

# Mathematics Society Council Minutes

Sean Hunt, Secretary

Jan. 17, 2012

The regular meeting of the Mathematics Society Council was called to order at 5:32 pm on January 3rd, with the President in the chair until the election of the Speaker. The minutes of the last meeting were not read.

The following voting members were in attendance, on time:

- J Baxter
- Harrison Gross
- Elana Hashman
- Tappy He
- Sean Hunt
- Lauren Hurley
- Isabel Ji
- Ifaz Kabir
- Brittany Lee
- Gwynneth Leece
- Ford Lu
- Andre Magalhaes
- Daniel Resnick
- Ty Rozak
- Owen Smith
- Joshua Tsai

The following voting members were not in attendance:

- Kathy Liu
- Molly Luo
- Matthew Myrah
- Jacob Parker

The following non-voting members were in attendance:

- Kumar Patel

The following guests were in attendance:

- Joshua Shabtai
- Catherine Sun

Sean Hunt was elected Secretary, and Joshua Shabtai was elected Speaker; the Speaker assumed the chair and the Secretary was present.

Sean moved “to ratify Molly Luo and J Baxter as Software Engineering Representatives for the term”. The motion was adopted without debate.

Sean made a motion which was adopted after amendment and debate as a motion “to set the dates for the VPF by-election, the remaining Council elections, and the referendum regarding Council’s power to make agreements to have the nomination period, for the elections, be from Wednesday, January 4 to Friday, January 13, the campaigning period be from Monday, January 9 to Wednesday, January 18, and the voting period to be Thursday, January 19 and Friday, January 20.”

The President reported a recommendation that “Ifaz Kabir be appointed as interim Vice-President, Finances”, and the recommendation was adopted on Sean’s motion, after debate.

Sean moved a motion to adopt the C&D Report’s recommendation on the amendment of the C&D Board Policy which was adopted as a motion ”to amend the C&D Board Policy to read as follows:

## **The Coffee & Donut Shop**

### **Management Board**

#### **Composition**

There shall be a C&D Management Board. The membership of the Board shall consist of:

- The President
- The Vice-President, Finances
- The Vice-President, Operations
- One person appointed by the Dean
- One person appointed by the Vice-President, Administration & Finance of the Federation
- Six additional members elected by Council as described below
- The manager of the C&D

The members appointed by Council shall be elected to terms of three academic terms or until their replacements are elected. The terms shall be staggered so that two seats become vacant at the start of each academic term. Council shall appoint to the newly-vacant seats at the first meeting of each term. The members appointed by Council shall not work as employees in the C&D.

The chair of the Board shall be elected by the Board in each academic term for the following academic term from among those who are and will be members for both terms in question, including by way of reappointment, re-election, election to a different position, or the like.

The secretary of the Board shall be elected by the Board at the start of each term.

Quorum for the Board shall be one fewer than a majority of its Executive members and members appointed by Council. Only those members shall be counted for determining whether or not a quorum is present.

#### **Duties & Powers**

The C&D Management Board is responsible to manage the C&D, and generally has the power necessary to do so, as well as to generally delegate that power to any subcommittees or to members or employees of the Society, the Federation, or the University. It has the power to set hiring policies in accordance with University hiring process and direct the Human Resources Committee in regards to employees of the C&D.

The C&D shall have a separate bank account from the Society’s primary account, and the Board’s power to manage and spend funds shall be limited to that account.

The Board shall meet at least once in each month in which there are at least three weeks of classes, and shall report to Council at least once each term.

The Board’s decisions shall not conflict with any decision of the Society, and it must follow instructions given to it by the Society. Its decisions are subject to amendment or rescindment by superior bodies.

#### **Manager**

The Society shall hire a manager for the C&D.

The manager of the C&D shall be responsible for management of the C&D under the supervision of the Board and shall generally have the power to manage its affairs, subject to the authority of the Board and other bodies of the Society.

### **Capital Expenditures**

The manager's authority to approve capital expenditures is limited to a maximum of \$500. The manager and the VPO can together approve capital expenditures up to \$2000. The Board can approve capital expenditures up to \$5000. Larger amounts must be approved by Council.

### **Signing Authority**

Signing authority on the C&D bank account shall be held by the President, the VPF, and the manager of the C&D. Two endorsements shall be required for each cheque; normally from the manager and the VPF.

Signing authority on all accounts with the University held by the C&D shall be held by the manager.

After debate, André Magalhães was elected as chair of the Elections Committee, and Sean Hunt, Marc Burns, Salem Talha, and Brittany Lee were additionally appointed as members of the committee.

André made a motion "to postpone the appointments of the Internal Financial Reviewer, the Honorary Lifetime Membership Committee, and the Instructor of the Year Committee to the next meeting of Council, and to direct the Executive and Councilors to advertise the positions", which was adopted without debate.

After debate, Sean Hunt and Ford Lu were elected to the C&D Management Board for a term of one year, Tappy He and Owen Smith were elected for a term of eight months, and Joshua Tsai and Joshua Shabtai were elected for a term of four months.

Owen moved a motion, which was adopted after debate and amendment, as a motion "that the Speaker attempt to call meetings on Tuesday". During the debate, Sean made a point of order that a straw poll was being taken on the day of the week to be chosen, and this was ruled well taken.

Sean moved a motion which was adopted after debate and amendment as a motion "to amend the Election Procedure first by inserting 'and no one shall endorse their own nomination' at the end of the sentence 'No member of the Elections Committee shall endorse a nomination.', second by striking 'half' and inserting 'the full cost' in 'A candidate shall be reimbursed for half of their expenses provided that', third by substituting 'The Elections Committee or Council shall set the entire schedule of an election before it begins, and the Committee shall advertise the dates.' for 'The Elections Committee shall set the entire schedule of an election at once and advertise the dates.', and finally by adding the following:

### **Referendum Procedure**

Except as noted in this section, a referendum shall be governed by the same rules as an election, *mutatis mutandis*.

#### **Petitions**

When a petition for a referendum is received, it shall be verified by the Elections Committee, which Council shall appoint if necessary. If the petition is determined to be invalid, the Elections Committee shall return it to the submitter with an explanation of why it was deemed invalid.

A petition for a referendum on a nonsensical or useless resolution shall not be accepted. If a petition contains multiple resolutions, some of which are nonsensical or useless, the petition shall still be accepted for the remaining resolution or resolutions.

#### **Schedule**

When a referendum is to be held, the Elections Committee or Council shall set the schedule. It shall consist of a campaigning period of at least 5 days, and a voting period of 2 days.

#### **Campaigning Committees**

For each referendum, there shall be a For Committee and an Against Committee. Any campaigning that would count against a candidate's expenses limit in an election may be performed

only by members of the appropriate committee, as approved by that committee. A quorum of a campaigning committee is those members in attendance.

Any voting member, except a member of the Elections Committee, may join or resign from one of the campaigning committees by submission to a member of the Elections Committee. Their change in membership is effective as soon as it is confirmed by a member of the Committee. No one may be a member of both campaign committees for a referendum. The Elections Committee shall keep a public and current list of members of the campaign committees, and inform all members of a campaign committee as soon as that committee's membership changes.

No member of a campaign committee shall engage in any form of campaigning contrary to the established opinion, for or against, of that committee. Members of a campaigning committee shall generally be under the same rules as candidates in an election.

The Elections Committee may call meetings of the campaigning committees, if necessary.

**Expenses Limit**

The expenses by the members of each committee shall total no more than \$100. The individual members of the committee shall be reimbursed for their expenses

**Withholding of Vote**

The Elections Committee may impose as a punishment the withholding of a member's vote. In such a case, the member shall be permitted to submit a physical vote, which shall be kept sealed unless the punishment is lifted, in which case it shall be opened and the vote counted. If it is not used, the vote shall be destroyed.

Sean made a motion "to excuse Kathy Liu for her absence at the meeting", which was adopted after debate.

Ford made a motion "to reimburse the candidates in the Fall 2011 election the remaining 50% of their expenses." which was defeated after debate.

Sean made a motion, which was adopted after debate, "to recommend the appointment of Isabel Ji to the Student Life Endowment Fund."

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,