

Mathematics Society Council Minutes

April 7, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mathematics Society Council was called to order at 6:04 PM. The Speaker was in the chair, and the Secretary was present.

The following voting members were in attendance, on time:

- Tristan Potter (President; Speaker)
- Keegan Parker (VPO)
- Elan Alkhazov (VPF)
- Elana Hashman (VPE)
- Isabel Ji (AS; Secretary)
- Jazbel Wang (CS; Feds Councillor)
- Sean Harrap (CS)
- Alice (Yihan) Zhou (First-Year)
- Deanna Darby Barton (First-Year)
- Shale Craig (SE 15)
- Qici (Catherine) Tan (Stats)

The following voting members were not in attendance, with regrets:

- Andrew McBurney (SE 19)
- Siddharth Asokan (AS)

The following voting members were not in attendance:

- Matthew Silver (First-Year)
- Anna Chen (Math/Business)
- Azoacha Forcheh (Math/Business)
- Jia Yi Cheng (Math/Business)
- Shuo (Claire) Jin (Math/Business)
- Farwa Naqi (SE 17)

The following non-voting members were in attendance:

- Robert Zimmerman (MFSA Co-President)
- Stéphane Hamade (Feds Director)

The following guests were in attendance:

- Gayle Goodfellow (Representative of the Dean)
- Edward Lee (PMAMCOC VPF; CSC VPF)
- Hui Zhang (MFSA VPF)
- Ronnie Yiu (Math/CPA student)

Shale moved to amend the MFSA budget by

- increasing the number of members from 37 to 65;
- reducing the Poker Night budget from \$150 to \$0, as the event was not run; and
- increasing the EOT budget from \$100 to \$250.

Elan seconded the motion. Elana moved to split the question, seconded by Keegan. The motion to split the question was adopted. There were no objections to increasing the number of members and reducing the Poker Night budget as moved. Elana moved to amend the second question to read “increasing the EOT budget from \$100 to \$___”, seconded by Keegan. The amendment was defeated after debate. Keegan moved to amend the amount to \$195 (\$3 per person x 65 total members of MFSA), seconded by Deanna. The amendment was adopted after debate. The motion to amend the MFSA budget by

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was adopted.

Council heard a presentation by Ronnie Yiu, a student-at-large who attended the previous Council meeting to propose the formation of a Math/CPA Student Association (MCSA). Council was informed that the Accounting & Finance Student Association opposed the creation of the MCSA, and Ronnie would like to postpone the proposal until it gained broader support from the Math/CPA student populace.

Council entered confidential session at 6:24 PM, and returned to regular session at 6:33 PM

Keegan moved to appoint Melody Qin as the Spring 2015 Vice-President, Finance, as per the recommendation of the VPF Selection Committee. The motion was seconded by Elan and was adopted.

Keegan moved to ratify Gloria Huang as the Spring 2015 Vice-President, Internal and Simon Huang as the Fall 2015 Vice-President, Operations. The motion was seconded by Sean and was adopted.

Shale moved a motion to recognize outstanding MathSoc volunteers by creating volunteer awards, which, after debate and amendment, read

Whereas the Mathematics Society has no way of awarding current members of the Society other than Honorary Lifetime Membership, and this is a chance to motivate and recognize involvement, starting in Spring 15

Be It Resolved That an award titled “The President’s Award” be created with the description:

“The President’s Award is awarded to a recipient selected by the President. It is awarded to a current Mathematics Society member who has made a significant difference in the Society during their undergraduate career, going above and beyond their responsibilities in their role.

The award may only be received once by any given person. The award consists of a certificate signed by the President of the Society and a novelties mug. The award is presented once per Winter and Spring term."

Be It Further Resolved That an award titled "New Involvement Award" be created with the description:

"The New Involvement Award is selected by the Executive Board. It is awarded to a current Mathematics Society member who has become involved in Society for the first time this term, and has made a large impact in the Society. The award consists of a certificate signed by the President of the Society and a novelties mug. This award is presented once per term."

BIFRT an award titled "First Year Councillor Award" be created with the description:

"The First Year Councillor Award is selected by the Executive Board. It is given to Mathematics Society first-year councillors in their first elected term that have been involved with the Society. The award consists of a certificate signed by the President of the Society and a novelties mug. The award is presented once per Fall and Winter term."

BIFRT the descriptions of these awards be posted to the Mathematics Society website, and are included in the policies.

BIFRT the names of the awards winners be publicized using MathSoc's bulletin boards.

BIFRT the awards are presented through appropriate means, such as at a volunteer appreciation event.

BIFRT a list of past winners of these awards be kept publicly accessible on the Mathematics Society website.

The motion was seconded by Deanna and adopted.

Keegan moved that clubs are not permitted to maintain a cash balance exceeding \$100 for more than two business days unless it is stored in a safe that is difficult to remove from the club's office, seconded by Elan. The motion was adopted.

Keegan moved that clubs are not permitted to hold events at the same time as MathSoc events, unless given explicit permission by the Vice-President, Internal, seconded by Elan. The motion was defeated.

Keegan moved to approve \$178.19 to purchase ink for the MathSoc office printer, seconded by Deanna. The motion was adopted.

Sean moved to approve \$130 for CnD catering for Council Meeting refreshments, seconded by Elan. The motion adopted.

Council heard a report from Keegan Parker, who recommended Ian Goulden, Ty Rozak, Elana Hashman, and Lauren Hurley for Honourary Lifetime Membership on behalf of the HLM Committee.

The minutes of the previous council meeting and the amended minutes of the March 6 Council Meeting were approved.

Catherine suggested that for events jointly organized by two or more MathSoc clubs, at least one representative from each club should be present when requesting funding from Council.

Edward requested justification for Council's decision regarding increasing MFSA's EOT budget to \$195. Council's justification was that the funding decision was

- made considering that a club's social cap was an absolute spending limit, not a recommended spending amount;
- more generous than the Budget Overview Committee's recommendations to allocate \$3 per expected event attendee in order to be fair to clubs, since the recommendations were not in place at the beginning of the term when club budgets were decided; and
- consistent with funding granted to other clubs with similar requests.

Gayle proposed that the old Comfy Lounge furniture be given away between two dates this term, and the remainder be disposed. The Executives would be responsible for publicizing this decision to students.

In the presence of Council, the incumbent President ceremonially relinquished his duties and privileges to the President-elect of Spring 2015 during a cultish ritual.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.