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Engineering Students' Society | Association Des Étudiants En Génie
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Meeting Minutes

Date: 2021-03-21

Location: Zoom

Call to Order

1. Land Acknowledgement/Reconnaissance de la terre

2. Adoption of Agenda/Adoption de l'agenda

Motion to Approve Agenda: Julian

Second: Reese

Discussion: N/A

Votes: 18 for

- Vote passes unanimously

3. Roll Call/Appel nominal

Chair: Alexis McCreath Frangakis (she/her/elle)

Secretary: Abbey Jayne (she/her, elle/lui)

Executive:

- President: Reese Wunsche (she/her, elle/lui)
- VP Finance: Reethi Paul (Absent)
- VP Social: Mahyar Gorji
- VP Internal: Rafi Biouss (Zach Nott as proxy)
- VP External: Chloe Bergeron (she/her/elle)(Absent)
- VP Academic: Abigail Famula (she/her/elle)
- VP Communications: Elise Cloutier
- VP Philanthropic: Sameeha Gani (Absent)
- VP Services: Laura Godfrey

Subassociation Presidents:

- MESS: Sam Garcia (Absent)
- ChESS: José Martinez (he/him, il/lui)
- IEEE: Michal Ridner
- CSCE: Clark Chen - (Kayla Bigras as proxy)

Year Reps:

- First Year:
 - Section A: Yasen Akir (Late)
 - Section E: Farah El Siss(she/her)



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- Section H: Alae Boufarrachene (Absent)
- Chemical Engineering Representatives:
 - 2nd Year: Lilly Ferrier (she/her, elle/lui)
 - 3rd Year: Leila Kusmic (she/her)
 - 4th + Year: Lucas Taylor-Erichson (Absent)
- Computer Engineering Representatives:
 - 2nd Year: Sheena Verana
 - 3rd Year: N/A
 - 4th + Year: Mousto Bah (Absent)
- Mechanical Engineering Representatives:
 - 2nd Year: Kaleigh Ionadi
 - 3rd Year: Zane MacDonald
 - 4th + Year: Sally Raad (she/her/elle)
- Civil Engineering Representatives:
 - 2nd Year: Devin Colman
 - 3rd Year: Julian Ward (he/him, il/lui)
 - 4th + Year: Noah Andrea (Absent)
- Electrical Engineering Representatives:
 - 2nd Year: Rikki Romana (She/her, Elle/lui)
 - 3rd Year: N/A
 - 4th + Year: Madi Smrtka (Late)
- Software Engineering Representatives:
 - 2nd Year: Nicholas Morin (He/Him, Il/lui)
 - 3rd Year: N/A
 - 4th + Year: N/A
- Co-Op Representatives:
 - Scott Fulton (He/Him/Il/Lui) (Absent)
- French Representatives:
 - 2nd Year: Souleima Torjemane (she/her/elle)
 - 3rd Year: Jade Breau (She/Her/Elle) (Absent)
 - 4th + Year: Vincent Côté-Larouche (He/Him, Il/lui)

4. Constitution Amendments Discussion & Approval/Discussion et approbation des changements de la constitution

- Julian wants to pull out the inclusivity policy 11.0 and VP Equity 1.3.12; wants to have more discussion to see if people have any suggestions to improve, etc
 - Madi smrtka joined 11:16am
 - No discussion on 1.3.12
- Julian pulls out subassociation policy
 - Julian asks subassociation reps if this is fair?



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- Leila points out that this section helps sub associations run better and makes their requirements more clear
- Nicholas asks if all subassociations have a robust enough constitution that would respect ours or could there be conflicts?
 - Julian says that a lot of these changes came from CSCE constitution and that MESS, IEEE have robust constitutions but ChESS does not have much. However, these statements are all general enough that they have leeway.
 - Jose says that most constitutions are pretty solid and it is an unspoken rule that subassociations follow the ESS constitution
 - Julian says this is being enforced with discretion, as with anything in the constitution, its up to the discretion of the group to determine what they do with this information
- Kayla motions to amend point J in 4.3.2 to “make the meeting minutes for all **public** meetings to be publicly available” since at many exec meetings they plan surprise events that they do not want to make public at that moment
- Second: Abby
- Discussion:
 - Reese is not in favour since all minute meetings should be available and if there is info that you don't want the public to know you can always strike it from the minutes in order to keep that info private
 - Julian adds that this change is for ESS as well not just sub associations, in order to make everyone more transparent
- Votes: 5 for, 15 against, 2 abstentions
 - Motion fails, wording will not be changed
- Yasen arrived (11:31 am)
- Nicholas wants to clear up to whose discretion this subassociation policy is? Is it to the discretion of the subassociation whether or not they follow these rules?
 - Reese says that this is correct but there are penalties at the subassociation accountability meetings if they do not have a valid reason for not following these rules (e.g. didn't send someone to a conference bc there was no conference)
- Kaleigh pulls out manager of translations 1.3.16
 - Kaleigh asks if there's a reason why the manager of translations isn't doing their class presentation in french? In order to reach more french students
 - Julian supports this and suggests a motion



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- Kaleigh motions to change the class presentations to be presented in french for manager of translations
- Second: Julian
- Discussion: N/A
- Votes: 22 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions
 - Motion passes
- Julian pulls out equity committee 2.3.4
 - Wants input to see if this is a fair statement or if there should be any changes
 - Reese motions for EngiQueers to have a capital Q in order to be the proper name
 - Second: Zane
 - Discussion: N/A
 - Votes: 18 for, 0 against, 1 abstention
 - Motion passes
- Nicholas asks if in the event that nobody runs for VP equity, does that mean that there is no equity committee?
 - Chair says that when a position is not filled it is generally up to the president to fill that position as they see fit

Motion: Elise motions to omnibus the approval of proposed constitution amendments

Second: Reese

Discussion: N/A

Votes: 18 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions

- Motion passes

Motion: Reese motions to approve all proposed constitution amendments included in the omnibus

Second: Abby

Discussion: N/A

Votes: 21 for, 0 against, 1 abstention

- Motion passes

5. Varia

- Reese will be posting the ESS scholarships on the BoD page and the nominations will be 1 week long, then we vote and scholarships will go out during exam season
- Reese also has \$500 budgeted for council meetings that has not been used so she wants to send out \$20 uber eats gift cards for AGM (which is a lot more than it would be in person for a pizza)



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- Should she lower the voucher to \$15 or increase the budget to be able to have \$20 per person? Or not use the budget at all?
- Laura says increase the budget so more people can get vouchers and \$20 on ubereats is not much so do \$20 dominoes voucher instead bc you can buy a lot of pizza
 - Reese says that in person we would not be supplying a full lunch just a little something
- Toni (w/ devins speaking rights) agrees we should increase the budget to give vouchers to more people bc it will incentivize people to come
- Reese motions to increase the budget from \$500 to \$1500 to allow 75x\$20 lunch gift cards/vouchers for people who attend AGM
- Second: Abby
- Discussion:
 - Julian thinks that we could go higher than 50 vouchers bc that is not many people (there are 30 people in the current call). We should budget for 100 vouchers because its worth it and we havent gotten to spend much money this year
 - Reese hesitant to increase budget to \$2000 because that is a lot for food for one meeting
 - Sally wants to amend the motion to 75 vouchers to be a happy middle from 50 to 100
 - Friendly
 - Julian left meeting (11:55 am) Kayla Phillipps as proxy
- Votes: 22 for, 1 against, 0 abstentions
 - Vote passes

6. Adjournment/Ajournement

Motion: Reese

Second: Abby

Discussion: N/A

Votes: 24 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions

- Motion passes :)