Engineering Society Council Minutes

March 27, 2014 and March 28, 2014

Beamish-Munro Hall (ILC) 313

Speaker: Nick Hetherington

Secretary: Caitlin Stewart

Meeting Begins: 6:01

1. **Adoption of the Agenda**

**Motion 1:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council approve the agenda of the Council meeting of Thursday, March 27th, 2014 as seen on the EngSoc website.

Moved by: Eleanor McAuley

Seconded by: Nick Hetherington

Opening (Eleanor McAuley): We have a few changes to the agenda. For the presentations, we will now have one from the Dean to begin, then the design presentation, then the COI presentation, then the summer exec plan presentations, then pizza. The lending library motion will go to the end, and the approval of the summer plans will be at the start. We have also added a motion to give Sci18 a new name which will be the second last motion. There is also another added motion regarding CEC which we will add to the end of the list after the academics motion.

Alex Cavaliere: For the motion about Sci 18, spell my name right please.

Caitlin Stewart: I will make sure that is fixed for the minutes.

Motion Passes: 6:04 (25 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)

1. **Adoption of the Minutes**

**Motion 2:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council approve the minutes of the Council meeting of Thursday, March 13th, 2014 as seen on the EngSoc website.

Moved by: Caitlin Stewart

Seconded by: Eleanor McAuley

Opening (Caitlin Stewart): Hey everyone! First of all, as always, if you have found any errors in the minutes, please say so and I will make sure they are fixed and that Eleanor gets a new copy. Secondly, this is my last council so I just wanted to thank you guys for being so understanding and helpful with the minutes this year. Have a great next term and a great summer.

Motion Passes: 6:05 (26 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)

1. **Presentations**
   1. **Dean Woodhouse**

Dean Woodhouse: Thank you for having me, and please tell me if you want me to come more regularly. I used to attend more of these meetings. CFES and the CEC competition were discussed with me, and I explained to them why I said no. When they get their act together on their attitude towards standard issues of professionalism, especially regarding women, we will be more than happy to welcome the design competitions here. We need a strategy and we need to know how we are going to handle behaviour, which is not always great. The last thing we can afford is hotel rooms destroyed and silly songs being sung. It really is inappropriate and when they have a strategy, we can work with them. We have worked too hard to lose that now. We can decide as a community if we would like to host it again too. We have also recently received 1.1 million dollars to develop an online program for people to receive a degree for people moving through a college program. This would not be credited. We will gain experience in blended learning and distance learning techniques. The other thing is that there have been rumors flying around that the dean is eliminating the common first year. What we are doing is that we have actively chosen to top our enrolment in first year into the general stream at 680. Often you choose what you want by what will get you a job, and not necessarily your passion. We can’t do this and go from 15 students to 80 in a department. We chose to limit this enrolment because we are piloting a new program for direct admittance into the electrical and computer options. We have 5000 applicants for 680 positions, so we would like to be able to offer more people the opportunity while being able to provide people with a great level of education, but only where the programs have the ability to take on that capacity for more students. We are not sure how exactly we are going to do it, it is just a pilot at this point. We may find out we can’t, but we are optimistic that we can make this work. Where it takes our enrolment from there, we don’t know, but it is all about the capacity to provide quality education. We are also getting there with the new building. Will the faculty of engineering and applied science ever grow more than this? We don’t know. The challenge in the university sector is that the way that we can sustain the faculty is to bring in new students. We need to look at new revenue streams to avoid this. We are looking at many different options including Masters programming and delivering programming in Toronto and online. The last thing I want to mention is that a wonderful family has donated half a million dollars for renovations in McLaughlin. We are going to continue to clean up spaces and we are committed to working on adding work spaces and continuing to make investments. We are at 75 million out of 80 for fundraising. We are asking for an additional 5, as well as looking for more for the building as well. Also, the Aboriginal access program has grown a lot and recruiting is under way. Are there any questions?

Michelle McKay: Is the first year program changing?

Dean Woodhouse: If you have a question, please ask me, because the rumors likely aren’t true. We completely redid the curriculum with the new design streams over the last few years. We are also now looking at the programming of first year, and the committee is doing a lot of talking and thinking about that. In the new targeting program, we might look at changing up the order and maybe changing things to be more electrical. We are also looking at if maybe the general students want to take those more skewed courses. This is something that more universities do. We are the only one that currently offers free choice. We will not put students into the targeted program unless they want. There are things that we need to be teaching and changes to be made based on accreditation.

Erin Murphy: Is it going to fluctuate at all?

Dean Woodhouse: In an ideal word, that is what we would get to. Some people want to be in a targeted program right away. In a perfect world, we would be able to balance our enrolment using this strategy.

Alex Rey: What is the projected enrolment?

Dean Woodhouse: It is 680. We had originally wanted to increase the engineering students to 3000, but instead we will do that with this new program.

Nick Hetherington: That is all of the time we have for questions, thank you Dean Woodhouse.

Alex Shiek: I am running out the door to do hiring. Most of what I need to say is in my report. I sent out the clubs email, which will be going out in two hours. I have already sent a pre-emptive invite to the design teams, and a formal one is being sent out tonight. Thanks, that is all in my report.

**Motion to Open the Agenda:**

Moved by: Kristy Tu

Second: Emily Townshend

Motion Passes: 6:22 (28 for, 0 oppose)

Kristy Tu: Can I do my report now?

Eleanor McAuley: That is friendly.

**Motion to Close the Agenda:**

Moved by: Alex Shiek

Seconded by: Ryan Cattrysse

Motion passes (28 for, 0 oppose)

Kristy Tu: Sorry guys. Since last council I have been doing a lot of meeting with people. I am hiring the alumni relations officers very, very soon as well as putting together a long-term AutoCAD plan and FYPCO plans. I would also like to put together a professional development survey. Happy summer council.

* 1. **Committee on Inclusivity**

Kevin O’Connor: We didn’t get started until too late, but we figured we would update the policy. Other than that, we just have a few recommendations. We feel like next year for hiring, the focus should be on giving people more even ground. We also discussed improving council advertising. Keeping people up to date is important. That is more or less it. Hopefully next year the committee can make some more progress.

* 1. **Summer Plans - President**

Carolyn Fisher: Hi everyone, this is my summer plan. First, an overview: I will be talking about cleaning, space evaluation, improving the lounge, appreciation, first years, Sci formal and frosh week. For cleaning and re-org: we are going to clean out the lounge, for which I have allotted 5 days. We are buying new cleaning supplies, looking into cleaning service and organizing the filing cabinet. Space evaluation is an ongoing problem. We will continue to look into opportunities to re-organize and look for new space. For lounge improvement this is for the EngSoc lounge and the Clark lounge. For Clark, we will be talking with people who use this space and storage for this area. For the EngSoc lounge, we are looking into a new fridge, foosball table and potentially a charging station. With appreciation policy, nothing as ben implemented, so we will be writing policy for fair appreciation. For first year involvement we will compile a document for the incoming class so that they know their opportunities in EngSoc and the hiring times. I would send these off to Ryan to distribute. I have allotted 3 days to make it beautiful and easy to understand. With keeping in touch, I will send out emails to the ED team, and to council as well as to any other interested members. I will be posting reports online as well. I will also be communicating with Chairs and directors in regards to summer plans and strat plans. I will also be doing the Sci formal work place rethink, and I am allotting this one day and then additional time for site visits. With frosh week involvement I have started to edit parts of primer and we will be working on the TNL video, and planning ED involvement during frosh week. I am also excited for the summer BBQs and rituals as well as planning the alumni newsletter.

* 1. **Summer Plans – Vice President Operations**

# Peter Davidson: First of all, I need to learn a lot about the society including the financial and historical aspects. With cleaning and re-organisation we will be evaluating spaces, and lots of time will be spent cleaning and going through stuff to eliminate clutter and junk. We will be starting a key database to ensure all keys are accounted for. Summer is a really big time for the 6 services as 5 will be going through strat planning and science quest will be running. I will be working with them to prepare so they run smoothly. With finances, I want to do some review to make sure it is in good form. I want to evaluate PayPal and its use for the society. I will look into how it can best be used. I will also help the director of finance with the budget. For the society, I will make a strat plan for the rest of the year. I would like to update policy, review Eta which is all about services as well as collaborate with VPSA, HR and IT to make sure the online app system gets improved. Summer is when Sci formal and frosh week budgets are approved, so I will be working with them to make sure they are in good order. With the bookkeeper, I will meet her and make sure that we are on the same page and see if there are any ways the delays can be reduced. With the board of directors, I will be working with the new chair of the board to assess what the purpose of board is and how it can best be utilised. We will review their policies and work on transitioning. In the misc. section I will be doing general day to day operations with emails and mail, other fun stuff like running the summer BBQs and rituals as well as editing the Engenda. Quote: “Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein.” – H. Jackson Brown Jr. Basically, I will work hard.

* 1. **Summer Plans – Vice President Student Affairs**

Alex Savides: For cleaning and re-org we need to do a lot of scrubbing. It makes a difference when you work in a clean space. We will also be repurposing the Clark hall lounge. One of my projects is to do a policy review and binding. Doug did a lot of work, I will do things less dramatically, and I will look at changes and how to bring those changes to council. I will bind a copy of policy so that we always have that as something trackable. With the Engenda creation, Doug and his FYPCO did a great job compartmentalising. It is less of a big file and easier to add pictures, so I am budgeting for a month total, as I have a weakness in spelling. With HR and the hiring policy, I will look at it, and give it a real critical look. I will look at how we can change it and work with it to make it better as well as with the introduction to the EngSoc apply system. It is supposed to be easy, so it shouldn’t be making things more complicated. I am also looking at the joint hiring policy. For design teams, I will work with the director of design to make procedure and policy for the teams. This is a great opportunity, so I would like to work through that. With information technology, with Eric, we will be creating confidentiality agreements, which we should be doing but haven’t in a while. The board is getting new ones and I would like to see how we can take those and apply them to the rest of the society. We also have the source code for the online application system, so we will be working with that. We will also be updating the website with solutions to list serve which I will create a business case for. Under communication I will be working on the EngSoc calendar and making a flow chart. I will be working hard over those 5 days to see a view of EngSoc via flow chart. With keeping in touch, just that, as well as act as main Kingston contact. And finally, under misc., the only one that’s different is making a sign out sheet for anything we sign out in the office.

1. **Speaker’s Business**

Nick Hetherington: Eat pizza.

1. **New Business: Motions 3-8**

**Motion 3:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council approves the President’s (Carolyn Fisher) summer plan for 2014.

Moved by: Carolyn Fisher

Seconded by: Peter Davidson

Opening (Carolyn Fisher): It is going to be a busy summer, thanks for listening to my presentation, I hope you approve this plan.

Matt Slavin: Approximately two months ago, the exec ran on platforms. Could you please speak to something you ran on and how it is incorporated into your summer plan?

Carolyn Fisher: This is the alumni newsletter for me. It would include relevant updates to the society, just getting involved, and bookings at Clark. This summer I will be setting up a template and handing it off to alumni relations officer.

Matt Lawson: You ran on maintaining external communications. How will you do this?

Carolyn Fisher: I plan to work to compile some sort of document or plan for communication with other schools, as well as reach out to the community more. I would be presenting this plan as a general idea to the committee, later on in council.

Lowell Rose: Do you all plan on doing strategic plans?

Carolyn Fisher: Yes, we do all intend on doing strat plans. I would like to get that done before the end of exams and send it to Directors to take as an example.

Matt Lawson: While we did drop out of ESSCO, there is a little delay before it is final. Will we still be going to the AGM in the summer?

Carolyn Fisher: We do not intend to go, but we have been talking with them. We are more than open to sending a proxy so that we still have representation.

Nick Hetherington: Is there any more debate?

Steph Van Raay: Is this on just the president’s plan?

Nick Hetherington: Yes.

Andrew Crawford: What is your number one priority?

Carolyn Fisher: It is hard to name a number one. I am most excited about the BBQs and rituals, but they are obviously not number one. Something I am looking forward to is the appreciation policy because it is near and dear to my heart.

Sam Anderson: Taking feedback from the last years Exec plan, is there anything to improve on?

Carolyn Fisher: We did read through them and I discussed them at length with Emily. We are continuing with a lot of things that they didn’t do. Something I am planning to streamline is the BBQs and rituals. It does cut into most of our Fridays, so I would like to get them done as quickly as possible to do more for the society.

Matt Lawson: You mentioned a cleaning service. Is that something you are looking into budget wise, or what is the extent?

Carolyn Fisher: We are looking into this for the fall. We are looking into maybe once a month or two months, and it wouldn’t be particularly pricy, just to get the floors clean.

James Gibbard McCall: You also mentioned incorporation. I wanted to know a little bit about that from 08. What are you looking for that this summer?

Carolyn Fisher: It comes into every president’s summer plan. I see it being not in the immediate future. It is a big task, so I would like to do background research and then bring it up in discussion at board of directors.

Motion Passes: 6:57 (28 for, 0 oppose, 1 abstention (Carolyn Fisher))

Nick Hetherington: I wold like to give a brief intro for new faces. Welcome to council. You have seen over the past hour how it works. Motions come to the table, they are read, and there is an opening, debate on the motion and then a closing followed by a vote. Anyone can attend, but only those who are in elected positions can vote. If you want to speak on a motion, raise your placard or one finger and we will add you to the speakers queue. If you have a direct response, hold two fingers up. If you have one of three points, you may interrupt the speaker. There is a point of order, which is when procedure is done incorrectly or something of that nature. There is a point of information, which is to request information, clarify something, or for the correcting of facts. Finally there is a point of personal privilege, which is if you are offended or misrepresented, or if you need to clarify the current topic of debate. The points are only for these purposes and not for adding anything. When you do stand, please say your name and position. Make sure you speak to me and not to anyone else and please speak loudly and clearly so that Caitlin can understand what you are saying. When we have reports, can people who are giving them please summarize your purposes for people if they are interested.

Steph Van Raay: Are you continuing the closed-laptops policy?

Nick Hetherington: Yes, except for tweeting, gurus, etc.

**Motion 4:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council approves the Vice President Operation’s (Peter Davidson) summer plan for 2014.

Moved by: Peter Davidson

Seconded by: Alex Savides

Opening (Peter Davidson): If you have any questions or clarifications, please let me know.

Matt Slavin: Approximately two months ago, the exec ran on platforms. Could you please speak to something you ran on and how it is incorporated into your summer plan?

Peter Davidson: Mine is to have more financial transparency for the society. I will be working on figuring out the best way for the budget and actuals to be available to the general members of the society. As I go through it all from last year, I will let everyone know.

Matt Lawson: There is a pretty common theme, which is cleaning. To what standard of cleanliness to you see the office, and will it be a team effort or will it be done alone?

Peter Davidson: It will be a team effort, but targeted. I will be focused on filing because that is related to me. On the large scale, we haven’t really determined the level of cleanliness. We are not aiming to be as clean as a hospital, but we want it to be a comfortable working atmosphere and for the fall, we want it to be open for people walking by.

Motion Passes: 7:06 (28 for, 0 against, 1 abstention (Peter Davidson))

**Motion 5:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council approves the Vice President Student Affair’s (Alex Savides) summer plan for 2014.

Alex Savides: I gave a presentation, but I talk really fast, so if anyone has any questions, just ask.

Matt Slavin: Approximately two months ago, the exec ran on platforms. Could you please speak to something you ran on and how it is incorporated into your summer plan?

Alex Savides: One of the main things that I ran on with the restructure was that we have an opportunity to provide more to the design teams and clubs. I will work to bring the design teams up to a new level of professionalism.

JT: I know Alex had focus on archival stuff and digging up history, will this again be a focus?

Alex Savides: I had it in the plan to work on the EngSoc Wiki. I did not have a massive focus on it in my summer plan however. It is incredibly important, but it is not the best way to spend student funds during the summer.

Andrew Crawford: You mentioned the confidentiality agreements. What positions qualify for those?

Alex Savides: There are a few positions that need to, including the board of directors, the director of IT and anyone who has access to personal information. I would like if all the directors would. Part of the plan is to determine who needs to sign one under the law and best practices.

Nichola Trinh: To what extent are you repurposing the Clark lounge?

Alex Savides: Maybe repurposing was a little bit loaded. A lot of it was looking about how the space can be utilised better. The big thing is putting up a locker for storage. It is more so a furniture rearrange and adding lockers vs hammer and nails thing.

Meredith Raddysh: With the confidentiality agreements, will all of the service managers be required to potentially since they do performance assessments?

Peter Davidson: There is already a term of confidentiality in their contracts.

Michelle McKay: I was wondering if you had been in communication with others about dual hiring policy.

Alex Savides: That is a wonderful question. Currently I have been in contact with the commerce HR officer. When we had previously met with him, he was interested in making this happen.

Matt Lawson: You had a meet with dean. In the past, the relationship has been a bit tense, what is your plan for that?

Alex Savides: As it stands, we do meet regularly anyways. Currently, they are slated to be general meet and updates, but if anything else arises, that would be addressed.

Motion Passes: 7:15 (28 for, 0 oppose, 1 abstention (Alex Savides))

**Motion 6:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council approve the summer budgets for 2014 as presented at council.

Moved by: Erin Murphy

Seconded by: Peter Davidson

Opening (Erin Murphy): Basically the budget will be coming up now. Last year council approved $15,000 for the summer budget. The changes this year are in my report. Things that have already been approved I have taken out. The highlights are the blinds ($3,000), which are the most of anything we are spending, because it is not fun being blinded. This is a high estimate including potential labour costs. That is about it. It should have been emailed out but I was late, I apologize.

Matt Lawson: It says that the Clark Hall cabinets will cost $5,000. I am just curious about the justification and who will have access to this space?

Peter Davidson: We all have plans to evaluate the space, and it is currently the plan to buy locking cabinets for people. It is in the summer plan to decide who gets the space.

Emily Fleck: It says a fridge for $800. If it is full-size, where will it go?

Carolyn Fisher: We are planning on putting it where there are currently garbage cans.

Alex Wood: We are spending another $1,000 on the foosball table Why do we need to completely replace it, why not just repair it?

Carolyn Fisher: Our justification is that we can use a snazzier foosball table. It is not in the greatest shape and it will likely get worse.

Dylan Braam: A lot of the budget numbers seem high. Where did the quote form the blinds come from? Also, as they seem like overestimates, and there is already a 10% contingency, what will you do with the surplus?

Alex Savides: The quote for the blinds came from a measurement with the current space we need to cover and a quote from Home Depot as well as the mark up for getting PPS to come in to install them.

Peter Davidson: On the terms of any excess money, it is in policy that for any surplus, half goes into the next year’s operating budget and the other half would go into investments.

Michelle McKay: I think the charging station is great. About the fridge, what is it currently used for other than people’s lunches, and what’s the need for the upgrade? With regards to the foosball table, I think having one there is enough of an attraction, I don’t think the better one will be that much more of a pull.

Alex Savides: With the full size fridge, the current one is gross, but the full size gives us more space to store things for clubs and to hold people’s lunches. The full size fridge gives us a freezer as well which allows us to have ice, which helps when people get injured, which is probably a good thing to have.

Matt Slavin: Normally during the school year if some expense comes up it can be approved at council. If something like this comes up over the summer, how is this approved?

Jay Young: If anything was over the discretionary limit, we would try to contact people on the council list by email and try to do it that way.

Nichola Trinh: Will the fridge be open to anyone in the society, and how will you keep it clean?

Carolyn Fisher: Yes, anyone would be more than welcome to use it. We would be looking at a director cleaning schedule so the ED team would take care of that.

Steph Van Raay: Have you looked into getting a donated foosball table? Also, with the fridge idea, where did it come from, it seems really new? How much more is this summer budget compared to last year?

Erin Murphy: It is approximately $1,000 less than last year’s budget and $2,000 less than last year’s exec budgeted for.

Matt Lawson: For the 100 dollars for policy binding, I just went on the P&CC website and the number is a little different, where did that come from?

Peter Davidson: No, we haven’t looked into the foosball donation. For the fridge, the microwave was welcomed awesomely and people suggested a fridge as well.

Alex Savides: The $100 for the binding was inflated, but when I looked into the binding, it was for a nice policy-worthy binding. I understand that this might be a little high. In terms of the paper, we still have to pay for it, but it might be a little high.

Peter Liberty: What happens to the old foosball table?

Carolyn Fisher: We would be selling or donating it.

Dylan Braam: Was that taken into account in the price of the new one?

Erin Murphy: We have not yet accounted for that potential revenue. In case of receiving revenue for selling the old table, it would have to be approved.

Alex Savides: The reason why the monies form the selling were not accounted for is that we might not be selling it. We might be donating it or repurposing it. Also even if we did, we wouldn’t have an exact value.

Curtis Lindsay: I am wondering whether there is anything else being purchased for Clark other than the cabinets?

Peter Davidson: The old EngSoc lounge furniture was just moved to Clark, so no new furniture will be purchased.

Andrew Crawford: Will the charging station be limited to just phones, or will there will be laptop chargers as well? Also, will there be Icon involvement?

Carolyn Fisher: At this point, the station was for phones and tablets. I am more than willing to look into laptop charges, but we can look into that for the fall.

Emily Fleck: For the numbers being generally big, it does make sense to over budget just in case so that there is some wiggle room.

JT: What is the purpose of having a bound copy of policy? Have you talked to Eleanor and the gurus because there is already a way of tracking changes. If this is something we are trying to do, and continually going to be making changes, is it a good use of paper and money?

Alex Savides: It is an idea to have a physical incorruptible copy of what the policy is at the end of each year. It should be happening each year. We may lose files, so if that happens, we will still have paper copies. I was looking through the old VPSD filing policy and finding old policies printed, so I think it would be beneficial to the society to make an incorruptible archive to track the changes in a physical form. Just the one so that we have it.

Matt Lawson: I am in huge support of the foosball table and fridge. Two new chairs got massive talking about it. People would flock if they heard word of the fridge. Cleaning would not be a hindrance. For the binding, maybe you could do a 3-ring binder instead of binding a copy?

Dylan Braam: If we are going to be binding a new version, this can be very expensive. I have taken a look at the budget, and out of 11 things, 6 have been discussed. I would say that this budget has gone through a lot of discussion, but I do not agree with it so I will be voting against it. I find that the engineering society has a way of going along with the ED team says, but in this case I do not have confidence in it.

Erin Murphy: There are a lot of points we are uncertain about because it is hard to get exact quotes on things in a short amount of time. In previous years, the budget has had more lines to go over. Even the formal operating budget has more parts. This budget does have a lot of great things and the exec needs this money in order to do great things for the society, so please approve it.

Stephen Martin: A good place for the foosball table to go would be the Clark lounge. That would help out making it a little less dingy and dark.

Carolyn Fisher: That is something we looked into, however after discussing it, the only thing that is worrisome is that for people after Clark having them have the opportunity to be rowdy and play foosball unsupervised might not be a good idea.

Emily Townshend: I don’t think that people are in contention of the budget, just in need of clarification. As someone who is here over the summer, I am in huge favour of having a fridge. But, what steps are you taking so that people do not unplug the fridge?

Peter Davidson: You would have to move the fridge.

Morgan Roff: Science Quest would benefit from having cooling systems during the summer, have you looked into moving the tearoom ones for the summer?

Peter Davidson: We feel that it would be beneficial for the whole year.

Morgan Roff: I just meant it as a suggestion, not against having the full fridge.

Ryan Cattrysse: For policy, can we clarify what it will actual be?

Alex Savides: The idea is to bind one copy at the end of every single year. We would bind what the policy looked like after all of the edits of the whole year with the hopes that in the next year we would do the same thing. It is not to change it every single time the policy is changed, just to keep long term memory.

Meredith Raddysh: My job is to represent my department. With the foosball table, I do not know a single one of my peers except for people on council that use it. I do not think that this is justified, especially for the summer as it is a distraction.

Stephen Martin: With me it was extremely useful tool to get first years into the lounge to try and break barriers. Even with my own friends, I have found this is true and valuable.

Steph Van Raay: Just before we buy the fridge, can you make sure that the circuit will not be overloaded?

Andrew Crawford: The fridge and microwave are currently plugged into the same circuit. As well, people use that to charge their laptops. Make sure you open the outlet on the west wall so that no overload happens.

Dylan Braam: Many fridges do not go into a standard plug, so make sure you buy one that fits.

Jay Young: I have experience buying fridges, they go in the holes pretty good.

Peter Liberty: Given that this is an overestimate, I am wondering if there is an estimate of what things actually cost to determine what the overestimate would be.

Peter Davidson: The exec is putting forth the numbers we have.

Steph Van Raay: Could someone explain what happens if something is over the budget?

Erin Murphy: Basically overestimating is a lot safer because if something is over the budget it needs to be approved by council if it exceeds 200 dollars. This is so that they have enough money to accomplish what you approve. If you lower the budget, you run the risk of having to email council to approve additional funds.

Jay Young: This is our primary space that we occupy, When everyone looks at price tags, we are in an environment where everyone is walking by. This is not an over inflation, so if everyone is happy with the items that are being purchased, please focus on that instead of the price tags. These are our offices and our space so we should be proud of what we have done.

Matt Lawson: I was in the office when the blinds were being discussed and the feasibility was being questioned, has this been discussed more?

Alex Savides: At this point in time, PPS has not been contacted regarding this. The budget for putting the blinds in, this could apply to other things. We could do what a blind does without buying ones that need alternate specifications if problems arose.

Dylan Braam: I don’t think it is appropriate for council to do that, so I would like to motion to amend the budget to remove the blinds.

Nick Hetherington: Since there is no seconder, the motion fails.

Closing (Peter Davidson): Thank you for all of your feedback on the budget. We will consider all of it. We are grateful that we have had the open discussion and we hope to have your support in the vote.

Motion Passes: 7:57 (26 for, 2 opposed, 1 abstention (Erin Murphy))

**Motion 7:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council approve Appendix STACKS ON STACKS and the formation of the EngLinks Lending Library.

Moved by: Sam Anderson

Seconded by: Chris Reid

Opening (Sam Anderson): This motion was brought last council. The reason the motion was tabled was to look into legality issues. Since then, I have done extensive research into the feasibility and legality. We have been working very closely with QUESSI and the book store. We would not be running into copyright issues. I would also like to call your attention to two small changes to the policy since last time. The first is that any mention of the word rental is to be changed to loan and changed from duration of rental to number of hours. Finally, the last bullet of the policy, added ‘or supplied by a benefactor organization’ in order to account for donations by external sources or from individual disciplines. I think this has the ability to have a great impact. Are there any questions?

Matt Lawson: Great motion. Where will the textbooks be held?

Sam Anderson: This is not mentioned in policy yet. We are looking into storing them in the lounge, and maybe expanding that later on.

Michael Bodley: What research has been done on how you will be loaning them and how will the Icons be involved?

Sam Anderson: We are looking into a model about taking student numbers, but we will be determining that operationally. As for the role of the iCons, I don’t want to overstep them, but they are included in the policy in case we would like to involve them in the future.

Curtis Lindsay: What is the timeline for this project and also how will students be notified about what books will be in the library?

Sam Anderson: We hope to be fully operational by the time classes start in September. We would work on developing relationships over the summer to do that. We will also work on promoting during the summer. It will perhaps work more as a supplement the first year, so as the years progress, this might improve.

Jacqueline Crank: If any discipline were to buy the books through BED fund, would they be owned by EngSoc? Also, how would they be maintained? Would you determine what books were bought and how many? What would you do with the out of date ones?

Sam Anderson: As the policy currently states, the EngSoc will own the texts and maintain them. Were a discipline wanting to purchase books but lend them out at the ILC, we could look into that specific ownership. We would strat the library with mainly first year course textbooks and a couple second years. It will be based on student demand after that. Most likely, we will have 1-3 copies as a start. For old books, we would do extensive research to make sure that we aren’t making an irresponsible investment like a textbook that will soon be going out of use. Should this happen, we would look into providing these to Queen’s library or a charitable organisation.

Eric McElroy: For other disciplines book ownership, would policy have to be changed then?  
  
Same Anderson: We are trying to define the spirit of this idea. As it stands, yes, the books would be property of the Engineering society, but if something like that came up, we could look at altering the policy to allow for that.

Matt Lawson: With the photocopying of these textbooks, especially for profit, what is the legality on that? Will we allow that using our scanner?

Sam Anderson: Absolutely not, that would not be allowed. We will not be photocopying them or facilitating others to do so. This is important to keep a positive relationship with the book store and the textbook manufacturers and the students of Queen’s. We would make sure that this is clearly stated in the rules for loaning. We could also make a note next to the photocopier as to this point.

Eric McElroy: Information security is my consideration. I want to be sure that over the course of time in developing the lending procedure that the information security laws will be abided.

Sam Anderson: That is currently in the plan and I would be looking to work with you on that.

Nichola Trinh: Will the library be limited to texts or will you be planning to see in the future have it incorporate other things like clickers and lab goggles?

Sam Anderson: As it currently stands, it would be just textbooks, but I am looking to develop EngLinks so that it acts as more of a holistic service, but for now in the technical details, it will be just for textbooks.

Andrew Crawford: Given that this is a library, have you consulted Queen’s library services to ensure that the legality steps have been taken? Have you also thought about having something in the library like an engineering section?

Sam Anderson: Jay Young and I sat down two or three weeks ago and looked into all of the contacts we would have to have. The most important partners were the book sore, textbook manufacturers and legalities. It is my personal thought that having them in the ILC is helpful, so this would be good to have a concentrated resource for engineering students. In the future I would be interested in partnering with the libraries but right now the safest and most effective way is to have a small amount of textbooks in the ILC.

Chris Fitzgibbon: For ChemEng, we used our BED fund money to buy textbooks, so I don’t know if you have been in communication with disciplines, but it might be a good idea to reach out to them.

Sam Anderson: This has been an inspiration for this initiative. I see textbooks as a useful resource for students. They are often a cost set by the university. I believe that if EngSoc can shoulder more of the cost, BED fund can be allocated to other things like equipment.

Curtis Lindsay: Do you have an estimate of cost? Also, as textbooks become outdated, how much more will you need to purchase each year?

Sam Anderson: As I mentioned, we have not set this yet. It will most likely be between 2 and 3 thousand dollars. This is large, but it will offset the cost to students much greater than that. The rate of expansion of the library will be set each year in the budget to regulate this.

Matt Lawson: I am a huge supporter of this motion, and I would almost be willing to call the question. The merit of the motion hasn’t been contested.

**Motion to Call the Question:**

Moved by: Matt Lawson

Seconded by: Emily Townshend

Motion Passes: 8:21 (27 for, 1 oppose)

Closing (Sam Anderson): Thank you very much for all of the input. The policy on the library and specific operations are going to be living documents over the next few years. I appreciate the interest and I think this will have an amazing impact on students.

Motion Passes: 8:22 (29 for, 0 oppose, 0 abstentions)

**Motion 8:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

We strike a committee consisting of: Chair(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and VPSA with the goal of improving the physical EngSoc office and lounge space, making it more appealing and entertaining for general members of the society.

Moved by: Matt Lawson

Seconded by: JT

Opening (Matthew Lawson): I am bringing this motion that was originally proposed as an offhand suggestion. It grew. I wasn’t going to bring it forward but as I was elected as the faculty board rep, people came to me and showed interest. If you guys like this, the co-chairs would be elected tonight and would come up with a plan over the summer. I hope the merit is good, but if people have more ideas, I am more than open to that. I don’t want to put it under the committee of inclusivity to improve the effectiveness.

Matt Slavin: How would we proceed with this because it is a motion and also an election?

Nick Hetherington: Is it appropriate to strike the committee and then elect people?

Matt Lawson: We broke it into two motions before, I apologize for the oversight.

Alex Savides: Last time it was to table the second motion.

Dylan Braam: We could amend this motion to take out the second half and then open the agenda to add a new motion to elect the people.

Emily Townshend: Can we get a straw poll for people who are comfortable electing people and striking the committee in the same motion?

Nick Hetherington: Ok, so let’s split the motions into two. We will amend the motion right now.

Matt Lawson: That is friendly.

Michelle McKay: I feel like this is a really cool committee, so I feel like we should wait until the fall to see if anyone not currently here would like to do this.

Nick Hetherington: We could pass this motion and not add the election if council feels the same way.

Stephen Martin: For a really long time this seemed like a fun idea, but now for me it seems like a weird idea. Striking a committee for the inclusivity of a lounge seems weird. Personally I feel like the COI thing is a weak excuse. Being someone who is focused on trying to make people feel less excluded, I think this might be good for the COI to give them a purpose. If we did want to have someone else have the chance to be on this committee, we could hire one person tonight and have one be left for a first year.

Emily Fleck: I would like to know why the VPSA is on the committee. Also should it be the president or the space commander instead of the VPSA? Also, could fungineering committee or COI address this committee instead of making a new committee?  
  
Alex Savides: The reason why I am on this motion is because I had approached member Lawson about how this committee is not necessary outside of the COI. Matt Lawson added me to the motion.

Matt Lawson: Alex said why not when asked to be put on this motion.

Matt Slavin: I have a couple points on this. First of all, the COI is a standing committee, so I don’t think we should strike a committee that shares the same purpose. Secondly, I have a question for the movers. It has been discussed whether we want to get outside input. We proceed with this by electing a member of council or hiring. Would the movers of the motion speak to how they would do this?

Emily Townshend: I was one of the people on COI that said that this should not be under their purview. I believe that bringing fun office committee into this would take focus away from bigger issues that COI should be working on. Maybe we could talk about bringing it in as a sub-committee, but I don’t think it should be under the direct purview.

Alex Wood: In the past couple months I have noticed a lot more people coming into the lounge. People have been saying they will come back, so I think this is a great idea. I do have a question on structure though. Would it be elected, hired, or any volunteers that want in on it?

Matt Lawson: The two co-chairs would be elected from council and over the summer this would be decided. The way I pictured it would be an open-ended come out to the meetings if you would like kind of thing. It is supposed to be fun and not necessarily a hard commitment. That could change over the summer however.

Ryan Cattrysse: Stephen Martin covered a lot of points that I wanted to say. With making this committee, if you don’t have a massive goal, things fall by the wayside. How much more fun could you make it with no budget? I agree with bringing people next year, but I also am wondering maybe if this should be put under one of the director portfolios or given a budget?

Stephen Martin: I am hearing some of these things making me feel even stronger that this should be under COI. I think that different points have been brought up, so maybe as a good starting point this should be put under an existing body, or even to add as a part of fungineering or COI.

Alex Wood: I see where you are coming from, but I agree with Townshend’s points. If you are looking for somewhere to put it under, I would be willing to take it on under my portfolio under accessibility.

Morgan Roff: What is the main purpose for the COI?  
  
Mark Godin: I am not going to address the policy statement, if gurus would like to they can, but the spirit is to address the larger issues, so if they are focused on making the lounge more accessible, and that is not appropriate. It is more about exclusivity, gender issues, and things like that. It doesn’t fit with a fun office committee.

Ryan Cattrysse: With first years, this might fit under my portfolio because it really fits in inclusivity.

Matt Lawson: It fits under everybody’s portfolio. Everyone has a stake in making the lounge more fun. What we could do without a budget, we could have tournaments or pancake Tuesdays where you pay for it. If this committee as it stands is in the right portfolio is another question.

Andrew Crawford: I would like to proxy to Michael Bodley I have to go to an interview.

Emily Townshend: Good points have been made about the merit of this committee and then further steps could be taken as to where it would fit in under what portfolio.

Closing (Matt Lawson): This does seem really underdeveloped but the merit is really important. I personally would see merit in tabling this until September to see where it fits and how to work it. Good points have been made, and I apologize for wasting council’s time, but I will withdraw this motion until the New Year.

**Motion 9:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

In the place of the traditional GPAs, the incoming year of engineers be given warm fuzzy mittens as seen in Appendix “Sci’ 18 is softer than Cashmere”.

Moved by: Ryan Cattrysse

Seconded by: Alex Cavaliere

Opening (Ryan Cattrysse): I am really disappointed that Crawford left before I got to chirp him. Ms. McAuley, if you could circulate the images that would be great. I worked with James Gibbard-McCall on the design. The mittens are pretty lame, so I thought they would be appropriate. Arts’18 should be Arts19’, I apologize for that. The frosh are far too lame for jackets.

Alex Wood: Thank you for amending the arts 19’ thing. Another thing is that we are giving them a pass crest on their mittens which should not be on there.

Ryan Cattrysse: The pass crest location was just in case that they did pass, which they definitely would not.

Matt Slavin: I feel like I do have to stand up for my now departed pole boy, though he could not put together mod lock fencing, he did run a great pole. Secondly in history, these motions tend to go along with golden part blank and fun fur blank, so I would encourage more creativity there.

Ryan Cattrysse: I apologize, this motion was pretty last minute. If you would like me to change the name, I am up for that, other changes can come later.

Sam Anderson: The design is important, and we are pretty busy right now, but I suggest that we put this on the table for ladder committee to take care of over the summer.

Alexander Cavaliere: I would like to amend the motion to read fuzzy fun fur mittens and golden party ski goggles.

Ryan Cattrysse: That is friendly.

Matt Slavin: I appreciate your initiative to take this up under ladder committee, but there are already enough applicants here.

Emily Townshend: Ski goggles are great.

Eric McElroy: As an avid wearer of ski goggles on cold windy days, I think that the frosh would be honoured to have golden part ski goggles.

Ryan Cattrysse: I appreciate that comment because my goal is to take care of the frosh and winter is coming.

Peter Davidson: Former applicant to ladder committee, I just wanted to say that I am full support of this motion.

Matt Slavin: I would like to recognize the comments made by McElroy. We are soliciting to the man who understands the weather and lives by the motto ‘dress the way you wish the weather was’, so we should take his comments very seriously.

Eric McElroy: The quote is ‘dress for the weather you want’, just to be clear.

**Motion to Extend Council:**

Moved by: Emily Townshend

Seconded by: Peter Davidson

Motion Passes: 8:59 (27 for, 0 opposed)

Nick Hetherington: Is there any further debate?

Closing (Ryan Cattrysse): Thank you for your input and the amendment. I will be looking into the goggle design with CEO and make the changes you all suggested. I hope you vote yes on this motion.

Motion Passes: 9:00 (28 for, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions)

**Motion 10:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council approve the changes to Alpha as seen in Appendix INCLUSIVITY.

Moved by: Bailey Piggott

Seconded by: Kevin O’Connor

Opening (Kevin O’Connor): In an attempt to make the COI a little more effective, we felt it was necessary to make changes to policy. ERB has approved all of the changes. We would get the committee hired in the first week and by the first meeting have everyone there to elect a chair. Other than that, faculty members were excluded because getting them out is really hard. That is about it.

Nick Hetherington: Is there any debate on the motion?

Motion Passes: 9:03 (27 for, 0 oppose, 1 abstention)

**Motion 11:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council elect \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to sit on the new External Communications Committee for the first year of its existence.

Moved by: Sam Anderson

Seconded by: Emily Fleck

Opening (Sam Anderson): This motion came to council a few weeks ago. We decided to split up the motion to elect the members after the AGM. Also, I moved this motion before I was the director of academics, so this is not coming from within my portfolio, but on my external behalf.

Michael Bodley: I nominate Matt Slavin.

Matt Slavin: I accept.

Alex Wood: I nominate Matt Lawson.

Eric McElroy: I second.

Matt Lawson: I accept.

Michelle McKay: I nominate Stephen Martin.

Stephen Martin: I accept.

Peter Davidson: I nominate Michelle McKay.

Matt Slavin: I second.

Michelle McKay: I accept.

Sam Anderson: Michelle McKay is on the committee by default.

Jerry Heron: I nominate Ryan Cattrysse.

Mike Wetton: I second.

Ryan Cattrysse: I accept.

Alex Wood: I nominate Sam Anderson.

Matt Lawson: I second.

Sam Anderson: Is it appropriate for directors to sit on this?

Mark Godin: Any member is appropriate.

Sam Anderson: Then I accept.

Eric McElroy: I nominate Alex Rey.

Alex Rey: I respectfully decline.

Morgan Roff: What will this committee be doing?

Sam Anderson: The mandate of this committee is to look into ways that we can reach out to external bodies to establish relationships with mutual benefit as well as our responsibility to other schools and communities.

Stephen Martin: I nominate Nichola Trinh.

Peter Davidson: I second.

Nichola Trinh: I accept.

Ryan Cattrysse: I would like to withdraw my candidacy.

Matt Slavin: Would the mover of the motion consider expanding it to 6 people given that we have 6 nominees?

Sam Anderson: I would say that is friendly, however I would like to confirm with the policy to make sure that we are not overstepping it, especially since there may have been non-council members required.

Emily Fleck: The policy states that at least 5 members should be elected at the first council in the fall.

Sam Anderson: The idea of this was to move things to after the AGM

Emily Townshend: I think we should do this now and I think it should be 6 people.

Same Anderson: That is friendly.

Eric McElroy: I believe that what we had intended was to elect members at the AGM, so I think it is appropriate to elect members now.

Alex Savides: The fall was written to get new membership of council involved, so if council feels that they should be elected now, that is up to them.

Stephen Martin: If the policy says up to 5 people, could we not elect people now and elect more in the fall?

Morgan Roff: Perhaps we could elect an existing body for this committee now and elect a new committee for the body in the fall. I don’t know if this is an amendment or a suggestion.

Sam Anderson: I think that if we were to hold an election now, it would be better for them to hold a longer term than just the summer. Though it would be acceptable to elect them for the summer now and have a re-election in the fall. In reality we are going to step on policies toes a little bit no matter what, but I am personally of the opinion that we should elect 6 members now.

Dylan Braam: Are they even going to be meeting before the end of the school year and if not, is there a point in electing people now?

Matt Lawson: I think the summer period for a committee to think and deliberate is a massive amount of time for a committee to think and work, so I think that time would be valuable and the committee should be struck now.

James Gibbard-McCall: I think it should be struck now. Do we have a cap on committees? Can we elect more people? Also can I be nominated please?

Stephen Martin: I nominate James Gibbard-McCall.

JT: I second.

James Gibbard-McCall: I accept.

Nichola Trinh: Are we electing 6 people now, but now there is 7? Is it now a vote of confidence?

Nick Hetherington: If there are as many spots as we choose, it is a vote of confidence.

Carolyn Fisher: I would like to amend the motion to read that we will elect as many members as council sees fit.

Ryan Cattrysse: I would also like to self-nominate again now that there is no cap on the members.

Stephen Martin: I nominate Ryan Cattrysse.

Alex Wood: I second.

Ryan Cattrysse: I accept.

Nick Hetherington: Ok, so now the nominations are closed. Would everyone step into the womb of love please? If everyone could please say their name and give a 30 second introduction.

Nichola Trinh: I think this committee is a great idea. I would represent the female voice, I like to contact people and I have great ideas.

Stephen Martin: I have attended conferences and have good experience with interaction. This is important now that we have left ESSCO. This is important for Queen’s and other schools.

James Gibbard-McCall: I want to be involved. I also am already the official gentian salesman so I am already in contact with everyone.

Eric McElroy: This year I got really interested in our external relations. I think it is very important that we do have representation. I would like to look into where we go from here as we re-evaluate how we are affiliated with external bodies.

Matt Lawson: I am the former director of ExComm. I enjoyed the position and I see value in the relationships we have with other schools so I would like to maintain those positive relationships.

Matt Slavin: I was privy to the discussions on council this year. I was an active critic, so I think I can look into these issues more and bring more to the table.

Sam Anderson: I am in first year and pretty lame, but I was part of the K-12 student government of Ontario, so I would bring that perspective.

Ryan Cattrysse: We backed out of ESSCO for the monetary value, but I see value in learning from other schools. Even though we are more developed, other schools have great ideas as well.

Nick Hetherington: We will entertain one question.

Alex Cavaliere: As we just amended this to put all these people on the committee anyways, if you could have one superpower, what would it be and why?

Stephen Martin: Flying. I will keep it simple, that is appealing to me.

James Gibbard-McCall: Clearly I wish that I had the endless charisma and talent to build up relationships and maintain them.

Eric McElroy: Super speed, because I always try to go fast.

Matt Lawson: I would like to have the singing voice of Stephen Martin.

Matt Slavin: I would turn off any of my five senses at any time, especially when sitting next to a shoeless Peter.

Sam Anderson: When people add me on Facebook, I would be able to see their profile pics before adding them.

Ryan Cattrysse: On Facebook, I would like to be able to read messages without people knowing if I read them

Nichola Trinh: It gets really hot in the summer and cold in the winter, so I would like to have the power to change my temperature.

Nick Hetherington: Would all of the candidates now leave the moon.

**Motion to Extend Council**

Moved by: Alex Wood

Seconded by: Peter Davidson

Motion Passes: 9:30 (22 for, 2 oppose)

Michael Bodley: I proxied back to Andrew Crawford because he came back.

Dylan Braam: I will proxy to Michael Bodley because I have to leave for a meeting.

Nick Hetherington: Congratulations to all the nominees.

James Gibbard-McCall: I will proxy to Michael McLaren.

Motion Passes: 9:36 (21 for, 0 oppose, 4 abstentions)

**Motion 12:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Sci ’17 be referred to as “Sci ’17 Percent” during sessions of council.

Moved by: Stephen Martin

Seconded by: JT

Thirded by: Matt Lawson

Opening (Stephen Martin): It is that time of year where they need an adorable name for council. We thought this was an appropriate name because we have heard of their struggles. We are open to suggestion though. Not offensive, but fun.

Alex Savides: Sci 17 minutes in heaven.

Stephen Martin: Not friendly.

Savides: I withdraw the amendment

Stephen Martin: Amendments by Sam Anderson are not friendly.

Nick Hetherington: We will now have debate on the amendment.

**Motion to Call the Question**

Moved by: Mark Godin

Seconded by: Peter Davidson

Motion Passes: 9:41 (27 for, 0 oppose)

Nick Hetherington: We are now voting on the amendment to the motion.

Closing (Sam Anderson): We are too 17 for our shirts, so you should take that into consideration.

Sam Anderson: The amendment is posted on the EngSoc FB page. I would like to withdraw my motion.

Alex Cavaliere: Unless someone else has a name suggested, Curtis Lindsay, James Gibbard-McCall and I were discussing this and thought 17% was comical because we actually did quite well academically.

Eric McElroy: How was the first lin alg midterm?

Curtis Lindsay: Personally I really liked the Sci 17 minutes in heaven.

Steph Van Raay: Could we open debate to names and then propose an amendment?

Nick Hetherington: We could go to committee as a whole.

**Motion to go to Committee as a Whole:**

Moved by: Emily Townshend

Seconded by: Alex Cavaliere

Motion Passes: 9:49 (25 for, 0 opposed)

Chris Fitzgibbon: I am going to proxy my vote to Morgan Roff because I have to leave.

**Motion to Come out of Committee as a Whole**

Moved by: Emily Townshend

Seconded by: Alex Cavaliere

Motion Passes: 9:54 (25 for, 2 opposed)

Nick Hetherington: We will conduct this as an election of the names, unless anyone is opposed to that. Ok, so after the election, Sci’ 1 Slavin was voted in.

Stephen Martin: That is unfriendly.

Matt Slavin: I think the purpose of the vote was what whatever was decided on would be assumed friendly.

Motion Passes: 9:58 (15 for, 6 oppose, 3 abstentions (Matt Slavin))

**Motion to Open the Agenda:**

Moved by: Michelle McKay

Seconded by: Matt Lawson

Motion Passes: 9:59 (24 for, 0 oppose)

**Motion to Extend Council:**

Moved by: Emily Townshend

Seconded by: Alex Cavaliere

Motion Passes: 10:00 (25 for, 1 oppose)

Matt Slavin: I would like to switch the order of the next two motions.

Matt Lawson: I would like to add the CFES motion.

Eleanor: It is my mistake, so we will add that to the end, those are friendly changes.

**Motion to Close the Agenda:**

Moved by: Peter Davidson

Seconded by: Carolyn Fisher

Motion Passes: 10:02 (25 for, 0 oppose)

**Motion 13:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council approve to pay for transportation costs totalling $800 for the four delegates who attended CEC.

Moved by: Avinash Persaud

Seconded by: Christene Razafimaharo

Opening (Avinash Persaud): I am just going to add an addition to add a reimbursement of $400 to EngSoc. A few weeks ago my team and I had the privilege of attending the CEC in London. It was a fantastic experience. We paid $800 out of our own pockets to pay for transportation and have to pay for the delegate fees. We believe that we should be subsidized by EngSoc. We chose the most economically feasible transportation and the delegate fees totaled 400 dollars.

Eleanor McAuley: This was already decided last council, that the team would reimburse $100 each of the fees to EngSoc, so that cannot be overturned.

Erin Murphy: What happed last council is that the exec wrote a cheque for $1,000 before it could be passed at council because we felt that that was an appropriate amount, and that they would each reimburse 100 dollars of that.

Ryan Cattrysse: Does that mean that there is no way to go back on that?

Nick Hetherington: Can anybody speak on that? You can motion to reconsider, but there needs to be a seconder.

Matt Slavin: I will. I will look up the policy on that though. Motion of reconsideration allows council to reconsider a previous motion by pretending it had never passed. Two people would speak against and for the motion and 2/3 majority would be needed to pass.

Mark Godin: Up to two members for and against who would have to state their position ahead of time.

Emily Townshend: If it gets voted down, could they lose the money they have already gotten from us?

Avinash Persaud: I would like to withdraw my motion to reconsider and eliminate the amendment.

Nick Hetherington: Now you can have your opening.

Avinash Persaud: We attended CEC and we believe that Queen’s should pay for our transportation costs since we were representing Queen’s at a national event.

Matt Slavin: Historically has the engineering society supported this by paying for transportation, and if so, why wasn’t this part of last council’s discussion?

Mark Godin: Historically we don’t have detailed records. Last year EngSoc paid 196 dollars per delegate in total, no delegate fees but transportation costs.

Jay Young: There are winnings from the OEC, so we would try to make sure there was no money out of hand.

Alex Wood: For OEC do we pay for delegate fees and transportation?

Mark Godin: Yes, delegates are responsible for incidental expenses only.

Steph Van Raay: Have you gone to the faculty? You might be representing them more?

Avinash Persaud: We were told by the chair to get our money back at council.

Jay Young: I am just wondering if the member in question won any money at the previous competition.

Avinash Persaud: We did win $350 but we have not received that yet. 800 dollars should not be put on us unless we have the winnings right away.

Alex Wood: $350 per delegate or overall?

Avinash Persaud: Per delegate.

Peter Davidson: When the motion was brought to the previous council, from year to year we can’t predict if members of our society are going to compete, nor can we predict where they would be. We thought that registration fees could be a good thing for us to pay for because this is less of a variable cost.

Mark Godin: Doing some math, and the EngSoc has already given money towards them, this already gives them a $100 profit. Adding more would add to that. CEC provides great value to individual delegates, but not necessarily to the EngSoc, so adding to profit is not appropriate.

Emily Townshend: Do we generally do reimbursements, what is the EngSoc policy on that?

Jay Young: Just to clarify, the EngSoc paid $1000 to the competition, not to the delegates.

Erin Murphy: With regards to the transportation costs, with reimbursements, the motion would have to be approved and then a cheque reimbursement would have to be requested.

Alex Wood: So if we pass this, we would virtually be giving them 300 dollars profit after all is said and done? I don’t see the value in that for the society.

Meredith Raddysh: Have you asked about when your winnings will be provided to you?

Avinash Persaud: No, we have not been told. For the competition, yes we understand that we would be getting a profit, but what’s the point of going into the competition if there is no chance of profit?

Mark Godin: The winnings arrived May last year I believe.

Ryan Cattrysse: I believe that the point of going would be for the experience and for your own development.

Avinash Persaud: We went under the impression that the EngSoc would pay for our transportation and delegate fees.

Erin Murphy: In the email correspondence with ED there was a miscommunication, but we only agree to pay for delegate fees and not for transportation fees.

Michelle McKay: My question is that if you were under the impression that even if there wasn’t prize money, you would still go for the experience. Correct me if I’m wrong.

**Motion to Extend Council:**

Moved by: Alex Wood

Seconded by: Alex Savides

Motion Passes: 10:31 (27 for, 0 oppose)

Andrew Crawford: I’d like to offer another option. They have the 350 dollars, they have the 150 dollars. I would suggest that we loan them the 200 dollars to pay for their costs until their winnings come in.

Eleanor McAuley: Has the previous money that was supposed to be paid back been paid back yet?

Erin Murphy: No.

Alex Cavaliere: It has been mentioned that we send people to these conferences for their own experiences. In the last minutes, it was mentioned that the $100 refund was because EngSoc did not feel comfortable paying for the entire fee anyways.

Mark Godin: I mis-added earlier. The number in the plus column is currently $50, so this motion would bring it to $250. Also, last year the winnings were distributed to the EngSoc due to disorganization, but they would likely be distributed directly to the competitors this time.

Andrew Crawford: I would like to amend the motion to read that the delegates reimburse the $200 dollars upon receiving their winnings.

Alex Cavaliere: Does that specify OEC winnings?

Andrew Crawford: It would be specific to winnings from OEC.

Matt Slavin: Does the EngSoc have any mechanism of making sure that this money gets back to us?

Jay Young: No. One, was the mover aware of any money that might be coming to them from the EngSoc before going to competition, and two, are there any winnings from CEC?

Avinash Persaud: No winnings, and we were under the assumption that the transportation would be paid for.

Jay Young: I had a conversation with the team letting them know that there was no guarantee of any money coming to them pending the council motion.

Michelle McKay: He is not the chair, but just a newly elected chair, so he only has the information that the previous chair gave him.

Andrew Crawford: I withdraw my amendment.

Jay Young: The conversation that I had did not include the previous chair.

Erin Murphy: I am just bringing up the files here, and the only talk was about registration being paid for.

Sam Anderson: I think it is undemocratic for us to debate on a scenario like this because we are not structured like a judicial body, however I think we are in a position to make changes for the future to implore clarification, but I don’t think we are in a position to pay a member for something not in policy.

Avinash Persaud: I was not the member who talked to you, Jay, that was my colleague.

**Motion to Call the Question:**

Moved by: Emily Townshend

Seconded by: Peter Davidson

Motion Passes: 10:42 (23 for, 4 oppose)

Closing (Avinash Persaud): You guys provided good insight and I guess there was a lot of miscommunication and I apologize for wasting your time for this opportunity to represent the university that we are evidently not going to be reimbursed for.

Motion Fails: 10:44 (2 for, 23 oppose, 3 abstentions)

Dylan Braam: I came back so I will be taking my vote back from Michael Bodley.

**Motion 14:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council elect \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as the Engineering Society’s elected academic official for the remainder of the 2014 year.

Moved by: Carolyn Fisher

Seconded by: Alex Savides

Opening (Carolyn Fisher): Sorry to keep you here longer, but this is an important motion. We are working on transitioning and filling in gaps. With the removal of the VPA position, there is a gray area. Many committees that the VPA would have formally sat on require an elected official to sit on them. I can’t do it alone. This motion is to elect an official. We have been trying our hardest to get around these issues.

Ryan Cattrysse: I nominates Sam Anderson.

Peter Davidson: I second.

Sam Anderson: I accept.

Nick Hetherington: Seeing that there are no more nominations, they are now closed. Please step into the womb of love. You have a 30 second opening.

Sam Anderson: Why are you electing me as an academic representative? This position is not choosing me to take my views to bring to these committees. I would be in a position to bring forward the voice of students in both a qualitative and quantitative form. The purpose of this election is to confirm that I would be supported by students to sit on these committees along with those that hired me.

Emily Fleck: Can we clarify which committees we are talking about? I am not too sure what this additional position would be regarding.

Sam Anderson: I had not heard whether that was specified. It would at least be the first year curriculum committee and graduate expectations committee. Those are important, but the role is more to be there as someone to provide some insight. I would also sit on faculty board. We felt that it was more appropriate for a general member to fill the spot and not a specific second year member.

Dylan Braam: Are there policy changes going along with this or just an election?

Sam Anderson: This is just an election for the year of 2014. This is a provision so that this can be cleared up in policy when we come back in the fall.

Dylan Braam: Wouldn’t this cause a large amount of policy issues? Shouldn’t we be changing policy before that?

Alex Savides: We are technically electing someone to be an academic representative which doesn’t currently sit on anything. If we would like to change policy in the future, we can do that.

Morgan Roff: Is it in the policy of which members would sit on this?

Emily Fleck: This was put in the restructure policy, yes.

Matt Lawson: Where are we in the motion right now?

Nick Hetherington: Opening has been given, nominations are closed.

Matt Lawson: Are we contesting Mr. Anderson or the position?

Nick Hetherington: If the vote of confidence carries, we can debate on whether or not we put Mr. Anderson in his position. Congratulations Mr. Anderson, the vote of confidence went through. We will now have debate on the motion.

Ryan Cattrysse: As already explained, the VPSA or the President would take over any of these committee positions, so why are we electing this position?

Carolyn Fisher: They would not be put on any committees right away, we could make more policy changes, but they should be able to sit on faculty board because it is highly relevant to the portfolio.

Emily Fleck: I think you should create a position for this before we put someone in it. Obviously Mark and I are old news, but the entire purpose of this was so that the director of academics would not have to sit on the committees and focus more on the rest of the portfolio.

Matt Lawson: If we had wanted this position, we would have kept the VPA. Correct me if I’m wrong, but I think this is a contradiction to the restructure.

**Motion to Extend Council:**

Moved by: Emily Townshend

Seconded by: Peter Davidson

Motion Passes: 10:59 (26 for, 0 oppose)

Nichola Trinh: As I understand, there is a set number of people that can sit on faculty board. I would like to agree with matt Lawson that it is redundant to have the director of academics go. Would the Sci 17 faculty board rep not go if we did this?

Alex Savides: We didn’t know exactly how we would rearrange it and we would look that over the summer. I can’t say that it would be that position, but we would work out the best way to fit it in.

Steph Van Raay: I know that elected positions only sit on faculty board. Could the director of academics sit in the room without having a say?

Ryan Cattrysse: I would like to say the same as Nichola. She ran on having a strong interest on being on faculty board again. I would rather elect someone I know will advocate rather than someone to maybe do nothing.

Sam Anderson: I think the fact that I have a perspective on this is because this really wasn’t sorted out. I feel strongly to be able to support this committee. We did not put that Sci’ 17 would sit on faculty board as any publications at the elections, but it is in by-law. I personally feel that the second year VP shouldn’t sit on faculty board. I do feel strongly that it should be an academic representative. This motion is to elect me as a general academic representative with no mandate of how that would change the structure or putting me on any committees. For me to be able to carry out the goal of my portfolio I need to have a relationship with the faculty, so I believe that this is an important motion. I think it is the right thing to do.

Emily Fleck: Academic advocacy should not have been part of the job description, advocacy is meant for the exec because they are elected roles. The entire point of the restructure was just that.

Matt Slavin: Is there any pressing need to have this official elected before the summer?

Carolyn Fisher: To my knowledge, no, there is no immediate rush.

Sam Anderson: All these bodies do meet before the end of the year so it would be in our best interests to represent ourselves on them. In our current restructure, we have moved away from academic advocacy which is a key part of our society.

Alex Cavaliere: My impression before this came to council was that the purpose of this was that because the VPA wouldn’t be sitting on faculty board, the director of academics would fill that role once elected. Has that role been taken care of with the restructure?

Emily Fleck: The previous structure included three members of exec, which is now the three current exec. For the sub committees, the change was from VPA to VPSA. Also, the faculty is looking at the fact that they think we have too many positions, so it is not likely we will be able to add one.

Matt Lawson: I have a deeper question about academic advocacy. We voted on the restructure knowing that this change would happen. We should not be electing a new member given this, this is something that the current exec should think about.

**Motion to Table the Motion:**

Moved by: Carolyn Fisher

Seconded by: Alex Savides

Motion Passes: 11:13 (25 for, 4 oppose (Matt Lawson))

**Motion 15**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council support the effort to eliminate to the sexist and misogynistic activities taken on by the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students.

Moved by: Matt Lawson

Seconded by: Carolyn Fisher

Opening (Matt Lawson): I didn’t realise we would be discussing this at 11:15, but I think this motion is worthy of it. What they are trying to do is replicate a council. The executive have all had the opportunity to read it, and basically they are trying to work towards eliminating any sexist or misogynistic atmosphere through an action plan which can be found in the file. Highlights include equity officers, not allowing the songs to be on buses, which is broken down into short term and long term. It is a feasible approach that is steps toward a solution.

Peter Davidson: I am in favour of this.

Matt Slavin: Is it possible to have this sent out after the meeting?

Matt Lawson: The only reason that this needs to come now is that this is the last council of the year.

Alex Wood: Could Mr. Lawson, since his previous role was ExComm, provide us with anything he noticed at the events regarding this?

Matt Lawson: Yes, anyone who attended any of these events knows that this comes out. It is an awful side of engineering. This is prevalent especially on buses, for some reason. It is definitely something that needs to be changed.

Chris Russell: I do not know what we are discussing right now.

Matt Lawson: This is from the Canadian federation of engineering students. They hold events including conferences. They average 200 attendees and it is a reoccurring problem that attendees leave feeling belittled. UBC had this happen so they are stepping up and delivering this. It is a culture within engineering societies that we have our name attached to so it is something that we should be remedying.

Closing (Matt Lawson): This is a good motion, please vote it through.

Motion Passes: 11:20 (27 for, 0 oppose, 0 abstentions)

1. **Break:**

No break.

1. **Executive Reports**
2. **President**

Carolyn Fisher: The main thing is the summer planning, which got approved, yeah! The banquet on Saturday is exciting, and there has also been a lot of planning and transitioning. Huge warm welcome to new members of council, please lead us in the engineering hymn.

Matt Lawson: Please say only what is not in your report.

1. **VP (Student Affairs)**

Alex Savides: The only thing that I could mention is that I had a meeting with George Farrah which was very productive, and I am looking forward to a very productive relationship with him in the future.

1. **VP (Operations)**

Peter Davidson: I do a lot of stuff, nobody really cares about what I do.

1. **Director Reports**
2. Academics

Sam Anderson: I mentioned we hired the EngLinks coordinator Jane Ferguson and BED fund coordinator Amanda Saliga. Also congrats to people who were elected as BED fund and faculty board members. Academic advocacy is a huge issue, but I was happy to table it to discuss it more in the future.

1. **Communications**

Stephen Penstone: I have just been maintaining what I do on a day to day basis. I asked about advertising on the plaza computers and got shut down, but I will keep on that. I did some hiring for the comm team, and also sent one person to take drunk pics at the iron ring after party.

1. **Conferences**

Michelle McKay: Applications for all of the committees are due this Friday, so we should be on track to have that all done by the end of the year. I had my first round table which was great. One thing that I am looking into is bringing in an advertising expert for events. Just lots of transitioning and chairs are all transitioning as well.

1. **Events**

Mike Wetton: I did hiring last weekend. I am doing hiring this weekend, if you have any questions, let me know.

1. **Finance**

Erin Murphy: I played with your money. Have a great summer, bye.

1. **First Year**

Ryan Cattrysse: If you have any frosh with questions, let me know.

1. **Human Resources**

Alex Wood: I am now a member of ERB and COI, and the summer is going to be good.

1. **Information Technology**

Eric McElroy: Security! Something I really want to work on, harder to push through than I had hoped, but I will keep on it.

**Motion to Extend Council:**

Moved by: Ryan Cattrysse

Seconded by: Morgan Roff

Motion Passes: 11:29 (23 for, 4 oppose (JT))

Eric McElroy: I also got rid of a lot of things in the server room except for the servers. I really want to fix EngSoc apply, so if you know any developers, let me know. As always, if anything goes down, let me know.

1. **Internal Affairs**

Eleanor McAuley: If anyone would take anything that they would like from placards to their folder, take it now. Felix Goetz is the new CRO, so congrats to him. I have also hired gurus and a new secretary but they are not public yet. Also if you want to be on the council list let me know.

1. **Services**

Michael Bodley: Lots of hiring has been going on. I have been working on strat plans. Have a great summer.

1. **Question Period**

Stephen Martin: About the advertising agent. Is there any chance that ear execs can get in on that?

Michelle McKay: Yes, send me an email.

Matt Lawson: Eleanor, I noticed there was a lot of peanut in the council candy so you might want to think about peanut free to be inclusive.

Eleanor McAuley: If anyone does have an allergy, please let me know.

1. **Faculty Board Report**

Carolyn Fisher: Has not met yet.

1. **Alma Mater Society Report**

Alex Savides: AMS last time was a doozy. Arguably the most contentious motion was the ratification to overthrow the Men’s Rights group failed. Council lasted longer than assembly, but there is better discussion here.

Jerry Heron: This is my first council, and I wanted to talk, so I will add that we voted for a secret ballot.

1. **Senate Report**

Meghan Brunner: senate is one of the universities three governing bodies with 53 elected members, and 17 other. It includes 17 committees ranging a variety of topics. Some of the big decisions we deal with are defining hazing, program closures and changing to letter grades. The principal mentioned that an engineering alumni donated 10 million to Richardson stadium. The campus master plan was approved. There was also a motion to add a day to the thanksgiving weekend but the dean stood up and said that that would be dangerously close to losing accreditation. There is a motion coming up concerning anonymous voting, so I would be interested in hearing what you think of that. This is my last council, it’s been a great two years, thank you very much for the experience and good luck next year.

1. **Engineering Review Board Report**

Madeline Poirier: We met on Monday to look at policy coming to council. Alex and I had a meeting with Director of HR, which went well. Applications for ERB are due tomorrow night. I encourage people to try it out.

1. **Board of Directors Report**

Morgan Roff: Thanks for the support. Essentially we had our transition meeting and elected new chairs for the committees. We have two new focuses: looking into incorporation as well as forming a framework for the services. Board oversees the 6 services and we are more of an advisory board as well as for Sci formal and frosh week.

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

Meredith Raddysh: Since last council we had iron ring, so there were lots of events surrounding that. It was an awesome day and it was really good to celebrate with everyone. There were a couple socials and a dinner. On St. Paddy’s day we had a pancake breakfast, and made it through the day. We also had the fur cup, which is a hockey game against mining, and we killed them. Coming up this week we have our earth ring ceremony, which is kind of like iron ring, but we celebrate the geology students, which will be followed by a social. We also have our final end of the year banquet which is called the gronge.

1. **ChemEngChem**

Morgan Roff: Their banquet is this Thursday.

1. **Applied Mathematics**

Mitch Wasson: We had our first meeting as the new apple exec, and everyone was really excited. We had a little mishap with the 4th year rep but we got that sorted out. We also have our banquet coming up.

1. **Civil**

Matt Lawson: We had our elections, are getting revved up for civil paintball, and our banquet is tonight.

1. **Year Reports**
   * 1. **Sci’ 14**

Steph Van Raay: We had iron ring, and the after party was our most successful event in four years. It was a ballin time. The only thing I have to report is that Monday is our permanent forever year elections, and it is at 5:30 at a location TBD. There will be pizza, so tell all your friends.

* + 1. **Sci’ 15**

Matt Slavin: We had our year elections 8 days ago. We now have 3 new voting members. Kudos to them for sticking it out. We haven’t done much, but we are looking forward to revving up for next year.

* + 1. **Sci’ 16**

Stephen Martin: The big thing coming up is our crest hanging on Sunday. Just killin it, you might say. All you 16’s be there and tell your friends to be there. There will be karaoke. I am looking forward to a great year, it’s going to be really solid.

* + 1. **Sci’ 17**

Curtis Lindsay: We are all settling into our new positions. We are trying to organize a BBQ. Other than that, we are just tying up loose ends. Have a good summer.

1. **Statements and Questions by Members**

Alex Savides: There were two meetings of AMS including the AGM. The list of the student fees that passed are: CFRC, QTV, Journal, AMS mandatory specific fee. Every single fee that was brought passed.

Pater Davidson: I wanted to bring your attention to the fact that tonight is the walk-a-thon for WalkHome. 1 dollar goes to the Kingston humane society for every walk.

Matt Slavin: I just wanted to shout out to the speaker and the director of internal affairs for making very good use of the new by-law in counting votes. In general, accountability is good, so thanks for playing nice everyone.

Mike Wetton: If anyone has any suggestion for events, please let me know. I have a lot of time over the summer, so please reach out.

Meghan Brunner: I work part time for the faculty of engineering. We are having an event called #queenseng scrapbook. We will have a camera and chalkboards that you can work with. It is from 10 am to 3 pm, we will do a photo collage and hopefully a video by the end.

JT: Great job to Nick and Eleanor for leading the discussion today, they handled it really well. Thanks to Caitlin too!

Emily Townshend: After many years of service, the vice president is stepping down and it is very sad to lose him. Meghan mentioned the anonymous voting system. I think that this should not go through, but please come and voice your opinions to us.

Alex Shiek: We have now finished the hiring of QECA and we are still here. Head of OTIS, tell your friends!

Peter Davidson: As this is our last council of this academic year, I wanted to remind everyone that the exec is still here working for you over the summer, so please send us an email if you think of absolutely anything!

Mark Godin: First of all, I am sorry that it is midnight. I have been at council for three years and I have seen a lot. I am thankful. Every year the last council is special, and it is selfish, but having said that, my experience in it has been the most impactful. I will take a lot from Max Howarth, as his words bear repeating. This body is so important, regarding student initiative especially. A little bit of history, the society’s greatest weakness is its memory. This society has changed, since 1897, but don’t forget that it is our greatest strength. A lot of good has happened. We are all engineers, all a little bit awkward. This causes a few problems, but the individuals contained within the society are not cliquey, so we have to make sure the body is not like that. COI and fun office committee cannot stop. We as individuals need to reach out proactively; it is our job. Saying thank you is incredibly important. A thank you is incredible powerful, especially in a society of mostly volunteers. Saying thank you reminds me about a lot of talk about remunerations. I have talked to people who are downright baffled about how little we pay people, but it speaks to the true value of these positions. It is an opportunity to learn and to obtain experience. Thanks always go to constituents and not from them, but hopefully it will come to you. In your roles, act humbly and compassionately. Maybe we will regress to the time where if you walk outside with an EngSoc rugger you might get beat up, but hopefully that will not happen because we will not forget. Learning is what this is about. Wherever we can work to expand the definition of learning, we should do that, so please keep working hard at doing that.

**Motion to Extend Council:**

Moved by: Dylan Braam

Seconded by: Stephen Martin

Motion Passes: 12.02 (25 for, 2 oppose)

Matt Slavin: Please note in the minutes that this is the council meeting of 27th and 28th.

Steph Van Raay: A couple of these notes are along the same lines, and it is tough to go after Mark. There are similar instances where after a motion was settled there was lots of blame thrown around. Specific blame should not be lain on a specific person. Several lessons were learned. When it comes to general people of the society not being informed about changed of the society, it comes down to a collective failure as a whole of council. Please read the agenda and get feedback from your constituents ahead of time. If you don’t believe that the ED has done enough to inform the general public, please bring it to ED right away. Also ED, do be proactive with that. These long nights do happen and they are necessary, so I ask that you please don’t rush them. At times we sometimes are not productive, but when people get visibly restless it can bring down the mood of the whole room. Everything we do here has a huge impact and we are a great body doing great work. I would like to thank Matt Slavin for some of the motions he brought forward, they were awesome at keeping us accountable.

Emily Fleck: I am not much of a speech writer, but I will do my best here. A lot of my experiences really come from the people. Anyone who was attended the EngSoc banquet at the past had become cyclical, so we are not going that this year. To the two directors within my portfolio, Matt and Stephen, you were absolutely amazing this year. I apologise for not giving you more support. I am keeping these to people in the room. To people who have been particularly active in the room, thank you. Meredith Raddysh, Matt Lawson, Eric McElroy, you honestly spoke for your constituents which is something that everyone should strive for. Madeline Poirier, you did an amazing job in resolving issues, so a huge thank you to you. I really see it being a productive body. The three people who I really would like to thank are Alex Wilson, Mark Godin and Steph Van Raay. Alex, Mark and Steph have been particularly impactful for me. Steph for being level headed and a great friend. Mark for being my grandpa counterpart, and keeping my passion for the society alive. I want to thank this body for an amazing year. I am coming back but in a really different way. Best of luck to the incoming exec, congratulations and have great year. To use Hayden Paitich as an example, when you are here, you are never going to be surrounded by as many awesome people in your life. These people can really change your life. Thank you so much for a really amazing year.

Eleanor McAuley: The attendance question was to make a fun council suggestion, which was kind of serious, but a funny thing was to make it slug-themed. Blanket-fort council was also awesome.

**Motion to Close:**

Moved by: Steph Van Raay

Seconded by: Emily Fleck

Thirded by: Mark Godin

Fourthed by: Meredith Raddysh

Fifthed by: Meghan Brunner

Motion Passes: 12:12 (27 for, 1 opposed)