

CONCORDIA ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting #9

Date: Monday, January 26, 2015

EV 2.184, 1515 Ste-Catherine Ouest, 8:30 pm

Agenda (As Amended)

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 - b. Minors in Engineering
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Minutes

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8: PM.

2. Roll Call

In Attendance

Executives

President, Emma Saboureau
VP Academic, Katherine Kokmanian
VP External, Kyle Arseneau
VP Finance, Dante Trunzo
VP Internal, Michael Davila
VP Marketing, Vlad Nekrashevych
VP Social, Amal Bouanani
VP Sports and Competitions, Kim Yeung

Representatives

ECE, Ramez Al Aghbar
BCEE, Melissa Nielsen
CSE, Sam Assaf

Societies

CSCE, represented by Chris Morin
EngGames, represented by James Fradette
EWB, represented by Mayla Tenorio Vazquez
IEEE, represented by Nathaly Arriaz Matute
UAV, represented by ???

Guests

Chao Li, representing CARE

Absent

Representatives

MIE, Dilani Abeywickrama

Societies

ASHRAE, represented by Melissa Khalil
CASI, represented by Paul Vajdva
CSME, represented by Mark Cohen
CUBES, represented by Meaghan Mueller
IIE, represented by Sabrine Daou
NSBE, represented by Oreluwa Ajayi
SAE, represented by Hubert Berezowski
SCS, represented by Geneviève Chafouleas
SEC, represented by Michael Banks
Space Concordia, represented by Mehdi Sabzalian
WIE, represented by Sarah Farahdel

3. Approval of Agenda
 - "Deadlines of payments," added to New Business (EngGames)*
 - "Director of Social," added to Appointments (VP Social)*

BIRT the Agenda for this meeting of Council is approved as amended, with items under section 4 approved by consent (ECE, CSCE)

Motion passes

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CARE has been recognized

AREMA american railway engineering and maintenance-of-way association

They are seeking recognition under the ECA as an AREMA-affiliated student chapter. It has been accepted by AREMA as the Concordia student chapter.

Dr. Ciprian Alecsandru is the faculty advisor for the association.

CARE receives \$750 per year from AREMA, and can apply for additional funding. They currently have a bank account. All CARE members have student status within AREMA. They have their own charter and bylaws, own website, and space.

They wish to provide employment opportunities to students, training, workshops, activities.

They are seeking recognition from the ECA for the purpose of guidance and help of ECA, and the sense of belonging within ENCS.

BCEE: Are you all undergrads?

Chao: Almost all are undergraduates, but there are some graduates.

CSE: Is railway a big thing here in Quebec? Will you be able to get more members?

Chao: Yes, I believe so.

CSE: Is there any alternative to joining the ECA as a full society? Perhaps affiliating with CSCE?

CSCE: That would be impossible because we are already a chapter.

CSE: I would prefer to see cooperation rather than creating an all-new society.

President: You mentioned that you had a bank account. Are you a registered company?

Chao: we are not a registered company. However, when AREMA gave us money, we needed to have a bank account. It is a 2-signatory account.

President: Are you registered with the dean of students?

Chao: yes.

IEEE: What sort of events or projects will you hold?

Chao: recently we went to visit a workshop. We want to have a guest speaker from AREMA. From there, we will have more and more projects.

VP Academic: Are there any competitions that you would attend?

Chao: I don't know if there are competitions, but we do have projects and scholarships.

EWB: What's your plan for recruiting more members, and how did you recruit members in the past?

Chao: If we are registered under the ECA, I think we will gain more members.

EngGames: The projects you speak about, are they large projects? What are we talking about?

Chao: Since we are a student group, the projects won't be very big. But in the future, I believe they can be.

CSCE: wants more specifics with regards to projects.

Chao: Dr. Alecsandru has some projects with railway engineering, so maybe CARE will have work from these projects.

UAV: Are you guys all civil engineers?

Chao: No.

President: Where do you see yourself in 5 years as a society of the ECA? What would be your contribution?

Chao: We have some experience with organizing small groups. The most important thing is that our professor can give us teachings.

Motion to enter closed session (CSE, EngGames)

Moved into closed session at 9:03PM.

CSE: I looked at their website and they seem legit, they do some cool things. But 11 members is still small. It looks more like an interest group than a full society. If they're inducted into the ECA it may take needed resources away from other groups that need it more. I suggest they go under CSCE for the time being. If they take off, then maybe in the future they can be a full society.

EngGames: Most of these projects are grad projects, which we wouldn't be benefitting from. These are projects with teachers. It looks like it will not benefit undergraduate students. It shouldn't be undergrads helping grad students.

CSCE: From what I understand, it's Ciprian getting free labour from our undergrads. He gets free help for his research projects and then makes money off of them. I'm not sure if that's the case, but that's what it sounded like.

IEEE: I think that's a little harsh. I don't know how else a bunch of undergrads will get to do that.

Having a teacher is beneficial and it's not the only society that professorial input to guide the society. And obviously, since they're new, they have few members, and maybe they will get more members from having the exposure of the ECA. Don't know if there is financial gain for prof. As an undergrad, I wouldn't mind doing free labour, cuz that's how you learn.

CSE: How does CASI operate?

President: CASI makes planes.

EngGames: Where could they get that funding? CSU is always looking for student groups. I see tis as a lot more beneficial for grads than undergrads. I don't think the club itself should be under the ECA.

CSE: Can they be an observer society that doesn't get funding? Can they be a not-full member. I agree with IEEE in that there's not really any other way to bring them in other than

EngGames: ECCC manages to do it.

[back and forth]

IEEE: The tricky part is the funding, but they do get funding from their parent society. I don't know if there are conditions to membership, but they do get funding from their parent organization.

President: ECCC is not under the ECA. They're not under any umbrella association. The ECA has always helped them and had a close relationship with them. If it's about advertising, we can help them out. Sending a blurb in the newsletter is not a problem. They are looking for things like being listed on the website and just having the ability to say they are a society of the ECA.

CSCE: They have a lot to gain and we have a lot to use.

IEEE: They have only one grad in the association.

EWB: Personally, I don't care much about the funding. For me it's about recruiting students. I'm concerned that they couldn't provide plans for how they were going to sell themselves.

BCEE: We allow for societies with some grad membership.

VP Marketing: maybe with the ECA they will have increased membership because of the increased visibility.

CSE: We all know how the EU operates. When a country wants to join the EU, the EU helps them out and build their economy that is able to contribute to the union. This is a group that was started 3 months ago. There's no reason why we shouldn't simply help them build themselves into a real society. If we just stamp it ok, they have no incentive to become larger. What happened with ASHRAE? We voted them in

EngGames: He clearly stated that the society would be based on what kind of project [parent] decides to give them. If they give them fuck all projects, they will do fuck all.

CSCE: They are under greater scrutiny than the current existing societies because we're voting them in. We should really re-evaluate all societies every year to determine if they're doing what they said they would. They could have said anything as an example to recruit members.

IEEE: From what I understood it wasn't AREMA, but that the prof has projects for them to do, and that they already have funding from AREMA to do it. We should be asking what are the requirements for joining the ECA, and are they meeting them? We had two societies join this year, and I don't remember them having to be established to be a society. In my opinion, doing projects is legit. We should let them in.

VP Finance: there's a grad student that came to present tonight, and they have 10 undergrad members. If there were undergrads passionate about these projects, why didn't an undergrad come to present it? My impression is that the professor is using it as a vehicle to find funding for his project. If there were undergrads here to present it, then I would agree projects are great.

President: there are no requirements for becoming a society. I'd like to point out that ... would that mean a grad student would have voting privileges at ECA Council?

BIRT that CARE returns at our last Council meeting, for the purpose of presenting their plans for the following year and to ascertain their actions in the interim. (CSCE, BCEE)

***BIRT** a member of CSCE attends some of their events to look at what they're doing
(CSE, CSCE)*

Motion passes

Motion passes

Motion to enter Open Session (BCEE, EngGames)

Open session entered at 9:23PM.

Chair explained the motion's meanings in open session.

6. Reports

a. EWB Conference Presentation - Melissa Neilsen

EWB National Conference was held January 16-18 in Montreal. There was also a pre-conference day where the junior fellows from this year and last year met to "shape the future".

Conference revolved around 5 topics:

1. small and growing businesses that drive social good
2. adaptive public services that are responsive to citizens needs
3. food systems that are resilient and support livelihoods
4. engineering leaders who contribute

Several interesting discussions were had regarding the approach that EWB should take towards certain issues. For instance, what approach should they take towards climate change? Should they accept sponsors that are bad for the environment? Should we just raise awareness about it?

BCEE facilitated a session at the conference: the public infrastructure service delivery -- world action cafe session. People from all around the world worked on public infrastructure problems. There were similar problems and approaches to solving problems.

Concordia's EWB chapter mostly focuses on global engineering initiatives. There was a lot of talk on global engineering at the conference. There was some serious collaboration with McGill for the upcoming global engineering week, March 16-20. The JF met with other JFs.

there was learning about events

key learnings:

not even gonna try

EWB does not know where the JF will be going this year.

VP Internal: what does the JF do

BCEE: EWB has a few ventures in a few african countries. When I was doing it, I was doing water distribution in a government office and they were talking about how to get more wells fixed. basically you're an intern for one of their ventures. The JFs are concordia students.

President: what's supporting governance from your own backyard?

BCEE: it was about how you could put pressure on institutions to change their policies to be, for instance, more transparent.

VP Academic: Who is the JF?

BCEE: Maxime Desharnais.

President: Will your report help next year?

BCEE: Not particularly.

7. Appointments

a. EngWeek Committee

No candidates were present at the meeting.

b. SPF Committee

No candidates were present at the meeting.

c. Director of Social

BIRT that Daniel Sciascia is appointed as a Social Director. (VP Social, President)

VP Social introduced Daniel. He is a froshie who has already been fairly involved in the execution of Lizard Lounge. He is employed as staff at the B-Annex which she feels will be helpful in this portfolio.

EngGames noted that he put a lot of work into the EngGames machine this past year.

President asked if there would be any well-defined responsibilities for the position, to which VP Social responded no. He would simply fulfil the work delegated to him, be they simple tasks or President: Will there be any well-defined responsibilities for the position?

VP Social: I'm mostly just trying to show him around the ECA. He's already been super helpful during Lizard Lounge. Eventually he can just put his hands on whatever he's comfortable to do.

Motion passes

8. Returning Business

a. Frosh Committee Report

No report has been drafted as of this meeting.

b. Minors in Engineering

A document has been submitted summarizing minors at other

We went to the ECSUSC to present an amendment to the undergraduate calendar. It passed. It will go to Faculty Council, then APC of Senate, then Senate.

c. Printer in B-Annex 3rd Floor

EngGames: I had mentioned this a while ago. The print is oriented improperly.

Secretary: The problem is with the settings and not the orientation of the paper.

9. New Business

a. B-Annex Conference Room Keys

BCEE: The conference room keys used to always be in the B-Annex. That is no longer the case and it is difficult to get into the room.

VP External: I lost the keys at the beginning of the year.

VP Social: One of the employee's keys works for the conference room. Also, the conference room is sometimes messy, people need to clean up after themselves.

EngGames: Those papers were ECCC papers, so we should talk to ECCC about it.

IEEE: Can we make a copy of the key or have the key available?

CSCE: Staff has keys. So it can be opened during open hours.

b. Lizard Lounge Updates

President: The idea is to group those groups which have similar interests. You're not just going to support the society you know, you'll go because it's your department, etc. We sent an email to Council last year about the changes and why, and this Friday we are having a lizard lounge.

EngGames: What are the plans for the engGames lizard lounge?

VP Social: I spoke with Dante and Rachelle. We figured that because we can't have enggames people at the annex, if we have it at mckibbins on the friday, february 13th we have lizard lounge at bannex with nsbe and wie. that's the only way the money will be split.

IEEE: There was this excel google doc where you would put your names on there. february 13th does not say wie. i had put ieee under march 20th. is that still valid?

VP Social: We added IEEE, Space and UAV to your date. So there is no change.

IEEE: I think there is a problem with the mailing lists.

VP Social: I've received a couple of answers.

EngGames is it still 150 per society? if we want to do it at peel pub, can we?

VP Social: since you're alone, you get 150. McKibbins because it's nearby concordia and easy to access. They give us their standard deals. I don't think the deals are that bad.

CSCE: When did we vote UAV in?

c. Deadlines of Payments

EngGames: There's an issue currently where my cheques are taking over two weeks to get done, which I feel is inadequate. I've been told "I don't care" by VP Finance. When we requisition something, and they think it doesn't belong, and remove it without telling anyone, that ticks me off. I see it as robbery. If you're going to put a WTF on my requisition form, please, tell me.

VP Finance: 3 instances where we were more than accommodating to EngGames: [some shit]. The requisition you are referencing. Last Friday you came into our office. I was not in the office. When I came back from lunch, Bruno was shaken up and felt abused by James. The amount was wrong on the requisition.

President: I believe we've respected the two-week turnaround for cheques. I know that every time I come into the office and I'm not late for something, I sign the requisitions and cheques. When a requisition is incomplete, I feel uncomfortable signing it. So sometimes cheques take longer to process because they need more information.

EngGames: The cheque has been there since the 3rd, was processed on the 8th when Bruno came into the office. And now we are at the 26th. This is the problem; sometimes things happen really fast, and other times they take a really long time.

VP Finance: I will reiterate that the cheque turnaround is dependent on the completeness of the requisition.

10. Chair's Remarks

a. Submitting Reports

i wanted to clarify that when you want to do your presentation or send in your reports, it's still due on the Friday. i put the agenda together when i think i will receive stuff. you can always ask me what you need to put in a report. i can't promise, but i will try to edit it if you send it to me in advance.

b. Executive Mid-Mandate Reports

They've been written.

c. E-mail Issues

I need to know if the council list works. Hopefully we will resolve this issue.

d. Scheduling Apologies

Unfortunately we're stuck with Mondays. Doodle.

11. Announcements & Verbal Reports

President: minors is done. We're working with facilities for renovating stuff. It's stalled in administration. Please stay professional -- we're not here to work against each other. If you have an issue, send a respectful email. We will do our best to resolve the issue. There was this amazing policy that we voted on at Council.

VP Sports: CQI on thursday - sunday.

social end-of-year banquet is booked for April 10th. there is a calendar at the bannex for societies to write their social events into.

internal: engweek committee has drafted a preliminary schedule. this should be a god damn report, it's all written down already. fuck.

VP marketing: haven't gotten any emails for the newsletter, so I guess it;s going slow?

EngGames: finished 3rd overall, got first place in machine.

CSCE: whiskey tasting on the 5th. mid-mandate for csce national due friday. want to have curling day.

EWB: has had its first party in 3 years. february 12th at mckibbins. tickets are \$10. trying to get a better drink deal. speed dating from 7 to 9-930. then there will be a dj.

BCEE: nothing to report

CSE: Bruno is the face of the ECA -- he's the only face that students see when they go to the ECA. Bruno has a big "fuck you" on his forehead. changes are coming to the CSE department, and they are hosting a town hall for students to come and voice their grievances with the department.

ECE: nothing to report

UAV: nothing to report

VP External career fair tomorrow and wednesday

VP Finance: Nothing

VP Academic: if you are graduating, register for iron ring.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn (CSCE, VP External)

Meeting adjourned at 10:20PM.