

ESS Board of Directors Meeting Agenda - L'Ordre du Jour de la Réunion de Conseil d'Administration de l'AÉG

Date: April 7th, 2024

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:08 AM with Maya Benhamou as chair.

2. Land Acknowledgement - Reconnaissance des Terres

We respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe Nation. This land has been a site of human activity for thousands of years and continues to be home to the Algonquin people. We recognize and honor the enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous peoples and their traditional territories. As we gather on this land, we commit to learning from Indigenous peoples, respecting their cultures, and working towards reconciliation and healing.

3. Roll Call

Present - Présent.e.s:

> President - Mackenzie Conrad (she/her/elle)

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➤ VP External



- ➤ VP Academic Markos Brown (he/him/il)
- ➤ VP Services Ethan Tang (he/him/il)
- ➤ VP Social Jason Gonzales (he/him/il)
- ➤ VP Philanthropic Cristie Kwan (she/her/elle)
- ➤ VP Equity Nyah Wagner (she/her/elle)
- ➤ VP Internal Sofia Ershova (she/her/elle)
- ➤ IEEE Juan Hiedra Primera (he/him/il)
- ➤ CSCE Cristie Kwan (she/her/elle)
- > CHESS Lauren Coffin (elle/she/her)
- > MESS Brunel Sontia (he/him/il) (Proxied by Farah El Siss)
- ➤ First Year:
 - Section A: Dakota Squires
 - Section E: James Travers
- ➤ Chemical Engineering Representatives:
 - o 2nd Year: Mathieu Racicot
 - 4th + Year: Anna Schubert (left at 13:13)
- ➤ Computer Engineering Representatives:
 - 2nd Year: Eric Hagen
 - o 3rd Year: Eric Eaton

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- ➤ Mechanical Engineering Representatives:
- ➤ Biomedical Mechanical Engineering Representative:
 - o 2nd Year: Sonya Pastorek
 - o 4th+ Year: Hazim Alainachi



> Civil Engineering Representatives:

o 2nd Year: Aiden McCooeye

o 4th + Year: Justin Beal

➤ Electrical Engineering Representatives:

o 2nd Year: Hamed Tavakoli

o 4th + Year: Muhammad "Owais" Tabassum

> Software Engineering Representatives:

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- > Co-Op Representatives:
 - Kathryn Basinger
- > French Representatives:

o 2nd Year: Katelyn Renaud

o 3rd Year: Carolina Gonzalez

○ 4th + Year: Justin Brown

- ➤ Non-Reps:
 - o Cyrus Choi

Absent- Absent.e.s:

> VP Finance - Domenick Mann (he/him/il) - Arrived at 12:08PM

➤ VP Communications - Félicia Dionne (she/her/elle)

➤ 4th + Year: Jia Xuan Song (comp)

➤ 2nd Year: Umer Qamar (soft)

> 3rd Year: Devon Knight (soft)



4. Robert Rule Reminder

5. Administrative Motions

Title:	Adoption of the Agenda		
Mover:	Executive	Seconder:	Sofia
Language:	English		
BIRT:	The agenda be adopted as presented.		
Result:	Passed unanimously		
Discussion:	- Added appeal of membership, as well as ratification for Ashna C.		

Title:	Approval of February 2024 BOD Minutes		
Mover:	Executive	Seconder:	Sofia
Language:	English		
BIRT:	The unofficial minutes of the <u>February 2024 meeting</u> be approved, as presented.		
Result:	Passed unanimously		
Discussion:	N/A		

6. Ratifications of Executive Elections

Title:	Ratification of Executive			
Mover:	Executive	Executive Seconder: Mackenzie		
Language:	English	English		
Whereas:	An election to fill positions was held and ratification is required by governing documents.			
BIRT:	Sofia Ershova be ratified as President for the 2024-2025 term.			



Title:	Ratification of Executive
	Ethan Tang be ratified as VP External Affairs for the 2024-2025 term. Aiden McCooeye be ratified as VP Internal Affairs for the 2024-2025 term. Domenick Mann be ratified as VP Financial Affairs for the 2024-2025 term. Eric Hagen be ratified as VP Social Affairs for the 2024-2025 term. Madison Smrtka be ratified as VP Communications for the 2024-2025 term. Gabrielle Graceffa be ratified as VP Philanthropic for the 2024-2025 term. Ryn Basinger be ratified as VP Equity for the 2024-2025 term. Maya Benhamou be ratified as VP Services for the 2024-2025 term. Ashna Cheverlharan be ratified as VP Academic for the 2023-2025 term
Result:	Passed unanimously
Discussion:	N/A

7. Election of Managers & Year Reps

Title:	Election of Managers		
Mover:	Seconder:		
Language:	English		
Candidate(s):	Manager of Sports - Mackenzie Gillis Manager of Social Media Manager of Translations - Elsa Lange Manager of Information Technology - Cyrus Choi Manager of Sponsorships Manager of 101 Week - Mackenzie Conrad		
Discussion of Questions:	A VP Francophone position question, but Daniel Thorpe has motioned to table this discussion to later in the meeting. 28 for, 1 abstain, 0 against. The conversation will be tabled for later as well as ratification of managers.		



Title:	Election of Managers
BIRT:	(Official Motion)
Answer from Candidate(s)	
Discussion of Answers:	
Result:	

8. Ratifications of Managers

Title:	Ratification of Managers		
Mover:	Executive	Seconder:	
Language:	English		
Whereas:	An election to fill positions was held and ratification is required by governing documents.		
BIRT:	be ratified as Manager of Sports for the 2024-2025 term. be ratified as Manager of Social Media for the 2024-2025 term. be ratified as Manager of Translations for the 2024-2025 term. be ratified as Manager of Information Technology for the 2024-2025 term. be ratified as Manager of Sponsorships for the 2024-2025 term. be ratified as Manager of 101 Week for the 2024-2025 term.		
Result:			
Discussion:			

9. Election of EEF Chair

Title:	Election of EEF Chair		
Mover:	Executive		



Title:	Election of EEF Chair	
Language:	English	
Candidate(s):	Mark Uchanski Markos Brown	
Discussion of Questions:	What is EEF? Engineering Endowment Fund. EEF Chair helps lead the conversations and coordinates where the money goes. Serious 1: Do you have committee experience, and if yes, what was your favourite aspect of that experience? Serious 2: Any plans for how EEF works in the future? Will it be the same or are you changing it? Two serious questions, ~45 seconds each, 1 funny question, ~30 seconds. Funny question suggestions: Favourite meme; 3: Why can't we print more money, wrong answers only. Will be timing by timer on google, will show timer on video.	
BIRT:	(Official Motion)	
Answer from Candidate(s)	Mark: 1. EEF Chair for the past year, committee member for all 3 terms. Favourite part is involvement and the process of all the great initiatives of the students and the presentation process, and being a part of that process. 2. Generally plan is there's a lot of extra money, trying to figure out how to use it more efficiently. Group and faculty thinking about rooms and spaces for student use. 3. I would have too much of it to do great things. Markos: 1. Experience through ESS, done applications and so got used to the application process and has experience from ESS perspective on clubs and student. 2. Funds: where from, where to go, how to process if applicants get declined. Transparency on acceptances and declines. Also more advertising on the existence of EEF. 3. Obviously because printer ink is so expensive in this economy.	



Title:	Election of EEF Chair
	Daniel: For Mark: The experience definitely tips the scales. Mark has a year's worth of research to arrive at his decisions and experience. Changing chairs each year makes it harder to make and see changes, also EEF has connections and relationships with the faculty, tough to maintain if different chair often. Same chair means someone who is already knowledgeable and comfortable with the relations and information.
	Sofia: Both excellent candidates, but for Markos, as the application process clarification can bring a fresh perspective.
	Mckenzie: For Markos: Transparency, was good as chair, but both good.
	Jason: New chair means restarting relations with faculty and contacts. For Mark
	Justin: Markos' capacity as ESS VP Academic means he has connections with faculty (and the Dean) already so being the new Chair wouldn't be too concerning.
	Alae: Good to have continuity with faculty. Mark has more experience, and is the UORocketry captain so has had to do applications as well, therefore is not blind to the troubles of the students' perspective.
Discussion of Answers:	Juan: Mark, his adjacency to JMTS teams and other projects on campus (who are large EEF stakeholders) has been a great boon in increasing the quality of applications over the past year, and his changes to EEF (such as changing the amounts per term to better fund projects) have already shown tangible improvements into the system
	Eric: Good to have previously established person for continuity, but asks for an example of how this has impacted the position.
	Sofia: (answering eric) Markos worked hard to get relations with faculty especially through Wine & Cheese.
	Alae: (answering eric) True we've not had EEF chair for more than one year, but all previous EEF chairs have had committee experience. Will take time to adapt, but as someone who has already has experience, transition will be better.
	Jason: (answering eric) Adding on, the experience that is gained as a committee member is better than experience from ESS.
	Daniel: (answering eric) the EEF Chair is adjacent to conversations with/from Faculty. Therefore maintaining those conversations is easier. New projects could be missed because of the transitions between the chairs.
	Alae: Historically, unspoken rule on EEF committee is that there should be good JMTS representation on the committee.
	Sofia: move to Vote.
Result:	15 Mark, 11 Markos, 6 abstain. Mark gets position

10. Ratifications of EEF Chair



Title:	Ratification of EEF Chair		
Mover:	Executive	Seconder:	Sofia
Language:	English		
Whereas:	An election to fill position was held and ratification is required by governing documents.		
BIRT:	Mark Uchanski be ratified as EEF Chair for the 2024-2025 term.		
Result:	Mark is now the new EEF Chair		
Discussion:	N/A		

11. Executive Updates

a. President

i. (ACCOUNTABILITY PRESENTATION)

- 1. Meeting Minutes not being uploaded. Either French or English but not all of them either
- 2. Comms not attending Comms Round Table (Mackenzie was not made aware)
- 3. A request for more information and clarification on finances was asked and answered, but we will revisit this topic later.
- 4. Point made that we can do better to present ourselves/ESS as more professional and more in light of how engineers are *on campus* (within the community of the University of Ottawa).
- 5. Suggestions: committee elected for organizing conferences for our standing on the national stake; Presenting ourselves at GAs in a way to better represent ourselves as a group from Ontario (our voice to reach all corners of what students need) as well as inviting students outside of Eng to our events; We should host a CFCS conference for redemption; Try to host CELC 2027



- 6. Motioned recess for lunch, to come back at 1:45, motion passed unanimously.
- ii. Held a team bonding event. We did a murder mystery.
- iii. Compiled all legitimate constitution changes into a doc to be presented later.
- iv. Held an outreach event with a local girl guide group. It was a lot of fun and the girls want to come back again next year!!!
- v. Wrote and sent a mailout.

b. VP Finance

- i. Finishing up audit with UOSU, should be done by next week.
- ii. (will get write up of updates)

c. VP Social

- i. Patches are in for Dusted
- ii. Will make note to start events early
- iii. GOAT will be happening at end of month (last day of exams, April 26th)

d. VP Internal

- i. Did two NEM events, one with Nanobrew and paint night. Did not get around to doing two more unfortunately.
- ii. Organized VAP, it was a great time, thanks to everyone who came out! Congrats to Markos, Claire and Roberto who were named Officer, Head Guide and Guide of the Year respectively!
- iii. Unfortunately school got heavy so no strategic plan proposed today but it will come in the future
- iv. Helped with wine and cheese
- v. It was a pleasure working with all of you this year and I look forward to next year! I hope those of you who aren't graduating will stay involved whether as guides (join the 101 week planning committee if you want to help organize next 101 week!) or on bod again or run for open positions on ESS or all of the above and/or more! And for those who are, congratulations and good luck on your future endeavors! Love you all



e. VP External

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f. VP Academic

- i. Wine and Cheese happened... and was a success! There was more than enough food and drinks for everyone and managed to stay under budget. Shout out to Mackenzie, Sofia, Ethan, Cristie and Dom for helping out!!
- ii. Another shout out to Sofia for hosting NEMS and VAP (busy month, eh?)
- iii. Another another shout out to Nyah for working me to to establish a relationship between ESS and Kanata North

g. VP Philanthropic

i. BUG push

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h. VP Services

- i. If you wore covvies at least once, go and buy a patch!
- ii. Merch is up on the website (including the new green hoodies a few BOD members were wearing today)

i. VP Communications

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j. VP Equity

- i. Updates: Photo booth at Design Day,
- ii. Kanata North Career Fair.
- iii. Yoga still to come

12. Subassociation Updates

a. MESS

- i. Biomech merch out
- ii. Elections
 - 1. Nominations closed up
 - 2. Voting soon
- iii. Events closing up



- 1. Pool night w prof
- 2. Soccer with profs
- 3. Planning for fall events now
- iv. AGM also soon

v. ACCOUNTABILITY

1. Budget for 2024 not available yet

b. CHESS

i. ACCOUNTABILITY

- Meeting minutes not currently available, requires request for permission to view
- ii. ChESS updates: crewnecks sale done in March;
- iii. currently in voting period of elections (until Monday, April 8th);
- iv. constitution ratification planned for April 9th

c. CSCE

- i. (CSCE updates: planning elections and trying to get access to our accounts again)
- ii. Planning elections;
- iii. Trying to regain access to all accounts (social media, etc)

iv. ACCOUNTABILITY

1. 30% levy over summer, keep pushing until they have functioning team

d. IEEE

 IEEE updates: elections finished, Cookies and Cram happening soon, events such as Quiz Me were successful, AGM happening after finals with constitution ratification happening right after

ii. ACCOUNTABILITY

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13. BoA Updates



i. Manage money for UOSU, switched to Desjardins, meeting with financial

planner.

- ii. Reach out for suggestions
- iii. Positions available on the websites, part time and full time (paid jobs).
- iv. Working on transition period
- v. Finishing updating and ratifying main agreement with UOSU

14. Motions from the Members

Title:	Constitution changes	
Mover:	Mackenzie Conrad	
Language:	English	
Whereas:	Amend the highlighted parts in the constitution as shown in this document	
BIRT:		
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Result:		
Discussion:	Motion to appeal the 2 week rule, and add a 15 minute recess to go over the const. changes for those who haven't yet. (Seconder: Madison)A request for a summary of the changes + highlighting, but wasn't done due to large amount of changes. Vote: 24 For, 1 Against, 6 Abstain. 15 minute recess, resumed at xx. Lines to discuss: 195, 208, 240, 268, 308, 311&312, 332, 372, 430, 549, 559-561, 563, 578, 599, 634, 655&656, 709, 859, 894, 961, 1075, 1134, 1174, 1183, 1547. All this information will be available at the bottom, after full discussion.	



15. Business Arising from Minutes

a. Election of NEW positions (if passed)

Title:	Election of New Positions		
Mover:			
Language:	English		
Candidate(s):	Interim VP Sustainability - Justin Brown, Hayley Jubinville Interim VP Franco - Carolina Chair - Daniel Thorp Manager of Sports - Mackenzie Gillis Manager of Social Media - Martina Duran Tseluiko Manager of Translations - Elsa Lange Manager of Information Technology - Cyrus Choi Manager of Sponsorships Manager of 101 Week - Mackenzie Conrad Manager of Marketing - Jason Gonzalez Manager of Student Success		
Discussion of Questions:	VPs & Chair: Why do they want to run for this position and what are your plans for the year and do you plan to run in the by-election? 2 serious questions of 30s length, 1 funny question of 30s length(motion from Jason to keep this formatting for any other elections today. Sofia second)		



Title:	Election of New Positions		
	Dom: Question about past experience in sustainability possibly, also a question in french for the vp francophone. Question about impartiality for the chair position. Madi: Funny suggestion, If you were tasked in cooking a dinner for 400 rats, what would you make them and why.		
	Motion: 2 serious questions with 30s each, and 1 funny question 30s. Serious questions are why do they want to run for this position and if they'll run for the by-election, for sustainability ask about their past experience, for francophone the 2nd question is in french, for chair the question about impartiality for the chair. The funny question is if you were tasked in cooking a dinner for 400 rats, what would you make them and why.		
	Manager Questions: Dakota: Why do you want to involved before next term? Hayley: What are your goals for this position? Madi: How are you going to work within the team under exec? Hayley: How do you plan on properly managing and supporting the exec you're working under along with the rest of your team? Eric: What have you found to be the best practice in micro-managing people? Sofia: Translations to do one serious question in french. Madi: What would you do if you saw shawty fire burning on the dance floor?		
	Motion: 2 serious questions 30s each: Why do you want to involved before next term? And how do you plan on properly managing and supporting the exec you're working under along with the rest of your team? 1 funny question 30s: What would you do if you saw shawty fire burning on the dance floor? First question is in french for manager of translations.		
BIRT:	(Official Motion)		
Answers	Sustainability Hayley: Q: What are your plans for the year and do you plan to run in the by-election? A: I plan on running for the by-election, and shape it into a better less barebones role. Make sure the vp is involved and mandated to		



Title:	Election of New Positions
	participate in events on campus and get the society about the initiatives around campus
	Q: Past experience in Sustainability?
	A: Founded and led her high school eco club, even being first year joined sustainability community performing an audit on the mechanical and civil departments
	Q: If you were tasked in cooking a dinner for 400 rats, what would you make them and why? A: Some sort of cheese casserole.
	Justin B.:
	Q: What are your plans for the year and do you plan to run in the by-election?
	A: I would run in the by-election. Four main things, 101 week more sustainable (merch), work with uosu and climate advisory caucus, build up the new role.
	Q: Past experience in Sustainability A: Wants to work in clean tech and sustainability. Continue pushing for clean tech microprogram, capstone involves sustainability. Q: If you were tasked in cooking a dinner for 400 rats, what would you make them and why?
	A: A giant pot of ratatouille, why? Isn't that everyones favourite dish and is super easy to make a giant batch.
	Chair & VP Franco
	Q: What are your plans for the year? A: As chair I don't have plans, I'm just there and to encourage others plans to make sure that it's done respectfully and fairly, upholding policies. I don't have anything plans for chair Q: How do plan on remaining impartial?
	A: Talking to everyone or no one. A huge part is being open to anyones opinions, make sure there's a safe space and distancing myself to keep impartial.
	Q: If you were tasked in cooking a dinner for 400 rats, what would you make them and why?
	A: They're just rats, I'd make something they want to eat like seeds and small things they can easily eat.
	Carolina: Q: What are your plans for the year and do you plan on running for by-elections?



Title:	Election of New Positions
	A: Focus on bringing french. Changing mentality about french not being a big deal, making it more of a big deal because we do speak french and yes by-election. Q: A: Q:If you were tasked in cooking a dinner for 400 rats, what would you make them and why? A: Bring them what we're eating for dinner.
	Managers:
	Martina - (Social Media) Q:Why do you want to involved before next term? A: A lot of people don't know about ESS, it's very fun and people missing out. My goal is to work with everybody and increase outreach Q: How do you plan on properly managing and supporting the exec you're working under along with the rest of your team? A: A big thing I like about communities is working with others, it'll be fun to work with comms and other VPs. I'm good at communicating and reaching out with others Q: What would you do if you saw shawty fire burning on the dance floor? A: Burn fire on the dance floor, it's a great song
	Elsa - (Translations) Q: Why do you want to involved before next term? (in french) A: She is an ambassador, and there's not a lot of other students who are ambassadors too. She speaks to a lot of students who express that they want more french engagement events. Q: How do you plan on properly managing and supporting the exec you're working under along with the rest of your team? A: I plan on making sure there's peer reviewed posts, and making sure there isn't anglisisms to make the french students more included Q: What would you do if you saw shawty fire burning on the dance floor? A: I would just in and start dancing as well.
	Mackenzie - (101 Week) Q: Why do you want to involved before next term? A: Very involved in ESS, 2021 101 week guide, 2022 VP Social, 2023 Pres. Want to be more involved but as she's graduating a lesser role is more suitable.



Title:	Election of New Positions
	Q: How do you plan on properly managing and supporting the exec you're working under along with the rest of your team? A: Already been talking to the future social, also has been heavily involved with 101 week which benefits the role. Q: What would you do if you saw shawty fire burning on the dance floor? A: Well I'm shawty? How does that work.
	Jason - (Marketing) Q: Why do you want to involved before next term? A: I've been here for almost 5 years, I've seen the culture and want to get more people involved to get the people who don't know to know, and get the people who do know more engaged in the events. Q: How do you plan on properly managing and supporting the exec you're working under along with the rest of your team? A: To properly support the team I'm involved in getting their ideas come to life. New ways to promote creatively. Q: What would you do if you saw shawty fire burning on the dance floor? A: backflips
	Mackenzie - (Sports) Q: Why do you want to involved before next term? A: This was my first time being on ESS as a manager and have really enjoyed my time. I've already done it once so I can build on what I've learnt and be apart of the team. Q: How do you plan on properly managing and supporting the exec you're working under along with the rest of your team? A: Biggest thing is communication because that's where things go wrong. Make sure we're on the same page at all times, if they need any help I'm there. Q: What would you do if you saw shawty fire burning on the dance floor? A: I'd probably light myself on fire and go on the dancefloor.
	Cyrus - (IT) Q: Why do you want to involved before next term? A: Currently a first year, I've attended FYIC, CALE, and bug push. I've enjoyed the community, trading patches, and the culture. I want to give back to the community. Q: How do you plan on properly managing and supporting the exec you're working under along with the rest of your team?



Title:	Election of New Positions	
	A: I have experience in web development. I have google admin experience which is part of the mandate of the IT role. Q: What would you do if you saw shawty fire burning on the dance floor? A: I'd call my friend.	
Discussion of answers:	Sustainability: Jason: Works alongside Hayley in CEED, and she has passion and drive, she can make sure ESS can be sustainable. Hayley also has good faculty connections doing the audits for the faculty. MAckenzie: Hayley talked more about sustainable things we can implement, while Justin talked about things they do in chem eng. Justin is very passionate though and has brought it up multiple times to me. Dom: Justin brought up uosu connection and faculty connections which is a benefit. Hayley has valuable sustainable connections. Dakota: She is a first year, which is good because it shows shes interested already and will probably stay for years to come. Markos: This is a new role, and integrating with uosu it's good to implement new rules and policies into the role Votes: Hayley: 16 votes Justin: 4 votes Abstain: 2 votes Chair & VP Franco Mackenzie: We should do chair, then franco second. Jason: I think he'd be a great chair, seems he'll do his best in being impartial while being connected to ESS as an organisation. Jason: Great choice, currently manager of translation and that would translate well to VP Franco Sofia: She's passionate about being bilingual and making sure that we're bilingual. Votes: Omnibus: 18 for, 1abstain Managers Sofia: We should omnibus. Eric: Mackenzie's experience will be very helpful in the role.	



Title:	Election of New Positions
	Dakota: Several of the candidates did leave but haven't shared thoughts, just a statement.
	Daniel: On Eric's point, is there a concern about old exec's overstepping
	as a concern of mackenzie filling the role.
	Eric: I'm okay will Mackenzie, I don't think she'll overstep because he thinks she'll let him explore the position.
	Madi: I'll put Jason in his place.
	Daniel: To Dakota, I don't thing managers are in a position for their voice, moreso their duties than their political voice,
	Dakota: If they don't care about the meeting would they care about the role?
	Katelyn: Personally a lot of points are talked about, so often not talking is because we agree rather than we don't care.
	Dom: Mackenzie (sports) has a lot of good experience, really good communication, good response time, big endorsement.
	Owais: I want to vouch Mackenzie (101), I've known her for the longest
	time and she's super involved and well rounded. She's fun, and wants to give what she's got left before graduating.
	Madi: Anyone know Cyrus background?
	Dakota: I have no doubt he can't do the IT stuff
	Carolina: I want to highlight Mackenzie x2,, they're easy and good to work with as manager of translations. The person speaking for manager of translations I couldn't hear the french part as well because it's an important role for francophone.
	Daniel: There was a lack of the translations, more on the communication and engagement with the francophone students. Doesn't mean she won't be suited for the role but rather a role more like VP Franco.
	Hayley: Vouching for Martina, she wanted to get more involved, and the fact she stayed for all 9 hours she wants to be involved especially as a first year it's less known.
	Motion to omnibus, second Madi. Motion to omnibus, second Dom. votes for: 16, votes against: 0, abstain:
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b. Ratification of NEW positions (if needed)

Title:	Ratification of New Positions		
Mover:	Executive	Seconder:	Sofia
Language:	English		



Title:	Ratification of New Positions			
Whereas:	An election to fill the vacant position of VP Sustainability & VP Franco with an interim was held and requires ratification and an election of new manager positions			
BIRT:	Hayley Jubinville be ratified as Interim VP Sustainability a by-election is held. Carolina Gonzalez be ratified as Interim VP Franco a by-election is held. Jason Gonzalez be ratified as Manager of Marketing for the 2024-2025 term. Mackenzie Gillis be ratified as Manager of Sports for the 2024-2025 term. Martina Duran Tseluiko be ratified as Manager of Social Media for the 2024-2025 term. be ratified as Manager of Translations for the 2024-2025 term. Cyrus Choi be ratified as Manager of Information Technology for the 2024-2025 term. Mackenzie Conrad be ratified as Manager of 101 Week for the 2024-2025 term.			
Result:	Passes unanimously			
Discussion:				

c. Election of BOD Chair (if passed with new eligibility)

Title:	Election of BOD Chair	
Mover:		
Language:	English	
Candidate(s):	Daniel Thorpe	
Discussion of Questions:	(See above)	
BIRT:	(Official Motion)	

d. Ratification of BOD Chair



Title:	Ratification of Interim VPs		
Mover:	Executive	Seconder:	Sofia
Language:	English		
Whereas:	An election to fill the vacant position of BOD Chair for the 2024-2025 term.		
BIRT:	Daniel Thorpe be ratified as BOD Chair for the 2024-2025 term.		
Result:	Passes unanimously		
Discussion:			

16. Varia

- → Discussion of ESS/UOSU Loan (Daniel Thorp)
 - ◆ It was tabled at the UOSU exec meeting because of lack of knowledge. Currently against the motion because of lack of responsibility throughout the year. If it is worth the funds it will be taken to the exec meeting, open to thoughts because of being currently against it, as it is unlikely to pass at the meeting.
 - ◆ Mackenzie: Delphine, UOSU prez, brought it up to Mackenzie and tabled it until the next years exec team was ratified, rather than a current year exec team issue. It was UOSU who brought it forward as an idea.
 - ◆ Daniel: The reason for that is Daniel brought it up to Delphine as we our in a deficit losing money, and then Delphine reached out as 101 week is important for all incoming students. Potentially not an issue that ESS doesn't need because it wasn't us that brought it up to her.
 - ◆ Dom: At the point that Delphine asked, it was very appealing as we were not payed back by EEF, CALE, and investing account, in a very low part in spending money. At that time more money would have been a benefit because of how much we spend on 101 week, having that as a contingency fund was at the best interest for the society in case of lack of sponsors and funding. It would be best to have that money beforehand.



- ◆ Jason: As VP social a lot of vendors understand we don't have the money beforehand and would often give out deals to us. We don't spend the full 101 week budget before 101 week because a lot of vendors are okay with it, it would be better to think about how we spend our money better rather than having a contingency plan
- ◆ Mackenzie: Yes many vendors understand, but also many require money beforehand. As VP Social I spent about 20k before kit sales even happened.
- ◆ Madi: Would 101-week not happen?
- ◆ Mackenzie: It would be not good 101-week without it.
- ◆ Eric: Some events would be cut.
- ◆ Mackenzie: I don't think Dom meant going overbudget, moreso going over what we have in the bank account so that getting the levies beforehand counters that.
- ◆ Jason: Putting out numbers, in a week or so we'll gain 30k, then around 5k-10k. Last year the budget was 46k, the majority of that was paid after 101 week after kit sales.
- ◆ Juan: I agree that the main concern is the spending habits, I think the conversation is heading whether we get the levy money earlier or not. It's also not an increase, it's just an advance on the liquid money now so 101-week can happen. It should be focused on better habits next year, but money to just get an advance to properly run 101 week.
- ◆ Daniel: The reason we may not do this, UOSU also doesn't have infinite money and it does not look good on ESS by asking for a loan, it makes a visible difference. There's a concern around the fact that we're asking for this makes it seem like we're in a much more dire situation. The independence from the faculty brings higher responsibility and as an independent society it may not be beneficial.
- ◆ Jason: Yes it's an advance, but I really want to make sure we don't think of it as extra and spend even more by spending on 101-week as it takes away from other fall events. In winter we may not have money for other events.



- ◆ Alae: I think Daniel should vote to take the loan for 101-week contingent on us being more responsible throughout the year.
- ◆ Madi: Based on daniels points we shouldn't focus on our perception, but we should focus on the 101-week and outreach rather than what they think of us now. If we have a better 101-week to gain more people.
- ◆ Mackenzie: Other RSGs have done this as well, it is not as bad as it appears to UOSU.
- ◆ Daniel: This may have happened to another RSG, but it happened 10 years ago and it was not for an RSG but an external organization that UOSU funds.
- ◆ Dom: I've been given the agreement and told to sign it as it will be completed and it's my understanding it's already been completed.
- ◆ Daniel: With the amount being requested it must be approved by the committee, Delphine does not have authorization.
- ◆ Dom: Delphine said, the max amount is 25k so we did 24k.
- ◆ Daniel: The other execs will want to have Dom to discuss at the meeting. It will happen regardless of my opinion.
- ◆ Jason: I just want to note as speaking from last VP Social from seeing what events were canceled, I think it's feasible to do a 101 week for the kiddos on a budget because of many vendors making deals with us understanding the situation of not getting money until kit sales. Other events may suffer.
- ◆ Eric: I don't have my position, but hearing about the emergency fund I viewed it as an emergency rather than extra money for the budget.
- ◆ Dom: This is not free money, our budget review will take it into account.
- → Appeal of membership (Ryan Goodwin)
 - ◆ Tabled

17. Notice of Motions

18. Adjournment

Title:	Adjournment
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Mover:	Executive	Seconder:	Sofia
Language:	English		
BIRT:	The meeting be adjourned at 8:40 PM		
Result:	Passes unanimously		
Discussion:			

19. Next Meeting

The next Meeting of Members will be held in May 2024

20. Motions from the Members (cont.)

Title:	Constitution changes
Mover:	Mackenzie Conrad
Language:	English



Title:	Constitution changes
Whereas:	Amend the highlighted parts in the constitution as shown in this document
BIRT:	
BIFRT:	
BIFRT:	
Result:	



Motion to appeal the 2 week rule, and add a 15 minute recess to go over the const. changes for those who haven't yet. (Seconder: Madison)A request for a summary of the changes + highlighting, but wasn't done due to large amount of changes. Vote: 24 For, 1 Against, 6 Abstain. 15 minute recess, resumed at xx.

Lines to discuss: 195, 208, 240, 268, 308, 311&312, 332, 372, 430, 549, 559-561, 563, 578, 580, 601, 636, 659&660, 711, 861, 896, 965, 1079, 1138, 1178, 1187, 1551.

195: Outside organizations generally do "open" applications to advocate impartiality, this policy looks like it would be harder to ensure impartiality. Vote (to remove this line): 20 For, 1 Against, 8 (incl. Sofia) Abstain. Vote passed to remove this line.

208: Clarification asked, then confirmed that this line will be re-written for clarification.

240: Clarification about "year", person running would be representing the "year" of the classes rather than amt of years of classes individual has taken.

268: Clarification: This is for BioTech students. Asked to amend to include PHY 1521. Asked to re-amend to keep this point to any student of one of these classes.

Vote for current amendments to constitution. Vote passes unanimously in favour of current amendments. (Section 1) (Sofia)

308: Basically, be in good standing and to not be failing classes. For the sake of the student, but also because you're representing engineering students and the faculty.

310&311: To not drop classes for the sake of the role. Also, line 310, discussion to remove this line entirely. (lines have been moved around)

332: Clarification was asked and answered.

359: Update requested to add this constitutional line to/for the "manager of 101 week" position as well.

Discussion:



- 372: Clarification requested, not all schools send their VP External to conferences without GAs. Argument against is that having VP Ex go makes it easier to funnel and allocate the required conversations. Argument against is that these conferences tend to have VP Externals from other schools group together making it more difficult for new head delegates to be a part of the conferences and be safe. Argument against is that it would be better to have more students go to these conferences. Argument for is that we want this position to be open for any students who want to go. Amendment request is to put a cap/limit on how many conferences a student could go to. "Circular" called. Amendment request to remove line/amendment entirely. Vote for changing policy back to what it as: 21 For, 3 against, 3 abstain. Vote passed to change back this line.
- *A point was added to potentially add a const. rule, but as per our rules & regulations, the additions must be approved by BOD minimum 2 weeks before AGM, so no new rules can be added.*
- 430: Motion to remove line about the 18 yr old requirement regarding federal rules, however this was clarified by VP Finance as a requirement BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS to be able to handle transactions.
- 457: Update requested to change industry night to industry event as not all industry events are at night.
- 500: Clarification requested on why this line is needed, answer was because there are certificates that exist as proof and tests for those who don't have the certificates. Changing the 60% of courses to minimum of 3 classes in French.
- 549: Clarification requested on why this exists, answer was that this is a free update to also boost spirit. Update requested to change this line's location. Update was that this section has been re-written.
- 557: Line was asked to be updated to "form AND oversee the 101 week committee"
- 559: Requested to add Messy day, ice breakers, and couch carry. Amendment requested to replace couch carry to an explore Ottawa/Gatineau event. Events and lines have been updated and amended in the constitution.



578: Instead of a survey after each event, have one survey per semester instead. Request to clarify in the constitution the Fall and Winter semesters.

601: By having this mandated in January it limits the creative freedom of the VP Philanthropic. Requested to remove this requirement.

657: This line should be amended to reflect the change made to line 500.

659: Requested that VP Sustainable Initiatives should apply to serve with the sustainability committee. Question asked why this new position even exists as no other club/RSG has. Response was that there was a very big meeting in which many other schools are either adding this role or have added it already (UofCalgary for example)

681: Add "adjust for CPI"

711: Remove "contested" from positions.

Vote for current amendments to constitution. 26 For. 0 Against, 1 abstain. Vote passes in favour of current amendments. (Section 2) (Sofia)

Motion to add funds for dinner. Alae seconded. Vote passes unanimously. The food will be decided later.

792: Question asked of why give/require managers to have office hours, as we have enough VPs to cover the office hours. Response was that it helps with engagement. Question was asked if/why managers would have their own office hour shifts (without VP). Response was that many students come for basic ESS/office questions in which specific VPs are not required. Added that having managers present helps when a VP cannot come in for their office hours for whatever reason. Amendment requested to update the overall roles of managers to be more specific about job description and [having the choice to have office hours, if voted upon by the executives].

822: A request to add/change description to all forms of marketing instead of just social media.



906: Question asked of why Manager of 101 week has "classroom talks". Answer was that all managers have this mandate. Question asked if this role could be brought down to Commissioner. Response was that the amount of work needed for this role is definitely enough to compare with other manager roles. Commissioner is a role that's appointed rather than manager being voted.

Vote for current amendments to constitution. 22 For, 0 against, 2 abstain. Vote passes in favour of current amendments. (Section 3) (Sofia)

965: A request to add "expand partnerships..."

Vote for current amendments to constitution. Vote passes unanimously in favour of current amendments. (Section 4) (Sofia)

Question asked if there is a rule against someone being on multiple committees, answer was no.

Mackenzie motions to vote for current amendments to constitution. Vote passes unanimously in favour of current amendments. (Section 5) (Sofia)

Mackenzie motions to vote for current amendments to constitution. Vote passes unanimously in favour of current amendments. (Section 6) (Sofia)

Mackenzie motions to vote for current amendments to constitution. Vote passes unanimously in favour of current amendments. (Section 7) (Sofia)

note: by this point, there was a change/glitch in the document format that changed the lines drastically.

1262: Amendment requested that the VP Social should be a signing authority in the times leading up to/during 101 week.

Motion to remove the small detail descriptions of Section 8 policy and put them into the "How to VP Finance" document instead. Response was that these small details are much more broad than the details in the Finance document. Mackenzie motioned to table finance section to last section discussed. Motion passed unanimously. (Alae)

Vote for current amendments to constitution. Vote passes unanimously in favour of current amendments. (Sections 9, 10, and 11) (Dominick's)



Title:	Constitution changes	
	1555: Amendment requested as "probationary measures" should be clarified.	
	Mackenzie motions to vote for current amendments to constitution. Vote passes 28 for, 1 abstain in favour of current amendments. (Section 12) (Sofia)	
	Daniel motions to table amendments to financial controls policy until the fall term. Motion passes unanimously. (Jason seconds) (Section 8)	