

Mathematics Society Meeting Minutes

MC 3035/3039 University Of Waterloo

Speaker: Alan Li Secretary: Tiana Zhao

Attendance

The following members were present:

- Alan Li
- Krystle Tang
- David Yang
- Tiana Zhao
- Dasha Pushkareva
- Garrett Hildebrant

The following non-voting members were present:

- Rosie DeFazio

The following members were absent:

- John Hunte

Preliminaries

Call To Order

A quorum being present, Speaker Alan Li called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm EST.

Approval of the Agenda

Be it resolved that Council approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion carries unanimously with one abstention.

Regular Session

Reports and Updates

Board of Directors Rosie DeFazio asked if the Council would like her to provide MathSoc chair report in the slack channel.

Vice President, Academics (Tiana Zhao)

Tiana gave a brief overview of the Associate Dean, Co-op's plan to expand co-op preparation workshops from only Co-op 101 to four separate and more specific workshops. She explained how she is advocating for student membership on curriculum committees and that currently the Vice President Academic only sits on the CS curriculum committee.

Tiana addressed the issue regarding work term report fees by explaining that currently, the Faculty of Math pays more to WatPD to mark the work term reports than what it receives from students. However, the Faculty has no intention on raising the work term report fees as of now since students pay six terms of fees to get four work term reports marked. She discussed her advocacy for more flexibility in work term reports, to which the associate dean, co-op, responded that she would re-evaluate once the co-op outcomes work is done.

It was noted that Tiana has been discussing with the associate dean, undergraduate, regarding making final exams available for students. However, since the exams are considered intellectual properties of professors, no policy can be written from the Faculty's side to force professors to share final exams with their students. However, if a student who is currently off-campus wishes to review their exam, they could contact their professors to arrange a Skype call.

Tiana discussed her meeting with WatPD and noted that she advocated for more interactive materials in PD courses as well as some clarification of assignment rubrics.

Vice President, Operations (Krystle Tang)

Krystle noted that she has finished locker signouts this week and will open up locker registration on Wednesday.

Vice President, Internal (David Yang)

David gave a brief overview of the events he is organizing in the next couple of weeks including movie nights and coffee house and his collaboration with Jodi to have MathSoc and several MathSoc clubs at You @ Waterloo Day to speak to the students.

Board of Directors Chair (Rosie DeFazio)

Rosie gave an overview of the work she's been working on including overseeing executive transition, SCI, office redesign, etc.

President (Alan Li)

Alan noted that he has given updates of what he has done during the last week on the Slack channel. He has also started having meetings with various club presidents.

Alan explained why executives give reports during council meetings and that he is planning to use Slack to update the council instead of having executives give lengthy reports due to the size of the council.

Approval of the Minutes

Be it resolved that Council approve the Mathsoc EoT Dinner meeting minutes as presented in the Slack meeting announcement.

Garrett noted that the attendance list is incorrect. Julia Tu should be included as a non-voting member. Tiana and Bilal were non-voting members at the time of the meeting.

Be it resolved that the approval of minutes shall be moved to after the MathSoc Transition session.

Motion carries by consensus.

General Orders

Nominations and Ratifications

Be it resolved that Council selects Alan Li as speaker

Be it resolved that Council selects Tiana Zhao as secretary

Be it resolved that Council appoints _____ as council director on the board of directors

Alan explained how he is acting as the role of the speaker and the duties of the speaker. He asked for nominations for speaker, to which no one responded, so Alan will remain as the speaker for the duration of the term.

Alan then gave a brief overview of the role of the secretary. He asked for nominations for the secretary, to which no one responded, so Tiana will remain as secretary for the duration of the term.

Be it resolved that Alan Li is added to the agenda as speaker and Tiana Zhao as secretary.

Adopted by friendly amendment.

Rosie gave a brief summary of the roles of the Board of Directors. Alan asked about the commitment of the board, to which Rosie responded five to twenty hours any member on the Board of Directors who is not the chair.

Secretary's Note: The Secretary indicated that she put in more than five to twenty hours. Rosie her statement as any member who is not the chair or the secretary.

Alan explained that Dasha is the only one eligible for running for the council director on the board. Dasha asked about the responsibilities of the council representative. Rosie and Alan explained that the role is to represent the council on the Board of Directors and to give reports on the council. Dasha asked about the time for the meetings due to her current location. Rosie responded that it may or may not be an issue. Alan explained that we could table this indefinitely.

Be it resolved that appointing a council director on the Board of Directors shall be tabled indefinitely.

Alan Li and David Yang

Motion carries.

Motion carries.

Mathsoc Transition

Alan explained the governing structure of MathSoc and how meetings are conducted. He also explained the governing documents and how Robert's Rules apply to council meetings. He noted that

he will be running Robert's Rules in his own ways and anyone can reach out to him publicly or privately should they wish to do so.

Alan discussed motions and noted that if any councilor has a question, they can bring it forward by saying "I have a question". It was noted that a councilor should bring point of order as soon as they believe they have a point of order.

Approval of the Minutes

Secretary's Note: To demonstrate motions, Alan pretended to motion for the council to all go eat ice cream.

Alan explained why we use Robert's Rule at council meetings and its importance.

Be it resolved that Akhtar, Bilal, and Zhao, Tiana are moved from the member section of the attendance to the non-voting member section of attendance as well as adding Tu, Julia to the non-voting member section of attendance.

Be it resolved that the minutes amended to read "ensued" not "ensured" under the Vice President Operations' report.

Garrett Hildebrant and Alan Li

Adopted by friendly amendment

VPA Event Budget

Be it resolved that \$200 is budgeted for Professional Photoshoot

Be it resolved that \$200 is budgeted for Mock Interviews

Be it resolved that \$200 is budgeted for Resume Critiques

Tiana Zhao and Alan Li

Alan asked if the events were run in previous terms and if the budgets align with previous terms.

Tiana responded that aside from Professional Photoshoot which was only run last term, all the other events have been run in previous terms. She noted that she has cut down the budget due to less people on campus during the spring term.

Motion carries with Tiana Zhao noted in abstention.

BOT Movie Night Event Budget

Be it resolved that \$200 is budgeted for BOT Movie Night Pizza

David Yang and Krystle Tang

David explained the rationale behind running this event.

Motion carries with David Yang noted in abstention.

Election Policy Rewrite

Whereas policy 1.3.1 states: “Five members shall be required to endorse a nomination for a Representative seat, and ten members shall be required.”

Whereas policy 1.3.1 semantically means “ten members shall be required for an executive seat (VPA, President)”

Whereas policy 1.3.1 omits those details

Be it reflected that policy 1.3.1 now states “ten members shall be required for an executive seat (VPA, President)”.

Tiana Zhao and Alan Li

Tiana explained the rationale behind the election policy rewrite.

Motion carries unanimously.

Clubs Overspending

Whereas clubs are approved and allocated a specific budget by council

Whereas clubs that overspend said budget are operating without authorization or approval by representatives of the students that provide them such budget

Be it reflected that clubs should not be reimbursed for their overspending for the Summer 2019

Be it reflected that council tasks Clarence Hu and Garrett Hildebrant to look into whether a formal policy on overspending and budget reimbursements are required and to create such a policy, bringing it to council by the end of the Summer 2019 term.

Tiana Zhao and Alan Li

Motion carries.

Tiana explained the rationale behind this policy. Rosie noted how there should be a policy regarding clubs overspending, to which Alan responded that that was the reason for him to task someone to look into it.

Clarence Hu nominated himself.

Garrett explained that by precedence, MathSoc approves up to 10% before the budget and has happened in the past. Alan noted that since it is a matter dealing with money, MathSoc should investigate how we deal with over expenditure and formalize.

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended to specifically nominate Garrett and Clarence bringing to the council by the end of the summer 2019 term.

Adopted by friendly amendment

Alan recommended making a channel regarding this issue and naming it policy-fee-reimbursement. Dasha had to leave the meeting at this time due to work.

Motion carries.

Spring By-Election Dates

Whereas there are many vacancies on MathSoc this term (only 3 non-exec councillors)

Be it resolved that Council endorses the following election schedule:

- Nomination Period: May 14th - May 20th
- Campaigning Period: May 16th - May 22nd
- Election Period: May 23rd - May 24th

Be it resolved that Council selects Tiana Zhao and Garrett Hildebrant to fill seats on the Elections Committee

Alan Li and David Yang

Adopted by friendly amendment.

Alan explained the election dates and that he has verified the dates previously. He would like to create an elections committee to produce the required nomination forms, check nominations, get motions into ratified and move elections forward.

Tiana nominated herself.

Garrett nominated himself.

Be it resolved that the agenda is amended to add Tiana and Garrett's names.

Alan Li and Garrett Hildebrant

Adopted by friendly amendment.

Motion carries unanimously with Tiana Zhao noted in abstention.

SCI Fee Changes

Whereas the provincial government finalized requirements under the Student Choice Initiative (SCI) to require the debundling of all ancillary fees.

Whereas the University of Waterloo required by the Board of Governors to demonstrate compliance with the new directives by the end of April.

Whereas the Board of Governors has indicated that MathSoc fee collections will be suspended if compliance is not demonstrated by April 12th.

Whereas the General Assembly granted limited leave to the Board to develop new fee structures to comply with SCI directives, to go into effect following Council ratification;

Whereas Council ratified the breakdown of the MathSoc Fee into the categories of a MathSoc Operations Fee assessed at \$9.75 per student per term, and a MathSoc Student Media (mathNEWS) Fee assessed at \$2.75 per student per term.

Whereas Feds overturned the decision and the Board of Governors is no longer requiring a split fee.

Be it resolved that Council ratifies the reversal of the MathSoc Fee split back into the original \$12.50 per student per term.

Alan Li

Alan explained the history of the SCI Fee Changes from the MathSoc's side. Rosie and Alan had discussions on whether to go into confidential session.

Rosie and Alan explained what matters count as a confidential session.

Secretary's Note: President Li gave an example of manifestos of people killing kittens.

Be it resolved that the motion is amended to add confidential session.

Alan Li and Garrett Hildebrant

Adopted by friendly amendment.

Be it resolved that the council formally enters confidential session.

Motion carries unanimously.

New Business

Coffee House Budget

Be it resolved that \$1,400 is budgeted for Coffee House.

David Yang

David explained that he is organizing a Coffee House event on May 31 and provided a breakdown of the budget including \$820 regular budget which will be used for food and marketing and \$580 discretionary budget which will be used towards gifts, photographer and equipment rental.

Motion carries with Alan Li and David Yang noted in abstention.

Garrett suggested approving budget for games night since the games night director wants to start running games. Alan asked why it was relevant to Coffee House to which Garrett responded that it is not relevant to Coffee House. Alan suggested discussing Coffee House now and games night later.

Secretary's note: The council is very happy that a quorum still presents with two vice presidents excusing themselves for quizzes

Board of Directors Budget

Be it resolved that \$100 is budgeted for food for the Board of Directors

Alan Li and Krystle Tang

Motion carries unanimously

Secretary's note: Rosie brought up how Tiana forgot her keys in the office and wishes not to be locked out.

Candy Budget

Be it resolved that \$1,600 is budgeted for candy in the MathSoc office.

Krystle Tang

Krystle explained reasons for motioning to approve candy budget at this time since there are currently no candies in the office.

Motion carries with Krystle Tang noted in abstention.

Garrett asked when the budget meeting will be, to which Alan responded that it would either be end of next week or the beginning of the week after.

Board Games Night Budget

Be it resolved that \$500 is budgeted for Board Games Night.

Garrett Hildebrant and Krystle Tang

Alan explained that he met with the ActsSci club president who is trying to host events for next Thursday, which will be before the budget meeting. Alan expressed that he doesn't want to call two council meetings consecutively and that he can allocate the President's budget to different events hosted by clubs in the next week. Alan checked the budget for winter 2019 President Rongzhao Li. Garrett suggested approving Board Game Night budget separately

Motion carries unanimously.

Garrett explained that when the actual budget comes in, the council will approve the final total budget for Board Games Night instead of adding to the existing \$500 budget.

Special Projects Budget

Be it resolved that \$1,000 is budgeted for special projects under the President to provide events for clubs until next council meeting.

Alan Li and Garrett Hildebrant

Alan wanted to be more specific in the wording of the motion, to which Garrett expressed that Alan's wording is already very specific.

Motion carries.

Adjournment

Seeing no new business, the Speaker adjourned the meeting at 5:27 pm.