

Agenda
Science Council Meeting
Alumni Board Room, 608 Robertson Hall
September 10th 2015 at 19h00

Meeting called to order: 19:08

Chair: John Mesman

1) **Announcements and Correspondence**

OSSA Presentation – Garrett

How the CSSS Works – John

Review of Robert's Rules of Order – John

2) **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved: Waqar Muhammed

Seconded: Abe Fehr

3) **Executive Reports**

→ Vice President (Internal)

Hello all I am Aiden Forsyth your VP Internal for the academic year. I will be your first point of contact when it comes to meetings and organizing the events where we need volunteers. As you may have seen at the AOD and CUExpo thank you to those of you that came by to volunteer or to say hi. A big part of my job is to understand the constitution as you will see later on in our meeting. I was heavily involved with the OSSA constitutional reform, the Ontario Science Student Association. I am also the point of contact for when we have emails come to the society I determine who needs to receive it and then the outreach to other departments. If you ever have any questions about how things work feel free to email myself. Thank you.

→ Vice President (Operations)

Hey guys, my name is Sebastian Srugo and I am the VP Operations of the science society. My roles in the society are mostly dealing with the finances, the logistics, and delegating the website (shoutout to Abe, one of our Comp Sci reps and webmaster!) and social media sites to the directors.

We will be holding a referendum this year for a levy for the society. Since ancillary fees cause many students financial strain, we will be sending out a survey in late September to gauge students opinions about how much money students are willing to pay for the levy, where the money would be allocated should we pass the levy, and what new events, services and scholarships should be added in that case as well. One lucky student will be able to win a newly purchased beats earphone!

Alicia, our VP Programming, and I have set up a Textbook Trade out of the CSSS office (3412 HP), where students can buy and sell textbooks and we will advertise them on our Facebook page and our site. This is a good alternative to Havens as we

don't take any cut of the profit (ie all the money goes back to the original seller) and its much easier than having to sell each one separately on sites such as Kijiji.

Hope to meet each and every one of you and be able to make the university experience even better for Science students at CU!

→ Vice President (Programming)

VP Programming – Alicia Duval. I am in charge of organization and execution of our events. Pub night is booked for Friday November 6th, location TBD but will e-mail location once it's finalized. A second Pub Night will be held in the winter semester. Winter Formal – looking into the Shaw Centre as a potential venue, as well as the Nature Museum. Will need volunteers to help with ticket sales for both events. OSG – 3 day and 2-night event in Hamilton that consists of physical and mental challenges. Looking for 25 participants to represent Carleton in March 2016. Point of contact is Alaina Woolfrey.

→ Vice President (Academic)

Hi everyone,

My name is Kate and I am the Vice President Academic of the Carleton Science Student Society. My responsibilities include helping with the ODS organized Science Cafes and organizing research night. As well I am the Science Coordinator on the Carleton Academic Student Government, which each of you also has a seat on. I attend the Faculty of Science Academic Planning Committee meetings as well as the Faculty of Science Board Meetings as part of my role on CASG.

Since each of you represents your department on CASG you are responsible for attending your department meetings, as well as all CASG council meetings. I can help you get in touch with your departments about attending these meetings should you need any help with it.

I have recently met with the society's Directors of Events who attend the Science Cafes on behalf of the CSSS, and we will begin to attend these events on September 16th.

→ President

Hi everyone,

My name is Garrett and I am the President of the Carleton Science Student Society. My roles are everything from communicating with other science societies to communicating with other organizations on and off campus. I oversee the activities that go on within the society and make sure that everything is running on schedule for our plans for the year.

As mentioned in our council meeting, the science society is organizing many things this year including a referendum. The society is hoping to send out a survey within the next couple of weeks to gauge students' attitude towards the referendum, and to give the society a good amount to ask for for each semester. Once this survey is complete it will allow us to start the actual referendum voting in October. With the passing of the referendum we are hoping that we can plan new events for students, allocate a certain amount of money to help other science societies, and start an academic scholarship to reward hardworking students.

In March of 2016, Carleton University will be going to the Ontario Science Games held at McMaster. 25 science students will represent Carleton at the games and will compete in events testing academics, athletics, and spirit. Details are still being finalized, but the Ontario Science Games Director is Alaina Woolfrey and students with any questions about how to get on the team should email her at alainawoolfrey@cmail.carleton.ca.

I consistently meet with the SSSC to help promote their event and let them know how they can help us out. The goal for this year however is to increase communication with the ODS directly so that they know the science society has a strong presence on campus. The key to funding is making sure that the ODS knows what is going on within the Science Society.

We are currently in the midst of planning the referendum, the science pub nights, the ongoing science cafés, and of course the Science Formal. Throughout the year you will continue to hear from us. Any questions or concerns that you have can be forwarded to me and I can speak to either the SSSC or the ODS for pertaining those issues.

Hope you all have a great year!

4) **Committee Reports**

→ None

5) **Other Reports**

Councillor Introductions

ESSA Campus Clean-up September 22nd – Carrie Fong

Pimp Your Lab Coat

6) **Question Period**

Sam: Is there any departmental game plan for the levy, and how does it relate to the Computer Science Society?

Seb: The levy money will be going to the CSSS and will be used for general events for all science students and some money to the new scholarship.

Point of Order:

John: All Computer Science students are science students and all referendum questions will go through council before going on a referendum.

Waqar: Why do we need a referendum?

Aiden: The referendum goes to the BOG. We need to ask a referendum question as a vote of confidence, otherwise the BOG would not approve.

John: Western has a \$75 levy but they have an opt out program.

7) **Motions**

→ Motion to Amend the constitution

Moved: Aiden

Seconded: Sebastian

Debate:

Motion to amend the Constitution:

Moved: Greg

Seconded: Maria

Main points:

- Include gender identity in article 2.1

Questions:

None

Debate:

Aiden – in favour

Motion to amend passes

8) **Other business**

Motion to elect Garrett as new chair

Moved: Sebastian

Seconded: Aiden

Vote carried

9) **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Moved: Kate

Seconded: Waqar

Meeting adjourned at 20:10

Motion to Amend the Constitution

Presentation Summary

Whereas the proper Canadian spelling of councillor is spelt councilor in the constitution.

Whereas in Part IV Article 3.3 the word “be” is missing in the sentence, “[...] will elected [...]”.

Whereas in Part IV Article 3.7 and 3.8 the possessive wording is incorrect.

Whereas in Part V Article 1.1 the positions of each Vice President has their position in parentheses and the ending of the needed semicolon is missing.

Whereas in Part 1 Article 2.1 the wording indicates some discrimination events are lesser than others.

Whereas in Part III Article 1.3 the membership as Alumni does not define the voting rights of the category.

Whereas there are multiple placements of commas in the place of the required semicolon.

Whereas in Part IV Article 5.1 the determination of a place for a meeting being decided by a full council cannot be done without a meeting.

Whereas in Part IX Article 3 the control of banking information is not outlined.

Whereas in Part III Article 7.1 the referendum would have to been done yearly to maintain and changes come too late to have an effect with the current finances at the end of our fiscal year.

Information Transfer

Be it resolved that in each instance of “councillor” be changed to “councilor”.

Be it resolved that in Part IV Article 3.3 the word “be” is added where needed.

Be it resolved that Part IV Article 3.7 read

“If a vacancy shall occur in the office of the President, the Vice President (Internal) shall take over the President’s duties and responsibilities until Council passes a resolution to fill the position for the balance of the term.”

and that Part IV Article 3.8 read

“If a vacancy shall occur in the office of a Vice President, the President shall appoint a member to take over the Vice President’s duties and responsibilities until Council passes a resolution to fill the position for the balance of the term.”

Be it resolved that Part V Article 1.1 read

“The Executives of the Society shall consist of;

- (a) the President;
- (b) the Vice President Internal;
- (c) the Vice President Academic;
- (d) the Vice President Operations; and
- (e) the Vice President Programming.”

and that all instances of a Vice President’s position being in parentheses have those parentheses removed.

Be it resolved that Part I Article 2.1 read

“The Society in its affairs shall strive to ensure equal treatment of all individuals without discrimination based on personal beliefs or characteristics, race, political views, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, sexual orientation, **gender identity**, age, residency, language, or mental or physical disability.”

Be it resolved that Part III Article 1.3 read

“Alumni membership shall;

- (a) be extended to all Regular Members upon graduation from the Faculty of Science at Carleton University; and
- (b) follow the rules for Non-Voting Members.”

Be it resolved that all incorrectly placed commas be replaced with the needed semicolon.

Be it resolved that Part IV Article 5.1 read

“Meetings of the Council may be held at any time and place to be determined by the Vice President Internal;

- (a) provided the President or any two (2) Councillors have requested such a meeting to take place, and seventy-two (72) hours’ notice of such meeting shall be given to each Member of the Council;

- (b) by resolution adopted solely of the purposes of scheduling such meetings with greater certainty; or,
- (c) that there shall be at least two (2) meeting of the Council in each half of the School Year.”

Be it resolved that in Part IX the following article is added:

“Banking information of the Society shall not be made available to those without signing authority, excluding the annual financial statements or if an audit is conducted by a ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the Council.

Be it resolved that in Part III Article 7.1 read

“The Society Council may affix membership fee (a levy) for Regular membership such that,

(a) Any change in the annual membership fees be approved by current Members by means of referendum question where a majority of respondent vote “Yes”; and

(b) Any change in the membership fee (levy) shall not come into effect until the commencement of a new academic semester following the successful return of the referendum question.”

Moved: Aiden Ari Forsyth

Seconded: Garrett Duff