which is great. This is mostly aimed at other faculties, not necessarily engineering. Professor Yosepi wants feedback about potentially having a 13 week term in first semester. It might be just 13 weeks with no reading week. There are still concerns about Profs squeezing in more content. If we would like him to, he would come to a council to talk and get feedback.

1. **Board of Directors Report**

Shane Dibblee: We have not yet met since the winter break, but we will meet Monday to discuss strat plans for science quest and frosh week and science formal review.

1. **Club Reports**
2. **Geological**

Meredith Raddysh: With social events, we had a team in BEWIC, which was awesome even though we didn’t win, but we had fun. We had a post-BEWIC bash, and there were lots of second years there, so it was a really good turnout and a great chance to mingle. We are planning beers with profs at Clark. We also had a blip with CEO about merch, but it is finally ordered, and hopefully coming in soon.

1. **Chemical**

Chris Fitzgibbon: We have a BNO GNO coming up, which will be in my house in my bedroom, so it is bound to be a good time. We also have the Chem-Eng-Chem banquet coming up. We are deciding BED fund allocations, as we would like smart boards, bound lecture notes and textbooks as well as general improvements.

1. **Applied Mathematics**

Mitch Wasson: We have been working on BED Fund stuff, mostly buying textbooks and computers for projects. Our merch came in and we had a party last Saturday and it was fun.

1. **Civil**

Deanna Pizycki: Civil trip was great! We submitted our BED fund report, and had a BEWIC team which was also a lot of fun. We had our open house which was great, and the discipline night coming up.

1. **Year Reports**
	* 1. **Sci’ 14**

Lowell Rose: We are currently planning a pub crawl in the next few weeks. We are still putting together the yearbook, so if you have any discipline-specific or general pictures please send them in to Kiera. We are also putting our thank-you gift through. Turns out that we are the first in a few years to actually have student donations, so we are thinking of helping with Sci’12’s bench and donating a projector.

Alex Wilson: Just to clarify, it is not just buying the bench. You also you pay for the maintenance of the bench until the end of time.

* + 1. **Sci’ 15**

Matt Slavin: We have an ice hockey event next Monday. We are also looking at doing Olympic themed stuff, maybe streaming some events. We have a Sci’ Formal theme, which is the great Gatsby/roaring 20s. Looking to the future, if Sci’14 can’t finish the bench, we can help.

* + 1. **Sci’ 16**

Nick Hetherington: Right now we are selling flasks, and sales are going well. We are maybe looking into steins. We have valentines event called P.S. I Love Clark coming up with the nurses.

* + 1. **Sci’ 17**

James Gibbard-McCall: We are having an Eng-nurse dance which we have sold 200 tickets to. We will also be getting our merch in the next couple weeks. Nick was talking to Chris about BED fund stuff. We also had a BEWIC team and lost every game, but it was fun. We also met our j-section rep.

1. **Statements and Questions by Members**

Doug McFarlane: I don’t want to come off as grumpy, but I want to make a comment about the discussion on the ESSCO debates. I understand that they are important to have, but we did have a town hall that we could have done all of this in. We had this request before, so it would have been nice to see more people come out. I would suggest that in the future if there is a town hall that you try to come out for that instead of bringing your issues to council.

Matt Slavin: I don’t mean any personal attacks here, but I have a few points for council to think on. Usually council has a very outspoken person that challenges things like this. I think the motion to call the question was very pre-emptive. This encourages people to vote on motions the way that the exec wants them to. There were also a few members who passed their votes on to other people that would have like to discuss and vote. I wish that council was a little bit more critical of these motions to ensure that major decisions are being made by the entire body. I think our decision to rescind form ESSCO sets us back significantly. I find I am a little disappointed with council’s discussion about serious motions. I encourage everyone at council to think a little harder about any of the motions. It’s important that we treat our votes as an opportunity and not just an obligation. I hope that you listen to this and I hope that I don’t have to repeat this in the future.

Alex Wilson: Just to be clear, the motion to call the questions didn’t truncate anyone off of the speaker’s list. Everyone that wanted to comment got their chance to do so before that.

Alex Savides: For the Geo BED fund, we have asked questions and have basically written the proposal. We will be asking for new geophysics equipment including unmanned aerial drones which are really cool.

Leslie Chaplin: Tonight was our orientation night. If there are any frosh here tonight that weren’t able to go, please let me know and I will make sure you get all the info you need.

Meghan Bruner: Regarding the 13 week semester, there are a few more options. We could have exams on Sundays because we have a longer exam period than other universities. The 13 week schedule is being looked at right now. In the long run, it will be a faculty board decision. Technically engineering could have a 13 week term even if no one else does. He really wants some feedback and is really focused on students’ perspectives.

Matt Lawson: I am neither for nor against the decision to leave ESSCO. I was here to answer questions and any other concerns, and to give my interactions and concerns. The people who did show up to town hall were well informed and got all of the information they wanted out of it. I think that the town hall we had was really effective and it was very valuable, but I don’t believe people should come just for the sake of it. I applaud any disciplines that discussed in internally as well. Council is a place where you can get your views out in the air and on the minutes, not behind closed doors. I like that this discussion happened during council.

Lowell Rose: I agree with Matt about council being a good place for discussion. Notice was sent out for the town hall which was great, whether or not it was well attended. I would suggest that in the future maybe there could be a presentation of the points that were discussed during the town hall at the beginning of council to ensure that that information is brought up, as it wasn’t really this time.

Shane Dibblee: I think calling the question was used really well tonight, the discussion had petered out and the past few speakers were all the same.

Emily Townshend: There is a new member for SOARB, Phil, and he seems really competent. We are also implementing SOARB policy which is exciting. We have a meeting coming up with ORT and all of the faculty equivalents and I will be bringing you back the reports from that.

Matt Lawson: Jr. Senator will be nominated by council and elected next council. If you have any questions, I’m sure Emily would be happy to field them.

Shane Dibblee: Was this uncontested?

Matt Lawson: Yes

Stephen Martin: FREC hiring is coming up, and I would really like to hear any tips and tricks for the frosh to help prepare them for those interviews. If you have things you were surprised by or any advice, I would really like to hear it.

Alex Wilson: When we do the year reports, how it original started is that the oldest year is the only one to be called old. We are openly willing to debate that, but the idea is that the younger years only get redemption on the 4th years.

Amanda Brissenden: CIRQUE registration ends tonight. It is in the last weekend of January, so check it out!

Sam Crème: Just a reminder that it’s live music night at Clark tonight, and there will be international beer fridge, and acoustic and indie acts.

**Motion to Close:**

Moved by: Doug McFarlane

Seconded by: Chris Reid

Motion Passes: 9:11 (Cole Halenda abstains)