Mathematics Society Council Meeting Minutes

MC 5479 UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

Speaker: President Alex Lee  Secretary: Kevin Li

ATTENDANCE

The following voting members were present:

- Alex Lee
- Krishna Pasumarthy
- Clayton Halim
- Ina Wang
- Bianca Filip
- Sofia Lin
- Kanan Sharma
- Candice Lee
- James Bury
- Arsheya Jain
- Alisa Lin
- Harleen Bhandal
- Jing Yi Wang
- Liban Osman
- Saqib Shahzad
- Jennifer Lee

The following non-voting members were present:

- Kevin Li (Secretary)
- Rachel Vanheule (TSA)
- Gregory (BiC)
- Zichuan Wei (CSC)
- Zahidur Abedin (MGC)
- Catherine Tan (Stats)
- Alex Tomala (CSC)
- Patrick Melanson (CSC)
- Angelina (WiCS)
- Ben Zhang (DSC)
- Lily Wang (PMC)
- Daniel Molka (FARMSA)

The following members were absent

- Junqiao Lin*

* Excused with permission

PRELIMINARIES

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, President Lee called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.
MINUTES

Be it resolved that Council approves the public minutes for the meeting held on September 20, 2018 as presented.

Kanan Sharma, James Bury

Motion passes unanimously.

Regular Session

REPORTS AND UPDATES

PRESIDENT (ALEX LEE)

Executive report was brought up. No questions were asked.

VICE PRESIDENT, OPERATIONS (CLAYTON HALIM)

Executive report was brought up. No questions were asked.

VICE PRESIDENT, FINANCE (KRISHNA PASUMARTHY)

Executive report was brought up. No questions were asked.

VICE PRESIDENT, INTERNAL (KANAN SHARMA)

Kanan requested additions be made to his executive report regarding the resume critiques held on September 20th 2018. This resume critique was held in collaboration with the Data Science Club and experienced high attendance. Each of the volunteers for the critique were given a $20 Coffee and Donut gift card for their participation. No further comments or questions were asked.

VICE PRESIDENT, ACADEMICS (INA WANG)

Executive report was brought up. No questions were asked.

GENERAL ORDERS

RATIFICATION OF FALL 2018 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Whereas the Mathematics Society held the nomination period for the Fall 2018 General Election between September 6th and September 17th, 2018;

Whereas the Mathematics Society received more nominations than positions available for First Year and Math/Business representative, and held a vote on September 20th and September 21st, 2018;
Be it resolved that Council ratifies the following individuals for first-year representative for Fall 2018 and Winter 2019:

- Alisa Lin
- Harleen Bhandal
- Jing Yi Wang
- Liban Osman
- Saquib Shahzad

Be it further resolved that Council ratifies the following individuals for Math/Business representative for Fall 2018:

- Jennifer Lee
- Sofia Lin
- Bianca Filip
- Candice Lee

Kanan Sharma and James Bury

Motion carries unanimously.

BUDGET APPROVAL

Be it resolved that the Fall 2018 budgets for MathSoc club and affiliates be approved as presented.

Krishna Pasumarthy and Clayton Halim.

STATISTICS CLUB 6:38 PM

An overview of the budget was made by the club representative. Representatives from the Statistics Club noted that there were many events on their budget that they host in conjunction with other MathSoc Club affiliates.

It was noted that the Social spending cap was breached by $114 by Alex Lee. Kanan Sharma requested further information on the budget allocated to the Stat Project Self-Starter Club. This is as $120 was allocated to the event, and it was noted in the budget that the event expected around 20 people. Clarification was provided by the Statistics Club representative. It was explained that the funds allocated would be used to provide gift to the alumni volunteers for the event.

No amendments to the budget was made.

At a later time, during the ACT Sci budget presentation, Statistics Club requested a line item be added to their budget: Cookhouse AI be added to the ACT Sci budget for $50.
VPA BUDGET 6:44 PM

An overview of the budget was made by the VPA. On the budget provided, funding was only requested for one event. As it is required of Vice Presidents to hold two events a term, Kanan Sharma asked whether VPA Ina Wang would hold two events this term. Ina responded that this is unlikely to happen, due to various personal reasons. In lieu of this, Ina Wang said that she would be holding office hours this term, from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM Tuesdays and Thursdays. Though a requirement of a VPA, this task is generally left unfulfilled by those previously in the position. It was also said that mock interviews may be held later in the year. Alex noted that the 2-event requirement was no longer required for the VPA role.

A project to catalogue and update textbooks at MathSoc was brought up by Ina and a prior VPA noted that he has a list of textbooks.

Secretary Note: Budget request for VPO occurred at this time due to scheduling conflicts.

DATA SCIENCE CLUB 6:47 PM

It was requested by the Data Science Club that changes be made to budget submitted. They requested an additional $800 for textbook acquisition. A similar amendment was proposed by Alex Lee.

Whereas the Data Science Club is relatively young and thus lacking in assets compared to its more mature brethren,

Be it resolved that $900 be allocated for textbook acquisitions.

Alex Lee and Ina Wang.

Adopted by friendly amendment.

It was noted by the Data Science representative that generally high budget requests are due to the need for capital expenditure, and general startup costs. The need for a tripod was also explained, as the speakers hosted by the club are often streamed, or have their talks filmed and posted online.

Suggestions were made by members of council to request funding from the Capital Improvements Fund and the Math Endowment Fund for their capital expenses, instead of including it in their operations budget. However, Alex raised the fact that requesting funding from the Math Endowment Fund is quite difficult, due to the various requirements and high documentation level.

Various other items were discussed. A question was raised as to if the Data Science Club has a camera. Though the Data Science Representative answered that they do have a tripod, it was proposed that a camera be jointly bought by MathSoc to be shared among the clubs and
affiliates should the need arise. The Data Science Club also requested funds to buy a GPU, to be used as a shared resource amongst its club members. It was requested that this proposal be made to the Capital Improvements Fund, the Math Endowment Fund, or be discussed at a later date.

Questions were asked about the financial position of MathSoc. Alex responded that there is currently a $9000 deficit, primarily due to capital expenditures planned for the year, such as club room renovations. However, Alex noted that this was not a concern.

**ACT SCI 6:56 PM**

An overview of the budget was made by the club representative. Clarification was requested over the line time Casino Night, and the specifics of the event. The representatives from ACT Sci stated that Casino Night would be an exploration of the probability of gambling and other such related items. The funds allocated, $300, are a precautionary measure. The club is currently looking for a sponsor for the event. It was clarified that no gambling of money or monetary substitutes would occur. Alex proposed moving the event from to the Social Events section of their budget. The representatives opted against this, as the social budget for the club is nearing the cap. Budget remained as originally proposed.

Clarifications on Cookhouse AI event were made. The money allocated by the club is also listed as revenue and an expense. It was also asked whether CECA would complain about the Cookhouse event, to which club representative stated that the event is promoted on the CECA website.

**CFSA 7:05 PM**

An overview of the budget was made by the club representative. It was explained that social expenses are high for recruitment purposes, and that the club will run computing and finance events during the term. A Latex workshop may also be held, depending on future circumstances.

It was noted that the social cap was breached.

Candice Lee asked whether the club was limited to CFM students, to which the representative responded that the club was open to anyone interested in finance.

Kanan Sharma requested further information to how the money allocated to the Co-op Panel would be spent. It was clarified that the money was allocated for food and gift cards for the panelists. These panelists are likely to be upper-years. The reason for the large budget for the panel is the anticipated high attendance numbers and uncertainty regarding the event.

Alex Lee inquired to whether events would be held for Math CPA students, to which the representative replied that the club is aimed at inclusivity. An amendment was proposed by Alex regarding the title of a line item.
Whereas the budget reads *AFM 272 Study Session*

Whereas there exists an AFM 273 class,

**Be it resolved that** the *AFM 272 Study Session* be changed to the *AFM 272/273 Study Session.*

_Alex Lee and Candice Lee._

**Adopted by friendly amendment.**

It was acknowledged that the initial line was a typo on the part of the club.

**BIC 7:11 PM**

The club representative requested the $80 allocated to the Bicnic be moved to the Potluck. Alex Lee acknowledged that a mistake may have been made on his part. A breakdown of the proposed budget was given by the BIC representative.

It was mentioned that money had been allocated by MathSoc to provide new banners for all of the clubs. This statement was prompted by the mention that BIC changed their logo recently.

A request was made for a sequencer with estimated cost of $100 000. It was suggested that this acquisition be made through contributions from the Math Endowment Fund.

**FARMSA 7:15 PM**

A general overview of the proposed budget was made by the club representative. It was mentioned that $4 100 was requested, and that there are 170 members of the club. It was also mentioned that they charged a $2 membership fee, which was pointed out to be the lowest possible fee by a council member.

Owing to a jump in funds allocated, questions arose concerning the Westcourt Capital Night, from around $150 to roughly $800. It was stated by the representative that this is owing to the fact that sponsorship has yet to be formally arranged. $150 is anticipated to be covered by the company. The increase in expenses for this event is also tied to the increased duration planned this year.

It was clarified that the R and VBA tutorial are run in partnership with the Stats Club, with expenses shared evenly.

It was noted that the proposed budget exceeded the social cap by $220.52. However, it was mentioned by Alex Lee that this was the first time that he was satisfied with a FARMSA budget.
TSA 7:22 PM

Kanan inquired to the status of the non-MathSoc member of the TSA, due to the discrepancy between total members and MathSoc members in the club. The representatives explained that this is due to a member in the double degree program.

It was mentioned that the TSA budgets are generally satisfactory, due to the small amounts requested. The representative proposed allocating funding for door decorations for the TSA room, however, talks were postponed to a later date.

Between budget sessions, Kanan Sharma made an announcement to all clubs, regarding room space. As there was recently formed a club without a room, audits on room use for all clubs are to be conducted soon. Dependent on circumstances, club rooms may be revoked. Alex Lee stated that a Space committee is likely to be formed to explore this further.

CSC 7:26 PM

An overview of the budget was made by the club representative. It was requested by the club representatives to increase the EOT budget from $312.50 to $400.

Clarification was requested on the honorarium. The representative explained that the $600 was for 2 terms ($300 per term), as no such payment was made the previous term. This line item is likely to become a recurring expense. It was also mentioned that the recipient of this honorarium must include this on their tax forms.

DOUBLE DEGREE CLUB 7:34 PM

An overview of the budget was made by the club representative. Clarification was provided on funding status, and it was explained that club currently does not get funding from Laurier. However, they are currently in talks with Laurier about this subject.

Kanan Sharma requested an email from Laurier be sent to him regarding this topic.

MGC 7:38 PM

$5 000 allocated to the Graduation Ball. A general explanation of the purpose of MGC was given. It was noted by the representatives that due to funding from other sources, much of the funds allocated would not be spent.

WICS 7:42 PM

A request was made by Alex Lee to submit future budgets via spreadsheet. The representative from WICS requested to increase the Office Supplies budget to $200, and the Blockchain
Workshop budget to $100, primarily due to new information arising between the time the budget was submitted and the budget meeting. A line item was added, per the request of the representatives, for a potential future event to which $100 was allocated.

**WIM 7:45 PM**

No members were present at the meeting. No budget was presented to the Council.

**PMC 7:45 PM**

No comments were made on budget by representative. Clarifications were made on the topic of events.

**PRESIDENT**

Alex Lee gave rationale for some of the various increases requested to the budget. First year affairs budget was increased, primarily due to an anticipated increased involvement of the First Year Representatives, as well as general fiscal reasons, such as inflation.

Among the line items, $2200 was allocated primarily for new banners for both the clubs and MathSoc, though it is anticipated that a surplus will remain from this. Of the $2200, $200 was allocated to increasing MathSoc email security, via the purchase of security keys for each of the Council Members. $300 allocated to Executive expenses, as a precautionary measure. No questions were asked.

Karan proposed an amendment to the budget, due to circumstances overlooked during the original creation of the budget.

- **Whereas** the current budget for Executive dinner is based the expenses from the previous year,
- **Whereas** the previous year’s Executive dinner had one absence,
- **Be it resolved that** the budget for the Executive dinner be increased from $120 to $150. *Kanan Sharma and Alex Lee.*

**Motion passes by friendly amendment**

**VPO**

Increased budget generally due to increased operating costs in the seasonal term.

**VPI**

A general explanation of budget was made by the VPI. Increases to the budget are due to increased ambitions regarding the events for the term. A proposal to add Cards against Humanity as line item was made, but generally denied. Some debate arose regarding certain
increases in the budget. The budget remained as proposed. A question was raised on the time of the Director’s Welcome. The event is to be held the first week of October, as the VPI clarified.

COUNCIL

Some debate over the amount allocated to council meetings commenced. It was proposed by James Bury to double the budget from $500 to $1000. Alex Lee countered with an offer of $600.

Whereas the current council meeting budget is insufficient,

Be it resolved that the council meeting budget be increased to $600 from $500.

James Bury, Alex Lee

Adopted by friendly amendment.

Partially as an exercise in Council procedure, another motion was made by James Bury to increase the council meetings budget.

Whereas the current council meeting budget is insufficient,

Be it resolved that the council meeting budget be increased to $650 from $600.

James Bury, Sofía Lin

A roll call vote commenced at 6:58 PM.

Yea  Nay  Abstain
Sofía Lin  Alisa Lin  Clayton Halim
Candice Lee  Krishna Pasumarthy  Kanan Sharma
James Bury  Harleen Bhandal
Arshayya Jain  Jing Yi Wang
Liban Osman
Saquib Shahzad
Alex Lee

The following members were absent:
• Ina Wang  • Bianca Filip
Motion fails with 4 yea, 2 nay and 7 abstentions.

The motion to approve budgets was called.

(For clarification, the motion is: Be it resolved that the Fall 2018 budgets for MathSoc club and affiliates be approved as presented and amended.)

Motion passes unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS 8:05 PM

Introductions were made, for the benefit of the new members. Clarification were made on the process of voting and the reason for which the results of the elections were delayed. Validity of election results was reassured.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no new business, Alex adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.