



THE ENGINEERING SOCIETY  
OF QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

# COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
6:00pm, Dunning Hall 27

Speaker: Jamil Pirani  
Secretary: Leah Bourque

*Council begins, 6:02pm.*

## I. ATTENDANCE

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Jamil Pirani: There is a midterm going on across the hall so please be aware of that.

## II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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### MOTION 1

Whereas: Halloween is almost a week from now;  
& whereas: I'm celebrating it today anyways;

### BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council approve the agenda of the Council meeting of Thursday, October 26th, 2017, as seen on the Engineering Society website.

Moved by: Alexander Clifford  
Seconded by: Jamil Pirani

*Motion passes, 6:03pm (22, 0, 0).*

## III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

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### MOTION 2

Whereas: Not much happened last council;

& whereas: we still do have minutes that were taken;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council approve the minutes of the Council meeting of Thursday October 12th, 2017, as seen on the Engineering Society website.

Moved by: Alexander Clifford

Seconded by: Leah Bourque

***Motion passes, 6:03pm (22, 0, 0).***

## IV. BREAK

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*Council breaks, 6:04pm.*

*Council resumes, 6:07pm.*

## V. SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

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Jamil Pirani: I would like to acknowledge that Queen's sits on traditional grounds of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe territory.

## VI. PRESENTATIONS

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### I) SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER

David & Cooper Midroni: There's a new position within EngSoc. We have questions for you all then we'll getting into the problem defined for why we need this role. We'll also describe the responsibilities of the role. How long has there been composting in the ILC? Less than a year. How do we feel about environmentally assessing our society? It's regarded as something very important. The things at the Tea Room are ranked highly. We're looking at mitigating the paper we use. It took a year to get compost implemented within the ILC. That could've been handed off to someone entirely responsible for sustainability. Queen's EngSoc is falling behind, as other schools already have positions in sustainability. We want to make sure we implement environmental changes. The sustainability officer would be the student representative that is the go-to person for people interested in sustainability. They would be looking at what we do, and influence sustainable actions. They would bring a voice to the table, and take information to the decision-making table. They had an EngSoc environmental ambassador, but it was turned from a full-time employee into a volunteer positions. They thought they were spreading the load. By consolidating it into one role, there would be a voice pushing ideas forward, and helping assess university policies. They would work with PPS and the University to implement practices. The officer would also provide EngSoc services with high quality assessments on how environmentally sustainable they are. A contribution to informed decisions regarding sustainability would be made. There's an absence of an AMS position for this. They could put forth actionable items. There are duties needing to be fulfilled. They could also start a EngSoc sustainability day, using ratified clubs, and making sure students see that we care about that. There will be sustainability score cards for conferences and

services. Conferences could save water by giving delegates opportunities to opt out of hotel services, and there could be EngLinks paper regulations. The role could build a committee including staff, students, and the business manager. There's interesting technology that could be implemented in the ILC. There could be a green website displaying deficiencies. We would go over how much it would take to get sensors up and working. Recycling is not properly done in the ILC. As soon as things are mixed up, things are contaminated, and they go to waste. The role would be attacking that problem specifically. They'd also be working with other faculties. There's already a ratified position for ComSoc.

Oliver Austin: For sustainability score cards, and evaluating design teams and conferences, are you evaluating the materials they're using? Would they provide advice on how to change that? For example, with the formula car, they use an internal combustion engine. There's not much you can change for them without reinventing the design.

Cooper Midroni: They're not trying to tell design teams they're doing things wrong. Perhaps the formula team could buy clothes with a low impact material. It wouldn't be an invasive role. They would just make recommendations on what they can afford to cut back. We don't want them to interrupt the function.

Alex Tulaney: Could you have them go over how to actually recycle on campus?

David: Recycling is weird. We'd have pictures of a Tea Room cup, lid, and sleeve. We would be combining with ComSoc and AMS to spread awareness.

Loralyn Blondin: Thank you guys for coming up for this. It's clearly something you're passionate about. I heard students in discussion about EngSoc being more focused on this. There's many people interested in it who would go to events they hold. Within their portfolio, they could advocate towards the faculty, and encourage consciousness within our courses.

Felix LeClair: If this position does pass, who will it be under? What resources will they be given to be effective?

Cooper Midroni: It would be under the presidential portfolio, as they would interact with other faculties. We don't want the position to be impeded. It's a far-reaching position with a rigorous and intentional planning process with directors and coordinators. We could give the position a three-year and a five-year plan, and make sure there is a plan year to year as the position is turning over.

Connor Kapahi: There was a delay in getting compost bins into the ILC. With the roadblocks they found, how could a dedicated position have sped up that role?

Julianna Jeans: That didn't have anything to do with Evan. It was people being slow with PPS, the University, and the faculty society. He jumped through hoops to get them implemented. It was not any fault of his role.

Cooper Midroni: I didn't mean that it was slow because of his role, but this position would be farther reaching than compost.

Ryan Cattrysse: It may be too early to place them in a spot. We can do that later, and allocate resources later. This is a huge hole we have to fill. Thank you for presenting that. One officer may not be enough with communicating with every team and club. One person to give score cards may not be enough. It could be a director with first year project coordinators. Having the faculty sit down with one student or

director is a tough sell. That part is given to the exec. Working with the faculty can be given to the exec, and not the officer.

Cooper Midroni: We're not here to create intricate hierarchies. That's a great point. This is a big job, and we want it to be well done. Officers have FYPCOs. There's no need to make it a director position.

Chas Meadows: Would the score cards be publicly accessible to anyone wanting to look at them? Could students go and personally rate organizations needing score cards?

David: Yes, they will be publicly accessible. We want to create transparency. Students finding information would be great.

Cooper Midroni: We want the position to be very involved in the creation of them. With all the leaders of teams and conferences, having a sit-down process might be a lot of work.

Nat Wong: Very much the faculty will only speak to the exec. Emails almost exclusively go to the president. The position won't be able to get same kind of interaction. We need more people on this. We should elect 5 people, and from them, they can elect a chair.

Julianna Jeans: We need to be conscious of the fact that they disbanded the environmental commissioner. It's difficult making recommendations to other people on same level of the hierarchy. They have no obligation to follow those recommendations. I don't have a good way to mitigate that, but think about it. With the equity officer, we got that by making a committee on inclusivity. Look at the ComSoc environmental position and who they are, and who they report to.

Cooper Midroni: In ComSoc, they're under the presidential position as an umbrella.

Sophie Campbell: For the score cards, we had them at my high school. We did a self audit ourselves on wattage use. Every other year they conducted the audit. As long as services are keeping up with audits, they can come in and check every other year.

Oliver Austin: I've been collaborating with ComSoc. Through colleagues, I've heard that they pushed the position through commerce, and it is going successfully. I have a good connection with them, and could fill that gap.

Loralyn Blondin: My only concern with making committee is that we don't want entirely EngSoc council people. Hiring people outside would be beneficial. The chair of the committee should be hired. Hire someone who is super passionate about it.

Cooper Midroni: The position would be most impactful being hired. With hiring an impactful person, and someone who is driving that committee, that is the most successful form.

Nat Wong: For creating a committee, do we have to have people on council? For starting a new committee, does that have to come out to council?

Jamil Pirani: No.

Ryan Cattrysse: I agree with hiring rather than selecting people. If they have to come to council to form this committee, the body can be intimidating. A regular hiring cycle is better. There would be more interest from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students. With the yelling into the void scenario, and creating a

recommending position on the same level of hierarchy as others, we already have that with the Director of Human Resources, and it's worked decently well. Our culture is very different from the AMS, and I think won't be an issue.

Julianna Jeans: Most committees are made up of collection of council and hiring people. We can do both.

Cooper Midroni: We see this position as one that is collaborative. With head managers, it's a collaborate process, and in the end, it benefits everyone. Sustainability and productivity of services and society is what we need. Feel free to message either of us about this.

## VII: NEW BUSINESS: MOTIONS 3-6

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### MOTION 3

Whereas: Bursaries are important;  
& whereas: the Committee on Bursaries requires three additional members to be elected from Council;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council elect Matt Julseth, Loralyn Blondin, and Ryan Cattrysse to sit on the Committee on Bursaries for the 2017-2018 term.

Moved by: Aidan Thirsk

Seconded by: Oliver Austin

Adian Thirsk: The bursary shouldn't be under conferences because it is biased.

Julianna Jeans: They're on the committee and don't have a chair. The chair is elected from 3 people elected from council. They'll be working on coming up with matrices on bursaries, and have one meeting a month. It requires voting positions.

**Nominations:** Matt Julseth, Ryan Cattrysse, Loralyn Blondin

Matt Julseth: I've been on a scholarship committee already. I have experience with this.

Ryan Cattrysse: I've been a director, and a service manager. I'm familiar with things requiring bursaries.

Loralyn Blondin: There's no matrices at all for giving away bursaries. I started conversation about that last year. I know there's resources on campus. ComSoc has well-developed matrices.

Abstentions from newly elected members.

**Motion passes, 6:45pm (16, 1, 3)**

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### MOTION 4

Whereas: Lora loves equity;  
& whereas: she'd like to share some of that love;  
& whereas: the Committee on Inclusivity requires at least three non-executive members from Council;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council elect Sophie Campbell, Nathan Smith, Sterling Mitchell, and Felix LeClair to sit on the Committee on Inclusivity for the 2017-2018 term.

Moved by: Loralyn Blondin  
Seconded by: Emily Wiersma

Loralyn Blondin: The committee focuses on a couple different things. There are educational session speakers coming to committee meetings, and teaching the people on committee. If we look at the society, there are systematic barriers. There were reactionary issues with the racial party that happened on campus. The committee works on making students feel safe. If you want to be involved, but aren't on council, come talk to me. We meet by-weekly for an hour.

**Nominations:** Nathan Smith, Felix LeClair, Sophie Campbell, Sterling Mitchell

Nathan Smith: I think this is something that is very important. Find years are timid, and hesitant to get involved. I'd like to try and reinforce this, especially for first years.

Felix LeClair: I think it's an interesting idea. We're all being included in different ways, but there's some groups that don't get reached out to. I want to make sure those people are addressed, and actively address anyone who hasn't been addressed.

Sophie Campbell: When I first came to Queen's, I had very little exposure to this, but from sitting on the committee last year, I've had slightly more exposure. I'd like to help the committee grow.

Sterling Mitchell: I want to help Queen's become a more complete university, and have everyone have their voice heard. Traditions here can afford a bit of an update, and we need a more diverse representation.

Loralyn Blondin: In Engineering, why do you think diversity and equity is important?

Felix LeClair: If there's no diversity, everyone is seeing the same problems the same way. Diverse backgrounds bring diverse responses, and a better overall solution. This allows you to go father than you originally could.

Sophie Campbell: I've had experiences being treated differently than my male peers, and I think a diverse community would make others feel more comfortable.

Sterling Mitchell: Different perspectives give solutions benefiting everyone. Ensuring everyone has a voice gives a more successful society.

Nathan Smith: Diversity is important in tackling problems from different perspectives, and different angles. Likeminded people come to same solution. With diversity, you can come up with the best idea.

Ryan Cattrysse: Can we adjust the number of members elected to four if the chair approves?

Jamil Pirani: I agree.

Loralyn Blondin: New members please get your email to me at the end of council.

Abstentions from newly elected members.

**Motion Passes: 7:00pm (18, 0, 0)**

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#### MOTION 5

Whereas: The Advisory Board has a Strategic Planning Committee that discusses long term plans for the Services and Corporate Initiatives;

& whereas: the Strategic Planning Committee requires two additional members to be elected from Council;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council elect \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ to sit on the Strategic Planning Committee for the 2017-2018 term.

Moved by: Tyler Snook

Seconded by: Jillian Reid

Julianna Jeans: We can't entertain the motion because neither one of them are here.

Tabled.

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#### MOTION 6

Whereas: Golden Words policy relating to complaints had some room for improvement;

& whereas: we'd like to fix these problems;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council approves the changes to Policy Section η, as seen in APPENNDIX "GOLDSTANDARD".

Moved by: Loralyn Blondin

Seconded by: Cody McLaughlin

Loralyn Blondin: The non-academic misconduct office asked for changes to Golden Words policies. They are small wording changes.

Ryan Cattrysse: If the editors deem a complaint to be valid, then something will happen. Are there ways around it if editors deem things to not be a problem? I think giving editors the power to say whether or not it's valid is a little inappropriate. That's a small conflict.

Loralyn Blondin: That's a good point. I'll make changes upon reflection of the policy. The material in question is inappropriate. I'm open to other suggestions.

Ryan Cattrysse: Change it to if the editors and the complainant don't come to consensus, then it would move forward. If they can come to the agreement that it isn't substantial, then it wouldn't move forward.

Loralyn Blondin: If it's submitted to editors, it is considered informal, and if submitted to the advisory board chair, it is formal. They discuss it there and come up with a solution. If the complainant doesn't feel it's appropriate, then it goes to advisory board. Non-academic misconduct office is the final body to help deal with it.

Ryan Cattrysse: Do informal complaints follow the same process as formal if editors and complainant don't agree?

Loralyn Blondin: If they do deem it inappropriate, they will either take action on points 1, 2, or 3.

Ryan Cattrysse: With editors, and if it's not a valid complaint, if they still think it's valid, can they still send it? If not, it gets dismissed? If they can't come to agreement, can it get sent then?

Loralyn Blondin: I'll make an amendment to change it to formal and informal in Section G.1.7. Also, the line below in Section G1.8 now says or informal. Thanks to Ryan for pointing that out.

**Motion passes, 7:11pm (23, 1, 1)**

## VIII. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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### I) PRESIDENT

Nat Wong: Congratulations to Owen, Chief FREC, and the SciFormal chairs who were just hired. Due to personal reasons, Monica has stepped down from her position. We're dealing with sorting with those responsibilities. I will be overseeing EngLinks in the BED fund, and I'm contacting her FYPCO. Cody has offered to supervise EngLinks as well. I had a meeting with Brian Frank, and we mostly spoke about the course website on OnQ, and the feedback survey. The exec and I had met with him in the summer, and we talked about implementing a computer Science certificate. It's not implemented this year, but maybe next year. They redesigned the website to make it easier to find information. For QUIP, we have half of the students that don't end up taking jobs, and we don't know why.

Nick Dal Farra: Do they get offered jobs and turn them down?

Nat Wong: Half of the people signing up for the program don't end up working jobs. Either they don't find one, or they don't take one.

Felix LeClair: For those who don't know, QUIP is the Queen's University Internship Program.

Nat Wong: For an ECE test program, they are hiring 6 experienced TA's that have gotten positive reviews, and will be training them on better teaching practices. They will teach incoming TA's. For USATs that you fill out in between weeks 10-12, if professors score low enough, they have to meet with the Dean. Dr. Frank has open office hours, and encourages everyone to come talk to him about teaching, learning and academic problems.

*Council sings the engineering hymn.*

## II) VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS

I've been working on finances recently. DASH is waiting on ITS. Clark is getting rewired. Floors are getting cleaned.

## III) VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Julianna Jeans: I have my own FYPCO on council, Matt. We've developed a volunteer of the month program. EngLinks policy is pretty much written. That will be coming next council or the council after that.

# IX. DIRECTOR REPORTS

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## I) ACADEMICS

Nothing to add.

## II) COMMUNICATIONS

Behshid Behrouzi: Everything is in the report.

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## III) COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Jordan Pernari: External relations committee is hosting a Food Drive next week from 9:30am to 5:30pm on Nov 1-3. There's a new bar for frosh groups for it called Thundercanz.

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## IV) CONFERENCES

Aidan Thirsk: Everything is in the report. Conferences are doing well.

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## V) DESIGN

Oliver Austin: I met with Matt Mills, and received positive responses. First round table is taking place soon.

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## VI) EVENTS

Julianna Jeans: Leah is at an EngLinks meeting helping them plan. She's been getting Movember up and running, and planning for Dean's wine and cheese.

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## VII) FINANCE

Sarah Rodin: Everything is in the report. Finances are good.

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## VIII) FIRST YEAR

Nick Dal Farra: All in the report.

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## IX) HUMAN RESOURCES

Emily Wiersma: Everything is in the report.

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## X) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Nat Wong: Carson said everything is in the report.

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## XI) INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Alexander Clifford: Everything is in the report.

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## XII) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Hannah Cameron: Everything is in the report.

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## XIII) SERVICES

Cody McLaughlin: The Science Quest Head Director position is up for application.

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## X. QUESTION PERIOD FOR ED TEAM

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Natalia Stret: Why would the CompSci certificate go under Engineering and not CompSci?

Nat Wong: It will be going through computing.

Julianna Jeans: Engineering isn't trying to teach it. We're just requesting it be implemented. We're not trying to teach computer courses. They all go through commerce.

## XI. FACULTY BOARD REPORT

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Matt Julseth: Not a whole lot went down. The Dean wasn't there. They mentioned that a curriculum developer has been hired to assess and improve ethics within the engineering curriculum. If students had input, they would be more than willing to listen, and you can report to Dr. Frank.

## XII. ALMA MATER SOCIETY REPORT

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Julianna Jeans: We didn't do a whole lot. We got to see survey results for the JDUC survey. We're working with the AMS on the best way to proceed with that. We ratified a bunch of people, and went over issues with student fees. EngConference was put on the ballot for student fees. People didn't agree with that, even though there are 10 other conferences on the opt out ballot.

Felix LeClair: The space conference is an optional fee, not a mandatory fee. After voting, it was approved. It could be noted that commerce did vote against it.

## XIII. SENATE REPORT

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Nothing to report.

## XIV. ENGINEERING REVIEW BOARD REPORT

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Shannon Dickson: I looked over the policy change that came to council, and it looked good. I'll have a committee fully in place next committee.

## XV. ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

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Cody McLaughlin: The meeting is pushed to next Monday.

## XVI. EQUITY

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Loralyn Blondin: Things are rolling quickly this year. The accessibility assessor came to look at the Tea Room and lounge. They suggested small things to make it more accessible. The total inaccessibility of Clark was discussed. Our first committee meeting is next week. On November 8<sup>th</sup>, Queen's experiential students will have a presentation about aboriginal background, and different sexual stances. Let me know if you're interested.

## XVII. CLUB REPORTS

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### I) GEOLOGICAL

Sterling Mitchell: Not much to mention. We're planning treats in Miller Hall for around Halloween. We're preparing for the open house next Saturday. We're excited to meet eager students.

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### II) CHEM ENG CHEM

Matt: Some of us just got back from the Canadian Engineering conference. It was technical, but a fun time. We conducted academic surveys to see things needing changes for next year. Merchandise is coming out next week. We're setting up talks like Civil Talks, and having a puppy day in City Park soon.

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### III) APPLE MATH

Joey Tepperman: Benji was supposed to be here. Town halls are coming up. We had third year event today, and second year is happening soon.

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### IV) CIVIL

Meg O'Hara: Not much is going on. There's merchandise you can order. We have quarter zips coming in. The wine and cheese event with mining is coming up soon. The Chicago trip is completely booked.

## XVIII. YEAR REPORTS

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### I) SCI'18

Loralyn Blondin: Fourth year students are busy with SciFormal. The yearbook person is working very hard. Send pictures if you have any. We've had discussions about fourth year merchandise.

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### II) SCI'19

Kodie Becker: We met on Tuesday. Max decided to put content on the website for next week. We had discussions about merchandise.

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### III) SCI'20

Cooper Midroni: Not much going on, as everyone is busy with midterms. We have a strategic plan for the website.

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#### IV) SCI'21

Andrew Vasila: We're working on social media presidents. Section representatives have created Facebook pages. There's a Sci '21 Instagram. We have plans for making clothing orders before the break. We're doing more introductions. The AMS representative is creating a video game to go on the website. We'll have an introduction video filmed next week.

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### XIX. STATEMENTS AND QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

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Cooper Midroni: What is the Instagram ratio?

Andrew Vasila: It's a 17:16 followers to following.

Julianna Jeans: The stairwell is finally done. The mural is done, and there's a GPA in a case, and golden words in cases. It's been a yearlong project. Sarah has us up to date in finances.

#### MOTION TO CLOSE:

Moved by: Cooper Midroni

Seconded by: Felix LeClair

**Motion Passes: 7:40pm (18, 0, 0)**