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Meeting Minutes

Date: 2020-01-31, 11am

Location: Zoom

Call to Order

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to Approve Agenda: Julian

Second: Reese

Discussion: N/A

Votes: 25 for, 0 against

3. Roll Call

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
- VP Social: Mahyar Gorji
- VP Internal: Rafi Biouss
- VP External: Chloe Bergeron (she/her/elle)
- VP Academic: Abigail Famula (she/her/elle)
- VP Communications: Elise Cloutier
- VP Philanthropic: Sameeha Gani
- VP Services: Laura Godfrey

Subassociation Presidents:

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

Year Reps:

- First Year:
 - Section A: Yasen Akir



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- Section E: Farah El Siss(she/her)
- Section H: Alae Boufarrachene
- 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 *Need last name!*
- 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 - Absent
- 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)
- French Representatives:
 - 2nd Year: Souleima Torjemane (she/her/elle)
 - 3rd Year: Jade Breau (She/Her/Elle)
 - 4th + Year: Vincent Côté-Larouche (He/Him, Il/lui)

4. Elections of Year Representatives (If candidates present)

- Year rep stuff 2021-01-31 doc

5. Ratification of Year Representatives (If candidates present)

- Ali proxy for CSCE joined (11:33 am)

6. Executive Updates

a. President

- Ema (manager for sponsorships) has resigned. Reese will be doing this role for now
- By next BOD meeting they will have another manager of sponsorships



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- COVID fund selection committee getting together this week. Hopefully giving out money in the next 2 weeks
- Camp leader chosen for graduation ceremony
- Biweekly meetings with officers have been going great

b. VP Finance

- Meeting with NBC last week. GIC has been processed
- E-transfer is set to go now
- Making forms for people to fill out for e-transfers in order to keep track of them better
- UOSU audit was done last week
- Contest prizes under presidents budget increased from 100 to \$200 for biweekly competitions on instagram
- Tournament prize budget under manager of sports
 - League of Legends went from \$150 to \$300
- VP services +\$250 for stickers that will be included in all orders from now on
- Looking into the subassociation audits (will update us on when those will happen)

c. VP Social

- Working with Abby and Zach to run events
 - Zach is doing great <3
- Scrapped among ESS
 - Starting up Scribble.io nights
- ESS minecraft server in the works (paid hosting)
 - Probably have the budget to have survival + creative, maybe even some mods
 - Working all of these details out in the near future
- Abby and Muffy working on planning a New Grad Panel
 - If you know people who have graduated recently/will graduate soon and are lacking motivation/etc, tell them to come to the New Grad Panel to learn some stuff!

d. VP Internal

- OEC just happened, it was great!
 - We got 3rd
- UOEC money almost done and dealt with
- Looking to plan some events (another CS.GO event)
 - Maybe a valentines day event
- NEM events still to come
 - closer to February

e. VP External

- See VP External Slideshow!
- Chloe motions to add \$150 to her budget for ESSCO AGM/CALE (for delegate fees)



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- Sameeha seconded
- Discussion: N/A
- Votes: 22 for, 0 against, 4 abstentions (Chloe notably)

- Chloe wants to add \$1000 to VP External budget to bid for ESSCO PM 2021. Wants to know if people would agree to this?
- Discussion:
 - Looking for ESS money, EEF money, and sponsors
 - Idea is that PM is the easiest and smallest conference (only send 2 people per school)
 - Could buy merch that isn't specific to PM so that ESS could sell it after
 - \$1000 is "worst case scenario" since they haven't actually bid for the conference yet (just a base that they can play with)
 - Charbel Choueifaty (with Reese's speaking rights) says that Chloe should wait until next meeting when she has more specific budget/details, etc in order to ask for this money
 - Motion tabled until next BoD
- Poll: Nobody seems opposed.

- Souleima and Alae want to reinforce bilingualism within ESS
 - English is very dominant in all aspects of ESS (not ESS's fault and certainly not exclusive to ESS) but there are things we could do to reinforce bilingualism
 - E.g. Constitution is not fully translated to french, not all presentations are presented in english and french (mostly just english), etc
 - Want to achieve linguistic balance
 - Want to start a bilingual Engineering Peer Connection Program. You fill out a form about you, your interests, and your peers.
 - Heavily based on the original Engineering Peer Connection Program
 - Open to suggestions to make it a more personal form/idea
 - Also want to potentially create a committee or a new position of VP Bilingual or VP des affaires francophones
 - Chair says to contact Reese about this for Constitution Review (best to discuss this there) in order to bring this all up in February BoD
 - Rafi says that getting a new VP position is a difficult task and suggests looking into Manager of Translations' role and what they can do to help (modifying that role instead of creating a whole new position)
 - Chloe points out that VP has a bigger role + voting rights that Manager of Translations does not have. We do have a lot of French students so it is a lot of work but it's worth it.
 - Vincent agrees that Manager of Translations does not have much power and that a VP Franco would be a good thing (however verbally bilingual meetings are unnecessary since it would double the time for meetings)



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- Sam Garcia arrived at meeting (12:19pm)

f. VP Services

- ESS Store closed for now bc of state of emergency
 - Will reopen when we are able to
- Discussing doing a merch sale when lockdown is over (to get rid of leftover merch from last year)
- Wants to organize a patch night sometime
- Souleima left (12:22 pm)

g. VP Communications

- Just started doing paid facebook and instagram ads (specifically for industry night)
 - Got good feedback from Julian!
- Resigned contract with CU advertising
- Toni working on biweekly instagram competitions
- Justin redoing entire website so that its bilingual
- Julian suggests having a checklist/procedure when events are happening and posting lots to promote events
 - E.g. update discord, instagram, mailout, etc so that everyone is aware
 - Elise says this already exists. If this isnt enough they will try to post more, however online events always have less turnout than in person events
 - Trying to find the balance between overposting and making people annoyed + under posting and having people not knowing that events are happening
- Sally suggests posting all events to Event story highlights on instagram since 24 hour stories are gone forever
- Zane says that using @everyone on discord too much will make users lose engagement and they will mute the notifications
- Vlad agrees with Julian that as long as you're not pinging everyone, you can post as much as you want
- Julian says that people have brought up that they don't know when events are happening. He wants to see a standardized way of promoting events, using facebook, Instagram, and the Discord. A lot of times people don't use all three platforms and miss out on a sizeable chunk of people (maybe having a manual to publicize events)
- Sam says that there are different ways to advertise (e.g. class talks, faculty newsletters)
- Vlad says mentioning events in conversation in zoom chats could help too



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- Laura points out that class talks aren't the best way to advertise as people get annoyed and don't listen
 - Chloe has tried reaching out to faculty in order to get things advertised before and they don't respond
 - Reese says more discussion on class talks will happen during constitution meeting in February
 - Sam says you shouldn't stop doing class talks just bc people get annoyed. It has worked in the past for MESS.
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- Laura says lack of advertising is not just Elise's fault
 - If you are hosting an event, you need to get your info to Elise earlier for better advertising (at least 1 week before + translated in english and french)

h. VP Academic

- 293 students signed up + 15 companies attending Industry Night
- Discussed how to return to school
 - How does everyone think returning to school should go?
 - Reese thinks UART should consider needing COVID vaccination records before going back into school
- Discussion within UART about certain problematic professors
 - Email Abby if this happens to you, she can email the right people to get your voice heard
- Let Abby know opinions/suggestions for Morale Events since turnout is low
- Sent out a letter to Jill Scott in November (and planning drafting new letters) with academic concerns including professors not recording zoom lectures, etc
 - Let Abby know if you have any other concerns
 - Charbel (with Muffy's speaking rights) says prof's have their own academic rights so they can't be forced to record

i. VP Philanthropic

- Last BoD people suggested doing an online Eng Ball type event
 - Sameeha trying to plan something like a photo contest (or similar) with a prize to give people a reason to dress up
 - Vincent says to look into Gather.Town for virtual meeting space with avatars

7. BoA Update

- Approved Club funding (including MESS funding)
- Hosting an event next Tuesday (Open House Round Table)
 - Come and ask them questions!
 - Link will be sent out soon
- Chloe will be sending promotional stuff out to execs and subassociations soon for moi de la francophonie



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8. Subassociation Updates

a. ChESS

- Currently selling sweatshirts
 - Sales end feb 20
 - Probably receive them mid march
- Some students of Dr Sowinski's Plant Design class have reached out to ChESS about a Brewery/Distillery project
 - They will be asking EEF for most of the money
 - ChESS donated \$500 as a symbolic gesture of support, wants ESS to do the same
- José motions for ESS to draft a letter of support for this Brewery and Distillery project and to donate \$500 for the project (same amount as ChESS did)
- Abby seconded
- Discussion:
 - Chloe and Abby have offered to help write the letter
 - Sam wants more details for this project
 - José says it's the first university-backed brewery project
 - Very good PR (good for prospective students since they can see a really cool university-backed student project)
 - Could bring in COOPs
 - Not sure of all specifics (e.g. will it be a club?) but he was asked for support so he's asking for support as well, he thinks it's a great opportunity
 - Leila says this is a Chem Eng based project and can bring in other eng students for the control systems, etc
 - Reese says she is entirely willing to pledge support but less willing to donate \$500 until more specifics about the project are known
 - Julian says we should see a budget/sponsorship package before we pledge any money
 - Julian suggests amending this motion into 2 motions (1 for support letter and 1 for money)
 - This is friendly

AMENDED:

- José motions for ESS to draft a letter of support for this Brewery and Distillery project
- Abby seconded
- Votes: 24 for, 1 against (Sam Garcia notably), 2 abstentions
- Motion passes
- José motions for ESS to give \$500 to the above project



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- Abby seconded
- Votes: 19 for, 2 against (Notably: Sally), 6 abstentions (Notably: Reese, Rafi, Reethi)
- Motion passes

b. IEEE

- Reactivated the IEEE photonics student chapter (grad level)
 - Starting to advertise and plan events
- Started SITE discord
- SPACK event between IEEE uOttawa and Carleton, went well aside from some technical difficulties
- Patch design competition winners will be announced soon
- Comedy night happening around reading week, stay tuned for advertisements

c. CSCE

- Elections coming up thursday for year reps
- Website will be updated (stil has 2019 execs on it) another update by next BoD meeting
- Want to start co-hosting events with ?
- 2 events planned for the rest of the semester
 - Female role model in civil engineering (panel with guest speakers to talk about their experiences)
 - Applications of advanced technology in civil engineering (another panel with guest speakers talking about new tech advances in industry)

9. Varia

a. CSCE Accountability Discussion

- Julian brought up 3 major and 3 minor CSCE constitution violations
 - Major:
 - 4 .5.1.5. President (or proxy) hasn't attended ESS BOD meetings since September (missed 3 meetings)
 - 4 .5.9.2. Year rep positions are elected in a by-election that must take place no later than September 30th.
 - Is now holding elections (after a second reminder from me), but initially advertised the wrong positions
 - 6.3.5. One [executive accountability] meeting must be held each semester (these meetings are subject to the rules of Meetings of the Members in section 6.2.)
 - Minor:
 - 4 .5.1.11 President must apply to be a 101 Week guide
 - 4 .5.4.5. VP Internal must regularly maintain and update UOCSCE website and Facebook page.
 - 4. 5.6.2. (Internal) Will conduct the purchase and sales of CSCE merchandise, including at minimum sweaters and patches, as well as any additional initiatives



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- Ali says that now that he is aware of these issues, he will make sure they are fixed
 - Ali will bring these up in CSCE's meeting
 - Will update us by next BoD meeting
- Julian wants civil students to run for CSCE rep!!!

b. Budget Discussion

Proposed ways to use budget (submitted through anonymous form on facebook with proposed \$ amounts):

- PPE donation to Ottawa hospital (proposed up to \$5000)
 - Wise to contact hospital first before donating to see what they would accept (or see if they prefer cash/cheques)
- Jose left meeting (1:27pm) Chloe as proxy
- More money towards ESS website advertising (proposed ~\$100?)
 - In order to get more student participation
- Proposed \$800 for a drone for ESS
- Proposed \$9000-15000 to hire a COOP student to improve website, create discord bots, etc
 - Scott says this is not the best idea
- Patches for new students (starter kit patches)
 - Scott says we can buy rare patches/create a backlog of more expensive patches for future auctions etc
 - Sally brings up frosh patches
 - Laura says that we need concrete numbers of how many people sign up for frosh before we know how many patches we can make/give
 - Also need designs for frosh patches
 - Scott wants to allocate approx. \$900 (average 450 students who get frosh kits every year). This would give each student 2x\$1 patches
 - Allocate money now even if we can't use it until next frosh or frost week
- Proposed \$4000 for uottawa designathon
 - 2 day competition (CAD, critical thinking, problem solving)
 - Friday Feb 12th, 36 hours long
 - Open to all faculties + other universities



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- Students can collaborate to solve problems and present their ideas to a panel of judges
- Potential prizes of amazon giftcards, etc for winners and thank you gifts for participants
- Scott, Nicholas and Sameeha say this is more EEF instead of ESS
- Otis mascot
 - Reese says there is a costume already in ESS office
- Paper software licenses, online software licenses for students (e.g. MAPLE for first year calc students, etc)
 - Since classes are online, students have to pay for assignments but during COVID money may be tight
 - Reese says this is why we have the COVID fund
- Reese says 99 people applied for COVID fund (we budgeted for $30 \times \$250 = \7500)
- Reese wants to increase COVID-19 fund to $50 \times \$250 = \12500 in order to give money to more students (\$5000 increase)
 - Scott supports. Also thinks we should have accepted applications from students who ended class last semester (fall semester) since we are still using their money.
 - Reese says if they applied during the fall semester they could still receive the money even if they graduated now
- Scott wants to add \$1000 for ESSCO PM 2021 bidding (will increase new student / 1st year student involvement)
 - Robert Conrad (with Chloe's speaking rights) says that they will be applying to EEF for money but having money from ESS shows their support which is important
 - Conferences normally cost upwards of \$10K, there isn't a budget right now since they want to get a committee together first
 - Wants to allocate \$1000 right now but not use it until budget is approved in a later BoD meeting
- Scott wants to add ~\$500 for purchasing rare patches for future years' auctions
- Rafi wants to add \$200 for 2 new megaphones for frosh week (since the old one is broken)
- Reethi motions to add \$900 under VP Services for "Patch Starter Kit", \$5000 to the COVID-19 fund, \$1000 for ESSCO PM 2021 contingent on a budget being released to the exec team, and \$500 for purchasing patches for future auctions.
- Chloe seconded



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- Discussion:
 - Abby left meeting (1:59pm)
- Votes: 22 for, 0 against, 1 abstention (Notably Reethi)
- Motion passes
- Julian wants to investigate the \$5000 PPE/covid support donation to the Ottawa Hospital
 - Scott agrees (how much PPE does \$5K buy? Which hospitals need this?) bring this up next BoD since covid will still be a thing for the next year
 - Sally says hospitals are publicly funded, maybe we should focus on giving PPE/sanitizer to foodbanks, homeless shelters, mental health resources, etc
 - Rafi isn't against donating some money to homeless shelters, etc but is more in favour of using some of this money to benefit our students (e.g. giving masks to students)
 - Sameeha and Julian agree
- Reese wants to have \$200 for ESS megaphones instead of \$200 for 2 megaphones
 - Could potentially buy more than 2 megaphones with \$200
- Reese motions to add budget line for \$200 for megaphones under President (since Rafi can't buy them by himself, needs supervision)
- Sally seconded
- Discussion: N/A
- Votes: 18 for (Rafi notably), 1 against (Zane notably), 1 abstention (Reethi notably)
- Motion passes

c. Decorum in Online Platforms

- Julian says on December 4th there was a troll in the discord channel
 - Dealt with okay initially but then people started being counterproductive (being rude back, not helpful, etc)
 - Not outwardly hostile but it could've been more productive
 - Since ESS discord is very inactive, this was one of the only interactions people had with ESS
- Wants people to respond to messages in the discord to answer students' questions
 - Have been pinging appropriate execs to answer questions and some execs have not been answering
 - Elise says this is the reason we have office hours on discord, execs can't be there 24/7 even though it's online (just keep this in mind please!)
 - Scott agrees but says we can still try a bit harder to answer and especially answer respectfully to be bigger than the assholes

10. MESS Updates

- Burglary in MESS office



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- MESS was trying to get the \$600 from their office, went on November 28th and found it
- 2 days after BoD, Sachi went to the MESS office and found out the \$600 was missing
- Investigation case was made, cameras were checked but results were inconclusive
 - Also had 1-on-1 meetings with all execs on MESS
 - Results recorded in notes and on zoom
 - Most MESS execs weren't even in Ottawa
 - Questioned past execs to see if anyone had keys, anyone who had keys were also not in Ottawa
- Working on filing a police report on this matter
- No evidence so far as to who did this
- Investigator mentioned that it could be helpful to question people at BoD since the timing was convenient (2 days after BoD)
- Scott says that usually protection has a list of all execs who have not returned their keys
 - This year was rough for returning keys due to covid
 - Scott wants to know if protection had that list? Did it line up with what people said?
 - Sam says protection doesn't have the list. Investigator urged Sam to reach out to execs herself and most people weren't even in Ottawa
- Scott wants to have a conversation about whether MESS should remain the subassociation for mechanical engineers
 - Fines, this situation, recently the student population voted out the last student union for similar offences, this is a conversation worth having
 - BoD doesn't have the power to take away a subassociation, the actual process for removing a subassociation is getting 10% of all students that that subassociation represents to sign a form to apply for a new subassociation on their behalf
 - Sally says had this conversation been brought up last semester when worse things were happening she would've been fully in support, however we are in a pandemic and everyone is doing their best. Going through burglary is a tough time and not MESS' fault. Sam got dealt a rough hand.
 - Sam says it's unfair to equate SFUO to MESS since SFUO's situation was embezzlement and this is a burglary (which was out of her hands). The burglary could have been anybody's fault (cleaning staff, locksmith, past execs from years ago, etc). Putting the blame solely on MESS is not fair.
 - Sam is doing her best to make sure this situation will never happen again (changing constitution, forwarding the case to the dean with the investigator).



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- Sameeha says that this is not a reflection of Sam's presidency, but in the last few years, MESS has been very dismal and disappointing. This isn't just about this year's budget and pandemic, it's about their demeanor and sketchy events/fines, etc over the past few years.
 - Scott agrees. MESS has been on a road where there are issues each and every year. If he was a student in mech eng and this is where his money was going, he would not be impressed.
 - What current mech eng students are seeing is money that is going places that is not benefiting them.
 - Scott says that not every SFUO was involved in the embezzlement, just as not all of MESS is involved in its problems/this burglary that we don't have answers for yet. It is about the organization.
 - Hopefully filing a police report will encourage the person to return the money.
- Zane asks how disbanding a subassociation is more helpful than redoing the constitution to make up for these inadequacies
- Yaseen and Vincent left meeting (2:36PM)
 - Scott says its more about recognizing that there is issues and showing that we want to improve them
 - Outwardly facing, if we don't disband them it might seem like we think this is acceptable behaviour of a subassociation (this cash box, the fines, etc)
 - Replacing them with a nationally respected chapter (CSME) would look better than reforming MESS
 - Sameeha and Chloe say that CSME are already in place so it would not be so difficult to make them a subassociation
- Sam says that Messy Frost was a noise complaint, not a crime. MESS has never done anything illegal.
 - Scott says a \$500 fine for a noise complaint is illegal activity, if it wasn't illegal you wouldn't be fined
- Sally wants to know why CSME is currently not involved with ESS and how would a switchover work during the pandemic when student involvement is already so low?
 - Scott suggests that if we were to do this, we should tell the students what has happened with MESS over x amount of years, and ask them what their opinions are
 - As BoD members we have different views than the general student population, so we should get their opinion on how they want to move forward
 - Sameeha says that when CSME was formed, MESS didn't want to join. Still thinks CSME would be a good association to represent mech students.
- To Scott's knowledge (and what was written in the meeting minutes) MESS let BoD know about the fine, but didn't go through ESS to pay the fine



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- Sam motions to table the discussion to next BoD
- Sally seconded
- Discussion:
 - Sam left the meeting (2:48PM)
 - Reese says that this discussion is almost at an end so might as well finish it without putting it to next BoD (if Sachi wants to be a representative for Sam)
 - Scott says this is an important discussion as BoD to see how we feel about MESS's actions the past several years
 - Important to look as an outsider and see the money that students have lost
 - Very important to question the student population about how THEY feel
- Votes: 11 for, 12 against, 1 abstention
- Motion fails

- Scott says that ESS and MESS have not had the best relationship and it is not helpful to be at each other's throats each meeting.
 - Scott would support MESS and CSME merging. It would add funding, respectability, and would let us help students more.
 - In the past, CSME got shafted. Now, if they met up, it could help to make MESS better and help more students
- Julian thinking about wanting MESS to draft a statement acknowledging what happened and having transparency
 - Doesn't want this to be an inflammatory situation where a statement is released and students go "ahhh mess is bad"

- Julian motions to recommend that MESS draft a formal statement to be released to all MESS members acknowledging the situation and what is being done to prevent this in the future, also what is being done to rectify it
- Chloe seconded
- Discussion: N/A
- Votes: 22 for, 0 against, 1 abstention
- Motion passes

- Scott motions to recommend MESS meet with CSME to discuss the best future for representing mech eng students (contingent on CSME approving meeting with them)
- Zane seconded
- Discussion:
 - Julian thinks that this is probably premature
 - Scott says these talks would be completely nonbinding and purely to determine the best future going forward (if MESS takes the recommendation)
- Votes: 20 for, 1 against, 1 abstention



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- Motion passes
- Sachi will relay this info

- Chloe wants to have ESS write an open letter to ESSCO with their concerns about french representation
 - French students pay ESSCO fees with little to no french representation/accessibility for them
 - Had to fight to let someone debate in french at the last conference
 - Robert (with chloe's speaking rights) says that (from his experience) Western ESSCO does not recognize french, Atlantic ESSCO has 1 french school, Quebec is exclusively french. The best way to bring up your concern is to write an open letter to bring it up to them and potentially bring up suggestions.
 - This needs to be addressed, especially since uOttawa has so many French students, we are the school to bring this up.

- Chloe motions to have ESS write an open letter to ESSCO asking them to increase french accessibility and visibility.
- Sally seconded
- Discussion:
 - MESS left meeting (3:19PM)
- Votes: 19 for, 0 against, 1 abstention
- Motion passes

- Scott says that COOP rep should have an official ESS email to have some power while emailing COOP office about issues that arise with students in COOP (whether for this year or next)
 - Reese says this is a good idea and should talk to Justin about this

- Chloe says ESS should switch to SITE discord since its way more active than ESS discord and everyone should be using the same platform for office hours (+ its more organized)
 - Reese wants to know if a channel can be made for Among ESS nights/scribble.io etc or if it will be too cluttered
 - Vlad says that a channel can open up during the event and then get removed once the event is over (so clutter won't be a problem)
 - Vlad is hoping to make SITE discord the new default chat for new students and hopes it can be advertised all together to get more first years joining
 - Elise says this can definitely happen and should happen next semester (she'll communicate this with the next VP comms)
 - Vlad says there are roles for ESS, IEEE, and other subassociations. You should get these roles so that you have access to votes in terms of discord set up, etc



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- Scott and Julian say that if anyone wants to talk to them about their opinions outside of BoD meetings, you can message them outside of BoD
 - This will help shorten BoD meetings! :)

11. Adjournment

Motion: Chloe

Second: Devin

Discussion: N/A

Votes: 22 for, 0 against