

# W18 GM Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, March 28 2018

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Location:** MC 3001(MC comfy)

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Attendees			
No.	Name	No.	Name
1	Robert McHardy	18	Harry S.
2	Luke Scollard	19	Sally Dong
3	Kanan Sharma	20	Nathan Chan
4	Duriya Vas	21	Junqiuo Lin
5	Zishen Qu	22	James Bootsman
6	Tristan Potter	23	Anthony S.
7	George Lambrou	24	Debra Rosie DeFazio
8	Rahul Sirwani	25	Patrick M.
9	Junyu Lai	26	Rishabh
10	Austin Sun	27	Laura Song
11	Jimmy Zhou	28	Ina Wang
12	Ariel gershon	29	Kevin C.
13	Cristian Mustatea	30	Tiger X.
14	Apurva Verma	31	Brad N.
15	Tina Huang	32	Jimmy Qi
16	Alexander Z.	33	Ethan
17	Luke T.	34	Samco Doung

## (6:41) Beginning

(6:41) Meeting called to order at 6:41pm

(6:41) **Motion:** Cris motions to appoint Kanan as speaker Patrick seconds

Speaker- Kanan Sharma, Rosie Defazio

Secretary- Robert McHardy, Ina Wang

(6:42) **Motion:** Cris motions to approve Fall 2017 GM minutes

## (6:43) Reports (detailed is in W18 reports)

### (6:43) President Reports: (Cristian)

- Had meetings with other student society
- Pushed attention and focus on Mental Health
- MathNEWS:
  - Negotiated FED's for funding
- Math CnD
  - Updated Rose's manager position description
- Website:
  - Contract with feds for new website
- WICS coming to 3rd flr again

### (6:47) VPO Reports (Cristian)

- Working on getting new lockers
- Office enhancements:
  - Candy dispenser for office
  - Got new iMac for office
  - New POS for S18 (debit and credit)

### (6:49) VPA Reports (Tristan)

- Co-op:
  - CECA Fee increase
    - Students weren't aware - caused uproar
  - Deep dive waterloo

- Reduce costs by reducing middle management
- CECA removed
- New Co-op salary averages
- Reading Break
  - Want to increase reading break
    - To do this, must cut off on orientation or final study days
    - For more information: contact student senators and VPA of FEDS
    - Important events: student council FED's public meeting
- CS FYDP
  - Fourth year design project; 8 month course where you go through steps to complete large project
- Online FARM
  - Get FARM degree remotely
  - More online options
- Mobius
  - New software
  - Integrate smoothly with Learn
  - Moves towards making course notes obsolete
  - Contact Tristan for more info

### (6:56) VPI Reports (Apurva)

- Clubs Day
  - This term, it is split up over two days
- Valentines day
  - Build your own candy gram
- Party with Profs
  - Scheduling errors, but fixed
- Volunteer Appreciation
  - Scheduled at university club March 29, 2018
- 24 Hours Games Night
  - April 7th to 8th
  - Location: CnD

### (6:59) VPF Reports (Jimmy)

- Legal Disclaimer
- Budget Projections
  - \$65000 from student fees - about on par
  - Large chunk:
    - MathSoc events
    - Clubs
    - CIF

- To improve student experiences
- Actual Revenues:
  - ~\$50-\$60 per day in sales
  - on path of meeting our goal revenue
  - Seasonal dips and rises
    - Drops on Fridays
- Selected Account Balances:
  - The following
  - CIF: 91,205
    - Good budget for current improvement proposals
  - ACS: 7,778
  - Bio Info club 1390
  - PMC 3416
  - TSA 440
  - FARM 5289
  - Stats club 1333
  - DDC 2544
  - Math Grad committee 2771
- Special Initiatives:
  - Consolidated Cash close and accounting assistant into Finance director role
  - Provided clubs w/ direct visibility into master budget
  - Collaboration with CnD:
    - Streamlined invoice
  - Archived various legacy resources into exec office
- Question: is detailed financial records ready?
  - Budget sheet is available to be emailed out
  - For more info contact VPF

## (7:05 - 7:40) Executive Evaluation Committee (confidential)

(7:05) Motion: Confidential Session Luke, seconded by Laura

- Passed by majority
- Abstain: 2 (one noted in protest)
- Opposed by Samco and Ariel

**(7:40) Motion:** By Ina to leave confidential session. Seconded by Anthony. Passed unanimously.

## Recess (7:40 - 8:00)

**(7:40) Motion:** Motion by Jason to leave for pizza. Seconded by Luke. Passed unanimously.

(8:00) Speaker called the meeting to order.

## Post Recess

**(8:02) Motion:** Motion to assign Rosie as speaker:

- Motioned by Rosie,
- Seconded by Samco
- Passed by Majority

**(8:02) EEC for Spring 2018:**

- Cris Nominates himself
- Samco Nominates himself
- Kanan Nominates Rosie (past exec)
- Rahul Nominates himself

**Motion:** Motion to approve the above people for EEC. Ina seconds.

- Passed by majority:
- Abstained by Rahul, Cris
- Against by George

## Acclaim Spring 2018 President

- 1. Motion:** Motion to acclaim Jason P'ng as Spring 2018 President of the Mathematics Society
  - a. Discussion by Cris:**
    - i.** There was an election that no one was aware of.
    - ii.** He encourages for the motion to pass for the effectiveness of the society, to start work at the appropriate time.
  - b. Motion by:** Cris
  - c. Second by:** Laura
  - d. For:** 10
  - e. Against:** 1
  - f. Abstain:** 9
- 2. Motion:** Motion to call for a reconsideration of the vote by Rahul, seconded by Cris.
  - a. For:** 14
  - b. Against:** 1
  - c. Abstention :**5

- d. Passes by majority.

## Award Honorary Lifetime Membership

- 2. Motion to approve/decline the awarding of Gayle Goodfellow an Honorary Lifetime Membership for her commitments towards the Mathematics Society
  - a. (Temp) Motion to make Kanan by Cris, seconded by Ina, passes unanimously
  - b. Discussion:
    - i. Cris: She has been paid to be communication w/ faculty until W18
    - ii. Helps with things we need even without the responsibilities
    - iii. She pushed the mental health initiative forward
    - iv. Recommendation by** The honorary Lifetime Committee to pass.
  - c. **(TEMP)** Motion to make Rosie speaker by Rahul, seconded by Ethan, passed.
  - d. Motion (for the main approval) by: George, seconded by
  - e. Second by: Ina
  - f. For: (secret ballot)
  - g. Against: (secret ballot)
  - h. Motion Passed

## Approval of Math Orientation Proposal

- 3. Motion to approve/decline Math Orientation sponsorship proposal
  - Discussion
    - Tina Huang; math orientation sponsorship coordinator
    - More info: contact David
    - 250 upper year leaders leading 1500 new/transfer students
    - 1 week of activities:
      - Move-In Days
      - 3 activity days
      - 2 additional class days
    - 1st experience for new students in uWaterloo
    - Learning objectives:
      - Introducing new students to the faculty (e.g. locations and resources)
      - Answer questions they have about academics and social life at Waterloo
      - Main Focus is Mental Health: tools and resource
    - Looking for swag
      - Cinch Bag:  $186 \times 3.71 = 690.06$
      - Water Bottle:  $186 \times 6.60 = 1227.60$ 
        - Reusable
      - TOTAL: \$1917.66
    - NOTE:
      - Previously asked MEF, but didn't receive full funding
      - "Short around \$800" <- Not accurate though...
      - Last year was \$200
      - Partial funding is allowed
    - Believe it is vital to first year's success
      - Empowered by orientation
    - Student run just like MathSoc

Options: Defer to exec committee OR Vote now

- Motion to delegate the decision to the executive
  - a. Motion by: Kanan
  - b. Second by: Rahul
  - c. Abstain: Jason Abstained (and wished to be noted).
  - d. Motion passes by majority

## (8:40) Approval to Increase Executive Honorarium

4. Motion to approve/decline the increase of the executive honorarium from \$300 to \$500 starting THIS Winter '18.
- Discussion:
    - CRIS:**
      - Participation levels in math are not too high... Applications for exec positions have decreased significantly
      - In hope to increase popularity
      - TBH: A lot of work for all executives
      - Also get a lot of awards
      - Rose wanted to increase the discount however declined by MathSoc because they didn't want people to apply for the incentives
      - Will make applicants aware that executives will be getting honorarium before being voted in
      - The worries can be avoided by the Executive Evaluation Committee (EEC).
      - This is just one out of multiple benefits
    - GEORGE:**
      - Students may not be aware of the existence of the honorarium
    - KANAN:**
      - Applicants should have 1 term of experience with MathSoc (passed)
      - 300 doesn't feel enough based on the work they put into it with academics
      - FEDs execs are paid
      - EngSoc has no honorarium for execs... Not sure about other Societies
      - This will be in effect starting for Winter 18 execs
    - BRYAN:**
      - There may be long term problem
      - Should maybe be a tiered system where it would be Ex. \$300 for bad job, \$500 for good job
    - RAHUL:**
      - Shouldn't increase just to attract
      - Have a basic price and increase if appropriate
      - Students should be aware of the time spent
    - RANDOM GUY #1:**
      - 200 increase is arbitrary, 300 is good enough
      - Should advertise honorarium so that the applicants are aware instead of increasing the honorarium
    - RANDOM GUY #2:**

- Food Bank also gets honorarium of 250

**ROSIE:**

- The method of evaluation should be a topic for discussion in the future if there was an increase

\*Jason is checking bylaws\*

- **Amendment:**

- Motion by: Kanan
- Second by: Ethan
- Abstain: Bryan, Apurva, Cris
- Motion passed

(8:48) Amend mathNEWS MOU

- Motion to approve/decline the following amendments to the MOU:
  - Lower the \$3 fee to \$2
  - Add a requirement: mathNEWS is to present an estimated budget to Mathematical Society Executives each term
- (8:48) Discussion (of mathNEWS budget):
  - Q: Is this at the beginning of each term or not?
  - mathNews: Present it to the GM rather than council
  - (8:49) Discussing mathNews Budget
    - May have a bit inaccuracy
    - Liabilities: bills to the university
    - Hard to predict budget (or set fee):
      - Term-to-term difference
      - Issue-to-issue difference
    - If proposed for set fee it will be more cost for both the university and students
    - Currently FED's does the accounting provided by MathNEWS
    - Concerned that mathNEWS cannot provide them with consistent statements
    - Again: "Predicting what we spend per issue is very difficult"
    - Looking for third party printer? -> Will be slower.
    - It is possible to find 20 that can print in 3 hours
    - Problem was that invoice was received late
    - Jimmy: What is the purpose of a budget???
    - Should probably be creating a rough estimate
    - Would argue that the variability is less significant than mathNews would think
    - mathNEWS has not received money from VPF (revenue must be consistent and it is not)
    - Jimmy is not saying that they overspent, just saying that the format is not convincing, but the Winter 18 is a draft
    - mathNEWS wants more certainty in revenue stream
    - VPF: Should print from 3rd party
    - mathNEWS: Have good relationship with University
  - Q: is there possible to design a version for electronic



- It's different to design to different version
- Print version will increase viewership than online/electronic version
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- Over Budget by ~\$4000 and end of term probably ~\$6000
- mathNEWS: Paid about half of liabilities
- We give mathNEWS about \$3 per student. "I believe the budget is good, but I'm not an accountant. Ideally, I would like to see an actual financial statement once per term at the GM for transparency. I believe, I don't mean to be rude, that we were off track for a certain amount of time."
- Kanan: How do you know how many are taken and read?
  - MathNEWS: counts how many have been taken. If a lot left on rack, they print less next time.
- (9:10) (Not exactly b...) Motion to present actuals at the end of each term in accordance with GAAPs.
  - Motion by: Cris
  - Second by: Kanan
  - Abstentions: 3 (Noted: Jason and George)
- (8:49) Discussion for MathNEWS fee decrease  
Cris (VPO/Pres)
  - FED's accountant believe 3 dollars may have been too much since mathNEWS was able to operate for 3 terms without any funding
  - Advice: lower the fee to prevent history from repeating itself
  - The funding could be discussed
  - Enrollment is increasing
  - mathNEWS printing ~500 issues less than usual
  - We can try for a few terms and adjust back if necessary

#### MathNEWS:

- At BOT, receive a cheque
  - Able to operate without funding by other expense cutting method
  - By linking funds, shows connection, and may cause future powerpoint
  - Funding by agreement is different from legally binding
  - Threatened to be sued 2 times: was able to dispute peacefully
  - mathNEWS thinks that MathSoc wants to be protected against censorship
  - Worried about censorship
    - Has received publication that show disagreement with the school
    - Relevant organizations have come forward
  - MathSOC fee is bundled with mathsoc resource and mathNEWS
  - Do wish to approve refund but too complicated
  - \$2 may be stringy
- Jimmy (VPF):
- Possible to remove subscription?
- Voting for motion to lower fee from \$3 to \$2.75:
    - Motion by: Ina

- Second by: Rahul
- Noted Abstained: Cris, George, Jason
- Passed by unanimously

## (9:10) Approval of the Mathematics Society Website Requirements Document

### 6. (9:10) Motion to approve the Website Requirements [Document](#)

- Discussion:
  - The website has a lot of technicality
  - Wants to higher a website editor
  - Will be accessible on Mobile
- Voting for motion to table:
  - a. Motion by: cris
  - b. Second by: jimmy
  - c. Passed

### 7. (9:25) Motion to approve the employment of a website developer for up-to a 1-year full-time contract to construct said site

#### Discussion points:

- Jimmy (VPF):
  - doesn't recommend to be an offer of employment
  - Put out RFP and have people submit proposals as to how much we will be paying them on a contractual basis and hire the most competitive offer
  - Suggests "competitive tender" instead "hiring a person"
  - Jimmy continues to highlight the differences between a contractor and an employee
- Cris:
  - FED's agree to hire under FED's
  - They will handle the HR process
  - Worried that student will have to much work at hand
  - There should be a manager (next topic) to oversee because of the transition period
    - Required to report back to the council
    - Honorarium (give back to discusion)
- Brian:
- Kanan: Will this affect the functioning of the society??

**(9:35) Motion:** Motion to structure the website redesign as a competitive tender offer process.

- a. Motion by: Jimmy

- b. Second by: Kanan
- c. Passed

(9:38) The position of part time project manager to oversee the project design

Discussion:

- Bryan: When was the last time the position of Website director was filled?
- Rosie: No fucking idea.
  - d. Requires the following criteria:
    - i. Currently an undergraduate student
    - ii. Mathematics Society Member
- Amend it to a 3 term position

Discussion (9:42):

- Jimmy and Cris: \$500
- Kanan: \$1000
- Agree on \$500

**(9:44) Motion:** Final Logistics regarding the project managers will be finalized once words are back from FEDS and final decision will be made by the executive committee

- Motioned by Cris
- Seconded by Kanan
- Passed by majority

(9:45) New Business

(9:45) Co-op program:

- Work reports are currently evaluated and finalized as any other course work:
- Current problems:
  - Marker have no idea of the the topic
  - Graded by format and efforts
  - Indistinguishable from regular courses
  - Isn't part of average yet it is still labeled on the transcript
    - Listed as a course with a numerical grade
    - Krux of issue: doesn't promote experiential learning
- Talked to associate dean of Co-op about this issue recently
  - Evaluation scheme
    - Decentralizing the structure and have a scheme based on the program and experience
  - Reporting scheme
    - Doesn't specify different percentage

- Inconsistencies with other universities (62 institution) and other faculties within uWaterloo
- Has a list of other concerns that Jimmy says he may make public if requested to
- WANT: Better marking scheme
- Other faculties:
  - Specialized for department for specific programs
- As a student society, we should take a position on it
- Kanan: Shouldn't we just bring this up with the VPA instead of bringing it up in GM
  - Jimmy wanted to bring it up in the "widest possible audience"
- Random Guy #1:
  - Recruiters are required to read work report???
- Cris suggest that this should be brought to a bigger audience to see the students' stance

**(10:04) Final Decision:** This topic was resolved to a questionnaire for the students to answer

- mathNEWS can create questionnaire

## Adjournment:

**(10:05) Motion:** Motion by Cris to adjourn. Seconded by Kanan. Passed Unanimously.