

# Mathematics Society Council Meeting Minutes

MC 5417, UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

*Speaker:* John Hunte

*Secretary:* Matthew Schwarze

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## ATTENDANCE

The following voting members were present:

- Matthew Schwarze (VPA)
- Jason Eng (Interim President)
- Catherine Dong
- Kristy Gao
- John Hunte (Speaker)
- Gary Xin
- Garrett Hildebrandt
- Kanan Sharma
- Alina Sewani (VPF)
- Michelle Wang (VPO)
- Frank Chen
- Rosie DeFazio (Chairperson)
- Andres Garcia
- Nigel Qiu
- Karl Zhu
- Racheal Ou

The following non-voting members were present:

- Rosie DeFazio

The following voting members were absent:

- Jasmine Bal (*Expected absence*)
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## PRELIMINARIES

### CALL TO ORDER

**Be it resolved that** the meeting is called to order at 7:03 pm EST.

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**Be it resolved that** the TSA budget amendment be moved to General Orders

*Consent assumed by Speaker.*

**Be it resolved that** the Council approves the agenda for this meeting as presented.

*Motion passes unanimously.*

## **REPORTS**

### EXECUTIVE REPORTS

*VPA, VPI, VPO, VPF, President*

*Please refer to the Mathsoc's official fall 2019 slack "exec-reports" channel for all the execs report, available [here](#).*

### VP ACADEMIC

VPA Schwarze spoke to his continuation of regular duties in responding to student concerns and attending a high volume of meetings with WUSA and Faculty, as well as particular developments from said meetings. He also spoke to his hiring of Directors to assist with ongoing workloads and progress made on said workloads.

### VP INTERNAL

VPI (and Interim President) Eng spoke to his continuation of regular duties, the effectively-run Midterm Distress event and the free massage event, and the training of potential VPI replacements.

### VP OPERATIONS

VPO Wang spoke to her continuation of regular duties, as well as particular efforts in selling large volume of old novelty stock and acquiring of Muji pens for sale in the office. Questions regarding the search for a lost cart were answered.

### VP FINANCE

VPF Sewani spoke to her continuation of regular duties, handling check requests

**PRESIDENT**

Interim President Eng spoke to his attendance of the recent COPs meeting; his chance to be updated on recent WUSA happenings that pertain to MathSoc.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE REPRESENTATIVE**

Spoke to desire to make the budget publicly available on the MathSoc website.

**ELECTION COMMITTEE**

Told Council that election dates have been established, marketing is going well, and disputes among candidates have been handled effectively.

**PMATH/AMATH/CO REPRESENTATIVE**

Issued a complaint regarding a majority of the Executive team's failure to host regular office hours, as per Bylaw 8.2(2).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR-DIRECTOR** - *Speaker Hunte, Kanan Sharma*

VP Finance Sewani nominates Kristy Gao, nomination accepted.

Speaker nominates Kanan Sharma, nomination accepted.

A secret ballot was held, Kristy Gao won 7-3.

**Be it resolved that** Kristy Gao is elected as the Council Representative on the Board of Directors for the Fall 2019 term.

*Motion passed; Kanan Sharma, Kristy Gao abstain.*

*Kanan Sharma left the room at 7:48.*

## GENERAL ORDERS

### TSA BUDGET AMENDMENT - *VP Finance Sewani, Speaker Hunte*

**Whereas** the Teaching Students' Association (TSA) has been granted \$300 per set of review sessions for 2 sets of review sessions (each of 2 subjects) for a total of \$600; and

**Whereas** the TSA has received double the signups expected for the events; and

**Whereas** the TSA has requested an additional \$200 per review session for 2 sets of review sessions (each of 2 subjects) for a total of \$800 and a plan has been submitted for the expenditure of these additional funds, [as attached](#); then

**Be it resolved that** Council approves the allocation of an additional \$200 per review session for 2 sets of review sessions for a total of an additional \$800 (for a total of \$1,400 = \$600 + \$800)

*Motion passed unanimously.*

### APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE EVALUATION COMMITTEE - *Kanan Sharma, Garrett Hildebrandt*

Frank Chen nominates himself;

Kanan Sharma nominates Catherine Dong, nomination accepted;

Karl Zhu nominates himself;

A secret ballot was held, Catherine Dong and Frank Chen won with 10 and 8 votes respectively; Karl Zhu received 4.

**Be it resolved that** Kathrine and Frank are appointed to the Executive Evaluation Committee for the Spring 2019 term.

*Motion passes with majority; Catherine Dong, Frank Chen, Karl Zhu abstain.*

*Kanan Sharma returns at 7:50.*

### FUNDING PROPOSAL FOR MATH GRAD BALL - *Andres Garcia, Kanan Sharma*

Andreas talked about the Math Grad Ball: The Graduate Committee runs a bunch of events to make graduation memorable, and the Grad Ball is a big event open to all that is planned by the committee, and they need \$12,000 more to change to a different, nicer venue, and get better lighting, food and service, and decorations. Current budget is \$58,000, looking to increased to \$70,000

Andres responded to various questions: The ticket price is not planned to be increased to reflect the increase in costs. The event has not been memorable or well run in the past, so the committee is looking to change this. In past years, the event has cost around \$40,000. Concerns were also raised that first years paid the same price for a ticket, but could not access the free alcohol, to which a councilmember responded that the Canadian Government is discriminatory and at fault for that fact.

*Secretary's note: the Government of Ontario legislates the drinking age; not the Canadian Government.*

**Be it resolved that** MathSoc approves \$12,000 in sponsorship for the Mathematics Graduate Ball, for which the budget and associated explanations are [attached](#).  
*Motion passes with majority, Frank and Kanan abstain.*

*Council was recessed for 10 minutes at 7:53.*

*Council resumed at 8:03.*

**Be it resolved that** ballots from earlier votes be destroyed.

*Speaker Hunte, Garrett Hildebrandt*

*Motion passed unanimously.*

*Speaker's note: Beatles music was played during Council recess; the VPO and VPF were both appreciative of this.*

DISBANDMENT OF CFSA CLUB - *Kanan Sharma*

*Motion failed to receive a seconder, removed.*

**Whereas** the Computing and Finance Students' Association has been inactive for the last year;

**Be it resolved that** the Computing and Finance Students' Association is disbanded and its assets transferred MathSoc.

*Note: please refer to [this defense](#) of the club's existence.*

EXECUTIVE TRANSITION & FUNDING - *Speaker Hunte, Kanan Sharma*

Discussion emerged saying that stronger Exec transition is needed, but MathSoc doesn't want to raise honourariums above current \$475. The max total \$1000 for the transition is for a day to be taken to perform more exhaustive transition with as many as 11 people, so the \$1000 is a max upper limit, not a commonly expected cost. This is expected to improve individual Exec

transition as well as cohesiveness between the whole team. Concerns were raised that it wasn't enough money to compensate people that may have to come and stay from out of town.

**Be it resolved that** proposed funding rise be increased to \$2000 from \$1000, and the points regarding \$300 honorariums are struck from the proposal.

*Motion taken as friendly.*

**Be it resolved that** the funding be approved until the end of the month after the approval term, and amend policy 25 to require a transition of all execs.

*Motion taken as friendly.*

**Whereas** the Society is in need of stronger executive transition, as outlined by the previous President, Rajat Malhotra.

**Be it resolved that** MathSoc approves \$2000 in funding for executive transition, in addition to any other funds which may be or may not have been approved; this funding is approved until the end of the month after the end of the term in which the funds are approved.

**Be it further resolved that** Policy 25 is amended to add the requirement to transition the executive team following their term under the requirements for all executives.

*Motion passes with majority, VP Finance Sewani abstains.*

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE POSITIONS - *Kanan Sharma, Speaker Hunte*

For Committee at-large seat, Kanan Sharma nominates Andres Garcia, accepted.

For CRO, Garrett Hildebrandt nominates Catherine Dong, Kanan Sharma seconds, accepted.

Kanan Sharma nominates Karl Zhu, Speaker Hunte seconds, accepted.

A secret ballot vote is held, Catherine Dong and Karl Zhu abstain, and Catherine Dong is selected 8-2.

**Be it resolved** that the ballots be destroyed.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

**Whereas** official notice of the resignation of Kanan Sharma from the Elections Committee and as Chief Returning Officer, which was received on October 18th, 2019 will cause the position of Chief Returning Officer to become vacant, and leave vacant a seat on the Elections Committee; and

**Whereas** the above will be effective the 8th of November, after the current by-election for president concludes, or whichever comes later; then

**Be it resolved that** Andres Garcio is appointed to the Elections Committee, effective immediately subsequent to the seat becoming available; and

**Be it further resolved that** Catherine Dong is appointed Chief Returning Officer, effective immediately subsequent to the seat becoming available.

#### TERRIBLE HACK FUNDING - *VP Finance Sewani, Speaker Hunte*

This event is generally funded by CSC, but they were not contacted by relevant authorities before the budget meeting, so they want to get the funding now. In pursuit of this funding, they have pushed back the date to 16 November, and they have decreased ask since last TerribleHacks by \$200. They are an independent organisation but often serve many math students.

**Whereas** the following details have been submitted by the Computer Science Club for a funding request:

1. Event name: Terrible Hack
2. Budget: \$800
3. Duration: 8-10 hours
4. Date: November 9
5. Expected Attendance: 80
6. Food: 1 meal + snacks
7. Misc: Stickers

**Be it resolved that** \$800 is allocated to the Terrible Hack event.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

AMENDMENT TO VPI BUDGET - *VP Internal Eng, VP Operations Wang***For discussion:**

Request was made to move some of the finals distress budget to health kits, and to increase the overall health kits budget as the cost per kit is more than anticipated.

*A motion arising out of the discussion will be allowed.*

The kit will include Muji pens, MathSocks, tissues, snacks, among other things, in the 200 kits, but projected costs are \$2000, so VPI wants to move \$400 from finals distress to mental health kits, and then further increase budget by \$800.

**Be it resolved that** the request be changed from \$800 increase to straight raise of budget to \$2000.

*Motion taken as friendly.*

**Be it resolved that** Mental Health kits budget be increased to \$2000.

*VP Internal Eng, Garrett Hildebrandt*

*Motion passed with majority.*

FIRST YEAR AFFAIRS BUDGET - *Kristy Gao, Catherine Dong*

**Discussion:** 3 events are planned to run, but were not budgeted because the First Year representatives had not yet been elected.

**Be it resolved that** \$1800 is allocated to the First Year Affairs budget.

*Motion passed, Kristy Gao abstained.*

COUNCIL & BOARD MEET & GREET - *Kanan Sharma, Karl Zhu*

*Motion was withdrawn.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Vote to discuss Policy 20 passed with unanimous support.*

AMENDMENT TO POLICY 20 - *Garrett Hildebrandt, VP Finance Sewani*

Seeing as existing soft policy is to approve 10% overbudget spending by clubs, some events have such small budgets that they cannot deal with higher-than-expected turnout or spending. This proposal allows VPFs to move similar funding for events between accounts, and allow \$100 overbudgets to be approved by all of the President or VPO, the Business Manager, and VPF. This primarily improves controls in the society.



**Be it resolved that** the amendments to Policy 20, Central Budget, are approved as presented [here](#).

*Motion passed unanimously.*

INCREASE TO MENTORSHIP BUDGET - *VP Academic Schwarze, Andres Garcia*

To run planned Mentorship events with the cost breakdown available [here](#), Mentorship requires a further \$3280, and the Career Fair has similar reasons for a \$50 budget increase.

**Be it resolved that** the mentorship budget is increased to \$3280.

**Be it further resolved that** the career fair budget is increased to \$50.

APPOINTMENT OF EXEC EVALUATION COMMITTEE - *Kanan Sharma, Garrett Hildebrandt*

Kanan Sharma nominates himself, Catherine Dong seconds.

Karl Zhu nominates himself, Kanan Sharma seconds.

**Be it resolved that** Karl Zhu and Kanan Sharma are appointed to the Executive Evaluation Committee for the Fall 2019 term.

*Motion passes with majority; Catherine Dong, Kanan Sharma, Karl Zhu, and VP Finance Sewani abstain.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The WUSA President and VPOF have informed Speaker Hunte that legal counsel has advised them that Council should not have a confidential session.

Council will likely have an early November meeting to ratify the results of the president's election.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting is scheduled to be adjourned at 9:00pm EST.