
 University of Waterloo Mathematics Society

Council

May 11, 2020

Location: *Online* (Google Hangouts)

Speaker	Yuqian (Ina) Wang (ex officio)
Secretary	Natalia Manturowicz
Attendees: (Voting)	(VPA); Sima Jia (VPF); Sophia Spitman (VPI, VPO); Yuqian (Ina) Wang (President); John Hunte (ActSci); Sehar Durrani (Business); Matthew Schwarze (Business); Kanan Sharma (Business); Brayden Royston (CS); Kevin Trieu (CS); Vincent Macri (PM/AM/CO); Angela Wang-Lin (Stats); Caleb Lew (Teaching); Catherine Dong (Mathematical Studies & Other)
(Non Voting)	Rose Penner (Business Manager), Colleen Richter (Dean's Designate), Samer Zumot (Chair), James Anderson (MathNews), Megan Town (WUSA VP Education), Roger Fu (guest), Abbie Simpson (WUSA President), Edward Yang (guest), Karl Zhu (guest), Jimmy Zhou (guest), Gavin Orok (guest), Mary Sybersma (guest)

Preliminaries

1.1 Call to Order

Be it resolved that the President calls the meeting to order at 19:16.

Motion accepted on consensus.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

Be it resolved that the Speaker assumes the agenda.

Motion accepted on consensus.

Special Orders

2.1 Appointment of Speaker - *President Wang, Councilor Hunte*

Councilor Hunte is nominated by Councilor Sharma, seconded by President Wang.

Be it resolved that the motion is amended as presented below.

Councilor Hunte, Councilor Sharma

Motion accepted as friendly

Be it further resolved that John Hunte is appointed Speaker of Council for the Spring 2020 semester, for the duration of this meeting.

Motion accepted on consensus.

2.2 Appointment of Secretary - *President Wang, Councilor Hunte*

Natalia Manturowicz as Secretary and Brenda Zhao as Deputy are nominated by President Wang, seconded by Councilor Hunte.

Be it resolved that Natalia Manturowicz is appointed Secretary of the Society for the Spring 2020 semester.

Be it further resolved that Brenda Zhao is appointed Deputy Secretary of the Society for Spring 2020 Semester.

Motion accepted on consensus

Approval of the Minutes - *Councilor Hunte, President Wang*

Be it resolved that Council approves the Minutes of the March 31, 2020 Meeting of Council, as [amended Secretary's Note: Amendment was made to section 5.3.](#)

Motion accepted on consensus.

Reports

Be it resolved that report presentations are struck from this Council meeting.

Councilor Hunte, Councilor Macri

Motion accepted on consensus.

Consent Agenda

6.1 Ratification of Away Votes - *Councilor Hunte, Councilor Sharma*

Be it resolved that MathSoc Council ratifies the results of the following Away Votes.

- April 9, 2020: PMC & Club Management

PMC - Councilor Macri, Councilor Hunte

Whereas there is currently an emergency which has shutdown campus for the foreseeable future;

Be it resolved that MathSoc Council consents to the Pure Math, Applied Math, and Combinatorics and Optimization Club invoking the Emergency Powers Clause (Section 12) of their club constitution for the Spring 2020 term.

Club Management - Speaker Hunte, Councilor Sharma

Be it resolved that notwithstanding any provisions in their Bylaws, clubs unable to hold required termly meetings shall be permitted to retain their current executive team for the Spring 2020 term, to the extent required to prevent the dissolution and ensure the continued function of the club, where permitted by the MathSoc Vice-President, Internal.

- April 17, 2020: MathSoc Membership & Clubs Membership

Note: See this attachment for the April 17th, 2020 vote. The second motion was voided, and only the first was voted upon.

MathSoc Membership - President Wang, Councilor Sharma

BIRT Council assumes \$0 is the membership fee for spring 2020 and thus assumes all math students on co-op and academic terms to be considered social and voting members of Math Society for Spring 2020.

6.2 Ratification of Speaker's Interpretation of the Bylaws Regarding Fees - *Councilor Hunte, Councilor Sharma*

Be it resolved that MathSoc Council ratifies and expressly endorses the interpretation of the Bylaws by Speaker Hunte with respect to fees, as follows:

"It is only reasonable that all membership fees charged by or under the jurisdiction of MathSoc are \$0, notwithstanding any other provision in any Society policy, procedure or bylaw."

Motions 6.1 and 6.2 approved on consensus, Councilor Macri abstained

General Orders

7.1 Appointment of Elections Committee - *President Wang, Councilor Hunte*

Councilor Dong is nominated by Councilor Macri for CRO and Elections Committee.

Councilor Macri is nominated by Councilor Sharma for Elections Committee.

VPF Jia nominates herself for Elections Committee and CRO.

Councillor Dong withdraws her nomination for CRO.

Councilor Royston is nominated by Councilor Schwarze for Elections Committee.

Jimmy Zhou left at 19:47.

Be it resolved that Catherine Dong, Sima Jia, Vincent Macri and Brayden Royston are appointed to the Elections Committee for the Spring 2020 term.

Be it further resolved that Sima Jia is appointed Chief Returning Officer for the Spring 2020 term.

Motion amended on consensus.

Motion passed on consensus

7.2 Appointment of Directors - *Councilor Hunte, Councilor Sharma*

Councilor Schwarze nominates himself for the 1-year position, seconded by Councilors Sharma and Hunte.

Harleen Bhandal is nominated by Speaker Hunte for the 1-year position, seconded by Councilor Sharma.

Karl Zhu nominates himself for the 8-month position, seconded by Councilor Royston.

VPF Jia nominates herself for any of the positions, then shortly withdraws her nomination.

Councilor Sharma nominates himself for the 8-month position, seconded by Speaker Hunte.

Councilor Macri is nominated by Councilor Schwarze, seconded by Councilor Dong. He does not accept.

Councilor Macri motioned to strike the nomination of Karl Zhu, seconded by Catherine.

Discussion emerged surrounding the eligibility of Karl Zhu, where Councilors Sharma, Dong and Macri (amongst others) presented their respective arguments. It is noted that Councilor Sharma's recommendation in his report with Speaker Hunte was in no way affected by his personal views towards Karl Zhu.

Further discussion on this topic was asked to be moved to the Slack channel.

Councilor Marci withdrew his motion.

VP Jia nominates herself again, for an 8-month position, seconded by Councilor Schwarze.

Councilor Wang-Lin nominates herself for an 8-month position, seconded by Councilor Dong.

VP Spitman left at 19:53.

Seeing no further nominations for the 1-year position, the motion was amended by consensus to insert Matthew Schwarze and Harleen Bhandal, as recommended in the report by Councilor Sharma and Speaker Hunte..

Councilor Sharma, Speaker Hunte

Whereas the Board is permitted to fill its own vacancies due to failure of a General Meeting to appoint Directors; and

Whereas the Board has delegated the responsibility of filling these vacancies to the Council; and

Whereas Speaker John Hunte and Councilor Kanan Sharma were tasked with running applications for vacant seats on the Board of Directors at the March 31, 2020 meeting of Council; and

Whereas the application process and interviews have concluded for those vacant At-Large positions and a report has been prepared, [as attached](#); then

Be it resolved that the current motion is split into two motions to resolve the one year at large and 8 month at large positions separately.

Be it further resolved that the 1 year at large positions are approved as amended.

Be it further resolved that the 8 month at large positions are filled by Council at a later date.

Motion accepted on consensus.

(Returning to the first half of the split main motion)

Be it resolved that Matthew Schwarze and Harleen Bhandal are appointed Directors At-Large for a period of 1 year, until the start of the Spring 2021 term.

Motion accepted on consensus.

7.3 Committee of Presidents Representation - *Councilor Macri, Councilor Wang-Lin*

WUSA VP Education Megan Town spoke to the cohort system, clarifying that engineering students spend most of their years in the same society, and EngSoc A and B are fairly independent of each other. Their respective executives only represent their specific constituents, and not all engineering students.

It was clarified that the two votes of EngSoc in COPs is not a reflection of Engineering being a superior faculty, but rather that each president of a respective society holds a vote on COPs.

President Ina will bring this discussion to Slack for Council to continue later.

President Wang motioned to table this motion, seconded by Councilor Lew.

Motion fails.

Be it noted that Councilor Macri was asked by a constituent to bring forward this motion.

Be it resolved that the decision to not have a secret ballot is overruled.

Councilor Macri, Speaker Hunte

Motion passed with majority.

Whereas WUSA Council voted to give EngSoc two votes on the Committee of Presidents (COPs) ([document](#)); and

Whereas no other societies have two votes, ([document](#)); and

Whereas there is only one EngSoc;

Be it resolved that Council directs the MathSoc Executives to do all that is in their power to reverse the WUSA Council decision giving EngSoc twice the voting power of other societies and ensure that EngSoc has no more power than any other Society on COPs.

Motion fails.

Chair Zumot left at 20:53

7.4 “Spicy Motion” Re: n-Jsoc - *Councilor Macri*

Motion was withdrawn.

Councilor Lew left the meeting at 21:04.

7.5 Discussion about potential reduced fee for Online Academic Terms - *President Wang*

Motion was withdrawn.

New Business

Motions 8.1 through 8.4 were withdrawn by President Wang to be discussed at a later date.

VP Jia left the meeting at 21:07.

8.1: Commitment to Paying Spring 2018 Debt to University - *President Wang*

8.2 :Renewal of Spring 2019 FOI Funding - *President Wang*

8.3: Mobius Fee Discussion - *President Wang*

8.4: Student Engagement and Society Activities - *VP Jia, President Wang*

Announcements

1. Follow MathNews on Instagram @uwmathnews !
2. The By-Election is still open, and the deadline to vote is tonight at midnight.‘
3. Look at the MathSoc website for volunteer information.
4. Instagram takeovers to be done in coming days! Check it out!
5. Contact Sophie if you have any ideas for events for this term
6. President Wang asked that everyone email her their COI forms in pdf form, signed

Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 21:08 EST.

Relevant Documents

Please refer to the pre-meeting email for any hard copies or hyperlinks above.



To: Samer ZuMot, *MathSoc Chair*
Yuqian Wang, *MathSoc President*
CC: Student's Council
Board of Directors

Date: May 3, 2020
Re: **Mathematics Society Board Applications**

Dear Samer and Ina,

We issue the following recommendations with regard to the MathSoc Board Applications.

Applicant	Recommendation
Bhandal, Harleen	Candidate is best suited for a Director At-Large position (1 year, beginning May 1, 2020)
Goyal, Akshar	Candidate is best suited as a representative of students as Councilor.
Schwarze, Matthew	Candidate is best suited for a Director At-Large position (1 year, beginning May 1, 2020)
Zhu, Karl	Candidate should run for a Councilor-Director position at the first Council meeting of the next governing year (1 term, beginning on election after May 1, 2020)

The Applicants have each been sent a personal letter detailing the rationale for our recommendations.

Regards,

John Hunte
Speaker of Council

Kanan Sharma
Councilor