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Meeting Minutes

Date: 2020-10-25

Location: Zoom

Call to Order

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to Approve Agenda: Scott Fulton

Second: Julian Ward

Discussion: N/A

Votes: motion passes unanimously

2. Roll Call

Executive:

- President: Reese Wunsche
- VP Finance: Reethi Paul
- VP Social: Mahyar Gorji
- VP Internal: Rafi Biouss
- VP External: Chloe Bergeron - Absent
- VP Academic: Abigail Famula
- VP Communications: Elise Cloutier - Absent
- VP Philanthropic: Sameeha Gani (Late)
- VP Services: Laura Godfrey

Subassociation Presidents:

- MESS: Sam Garcia
- ChESS: José Martinez
- IEEE: Michal Ridner
- CSCE: Clark Chen - Absent

Year Reps:

- First Year:
 - Section A: Yasen Akir
 - Section E: Farah El Siss - Absent
 - Section H: Alae Boufarrachene
- Chemical Engineering Representatives:
 - 2nd Year: Lilly Ferrier
 - 3rd Year: Leila Kusmic
 - 4th + Year: Lucas Taylor-Erichson - Absent (Alizeh Rizvi as proxy)



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- Computer Engineering Representatives:
 - 2nd Year: N/A
 - 3rd Year: N/A
 - 4th + Year: Mousto Bah
- Mechanical Engineering Representatives:
 - 2nd Year: Kaleigh Ionadi
 - 3rd Year: Zane MacDonald
 - 4th + Year: Sally Raad - Absent
- Civil Engineering Representatives:
 - 2nd Year: Devin Colman - Absent (Antonia Zupu as proxy)
 - 3rd Year: Julian Ward
 - 4th + Year: Noah Andrea - Absent
- Electrical Engineering Representatives:
 - 2nd Year: Rikki Romana
 - 3rd Year: N/A
 - 4th + Year: Madi Smrtka - Absent
- Software Engineering Representatives:
 - 2nd Year: Nicholas Morin
 - 3rd Year: N/A
 - 4th + Year: N/A
- Co-Op Representatives:
 - Scott Fulton
- French Representatives:
 - 2nd Year: N/A
 - 3rd Year: Jade Breau
 - 4th + Year: Vincent Côté-Larouche

3. Elections of Year Representatives (If any candidates present)

4. Tahmeed Khan running for 1st year rep (section B)
 - a. Reese motions to have a 30 sec introduction and a 30 sec response to a funny question
 - b. Zane seconded
 - c. Discussion: N/A
 - d. Votes: 22 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions
5. Sameeha joined meeting at 11:16AM
6. Suggested questions:
 - a. Alae suggests to ask if cereal is soup, yes/no and why?
 - i. Votes: 15 for
 - b. Reese suggests to ask if toilet paper roll should be rolled over or under?
 - i. Votes: 5 for
 - c. Rafi suggests to ask which ESS exec they would want to be their parent?
 - i. Votes: 1 for



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- Tahmeed is a first year electrical engineering student
 - Wants to join ESS to do a fun new extracurricular activity
 - Friends normally describe him as motivated and hardworking
 - Cereal is a soup because you eat it out of a bowl
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- Votes in favour of Tahmeed being 1st year rep (section B): 24 for, 0 against, 0 abstention

7. Ratification of Year Representatives (If any candidates present)

Motion: Reese

Second: Rafi

Discussion: N/A

Votes: motion passes unanimously

8. Executive Updates

a. President

- Plans on putting out COVID scholarships Dec 1, 2020
 - Looking over applications over winter break with selection committee
- Decreased office hours for exec to 1 hour each
 - Nobody has been showing up to office hours
 - Meeting on thursday to see how to get more student involvement in events
- UOSU bi-elections from Nov 9-11th
 - 3 positions available for engineering, important to have representation

b. VP Finance

- Going back to bank this week to figure out what else we need to get our banking sorted
 - Can't do anything with GIC until this is sorted
- UOSU operations had to take time of work
 - Have not yet received levies for the year, only an amount for this semester
 - Info and money will be distributed once we get it

i. Manager of Sponsorship

- Ema Truchla got speaking rights from Reethi Paul
- Meeting with NBC this week drafting a contract for \$4000
 - Drafting contract
 - Hosting lunch & learns with them
 - José left meeting at 11:31 AM

c. VP Social

- Muffy looking to plan among us night (or something similar) closer to the end of reading week
- Hardhats have been paid for, just waiting to get them shipped to us



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d. VP Internal

- UOAC happening Nov 14th
 - Post was put out Oct 24th (yesterday)
 - Prize money will be happening, working out details now
 - Rafi wants all year reps to advertise UOAC to get as much involvement as possible
- Deadline to sign up is not strict this year due to online nature

e. VP External

- No update

i. Manager of Sports

- No update

f. VP Services

- Online store has made \$1500 in sales so far (net sales, not net profits)
- Only shipping patches
 - Shipping for other items is not feasible, entire process takes too much time
- Jackets for ESS should arrive this Friday (or maybe next week)

g. VP Communications

- Rafi spoke for Elise
 - Waiting for CU advertising to start sending ads for mail outs
 - Gifted \$50 gift card to a randomly chosen winner from participants

h. VP Academic

- Hosted mental health night last week, went very well but participation was low
- Trying to get in contact with PEO to get a PEO speaker night
- Haven't received many complaints through student complaint survey

i. VP Philanthropic

- Decided to officially not find sponsors for Eng Ball since it will make ESS look bad if we are trying to plan such a social event
- Online patch convention with Rob ~Nov 16th
- Trying to plan an event with local restaurants to promote take-out/delivery
 - Sameeha looking for suggestions for restaurants to reach out to, if anyone has suggestions please contact her

9. Subassociation Updates

a. MESS

- Many events planned for November
 - Speaker nights
 - Escape room competition
 - Planning a designathon for next semester (Jan/Feb)
 - Board game nights with ChESS in mid november



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- MESS fully bilingual now, website will be fully bilingual by the end of the week

b. ChESS

- Working on patches/merch/sweaters
- Working on continuing Big Eng Little Eng

c. IEEE

- Scribble.io event this Friday Oct 30th
- Working on Intro to AI workshops (no specific date yet, but follow on Facebook to see updates when they occur)
- Budget got approved last week

d. CSCE

- No update

10. BoA Update (Updates on election for representatives)

- BoA = UOSU board of directors
 - 3 positions to fill for engineering, important for representation!!
- BoA sits into UOSU meetings and votes
- Can join other sub-committees e.g. finance, governance, elections etc
 - Lots of opportunities to get involved
- Scott gave Chloé Richard his speaking rights
 - 4th year chem eng student
 - Interested in running bc UOSU has potential even if it was a rough start
 - Nice to be more involved this year because its the best way to make connections with other people
 - Thinking of planning a zoom event to hear people's opinions/complaints about the eng faculty in the coming weeks
 - Rafi suggests running this event by Elise or Antonia to get advertising and max involvement
- Julian
 - 3rd year civil and comp-tech student
 - Thinks that being part of BoD gives him a direct pathway to updating us and BoA
 - Has been heavily involved with UOSU over the summer, familiar with their way of doing things
- Jasmin is also running but not in the meeting to give any extra info

11. Budget Inquiry (from MESS)



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- Sam advises against putting student levies into investment account so that we don't make profits off of any money we acquire from students. Could use this money instead to:
 - increase COVID relief funds
 - Reese points out that last meeting we motioned to increase this twice, doesn't think we need to increase this any more. Doesn't want to spend extra eng money since this is a scholarship that is available to everyone.
 - go towards a subassociation in need (MESS tapping into contingency funds, struggling with international shipping fees, etc)
 - Sameeha asks how MESS is into their contingency funds when it is 1.5 months into the year and there have been no in-person events
 - Ali says deadline has passed to ask EEF for money, but even before deadline MESS did not come to ask for help. They did not use the resources available to them.
 - Scott curious how MESS is out of money
 - Also asks for last year's budget to become available online (since it should have been available already)
 - Adds that if international shipping is causing monetary strain, maybe this should no longer be a service MESS offers (or start charging for international shipping)
 - Michal from IEEE notes that IEEE is the same as ESS where they have a surplus and are looking for more ways to spend money, not receive it
 - Sam clarifies that this fact is not due to negligence, they just do not have a surplus like other subassociations do
 - If ESS is looking for ways to spend money, giving it to MESS is a fair way to do it
 - Sam gave speaking rights to Sachi Sant
 - Sachi says that they did not get double the amount of levies last year
 - Scott says they did, it was just divided semesterly instead of yearly
 - There were many issues with the MESS budget last year and fines due to illegal actions at events (namely Messy Frost), which is another reason why he wants to see the budget from last year publicized
 - Sachi says that they spent all of the money given to them from ESS last year was spent on industry nights, etc in the early winter BEFORE COVID shut things down in March
 - Budget was based on projected levies and what was left in MESS bank account
 - increase funding to JMTS teams
 - Sameeha points out the JMTS is not under ESS but rather EEF, if they needed money they should apply to EEF (and no teams applied)



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- Ali (proxy for Lucas) agreed that teams do not need money since not a single team applied
- Pay for graduating students iron rings since there is no wine and cheese nights
- Generally extending this money to the general student body (students who performed well on rocketry/etc teams, students looking for funding to start their own businesses, bilingual scholarships, SASS accommodated students who excel in engineering, etc)
 - Ali says that as ESS, we can't give money to individuals since it doesn't help the entire eng faculty
- increasing merch
- Discussion called circular (12:11 PM)

12. Varia

Equity Update (Antonia Zupu):

- Equity currently working to write letters to profs who signed this petition (to say the n-word in class as academic freedom) as well as to professionals on the matter to suggest solutions/reprimandation for these profs
 - No engineering profs have signed this letter, but this is still important to engineers at it is our university
- Sam wants to stress that MESS is not against ESS. Not against anyone or trying to attack anyone, MESS exec team this year has no tensions with ESS. Sam wants to end the bad blood between MESS and ESS.
 - MESS is not affiliated with Messy Memes
 - Moving forward, MESS wants to move past the bad blood from last year in order to be productive this year
- Scott says that ESSCO is making a guide for EngSocs to promote equity
 - We don't have a National Society of Black Engineers and Engiqueers is currently run by a person who isn't in engineering
 - Worth looking into these points in order to increase equity and representation in engineering
- Julian asks if any progress has been made on advertising for ESS
 - Sameeha points out that only Elise would be able to speak on this
 - Julian reiterates that first year reps promoting ESS events, etc would be great to increase student involvement
- Reese will work with first year reps in order to reach out to first year profs for 5 mins at the start of class to talk about ESS events (or something similar)

13. Adjournment



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