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 University of Waterloo Mathematics Society

# Council

June 02, 2020

Location: Google Meet, Time: 6:30 PM EST - Call in [Here](#)

Speaker	Matthew Schwarze
Secretary	Natalia Manturowicz
Attendees: (Voting)	Ina Wang (President), Sophia Spitman (VPI); (VPO); Sima Jia (VPF); Alan Yichen Wei (VPA), John Hunte (ActSci); Sehar Durrani (Math/Business); Brayden Royston (CS); Kevin Trieu (CS); Mary Sybersma (CS Rep); Alice Li (CS Rep); Vincent Macri (PM/AM/CO); Karl Zhu (CFM); Angela Wang-Lin (Stats); Caleb Lew (Teaching); Catherine Dong (Deputy Speaker, Mathematical Studies & Other); Samer Zu'mot (Board Chair, Math/Business Rep); Karl Zhu (CFM); Akshar Goyal (Mathematical Studies & Other); Harleen Bhandal (Mathematical Studies & Other)
(Non-Voting)	Rose Penner (Business Manager); Colleen Richter (Dean's Designate); James Anderson (mathNEWS); Andy Zhang (MEF Director)
Expected Absences	

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## 1 Preliminaries

### 1.1 Call to Order

The Speaker calls the meeting to order at 6:30 PM EST.

### 1.2 Approval of the Agenda

The Speaker assumes the agenda.

### 1.2 Territorial Acknowledgement

The Mathematics Society of the University of Waterloo acknowledges:

“The University of Waterloo is on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples. The University of Waterloo is situated on the Haldimand Tract, land promised to the Six Nations, which includes six miles on each side of the Grand River.”

### 1.3 Oral Conflict of Interest Declaration

The Speaker poses the following question:

“In relation to any of the items of business on the agenda for this meeting, does any Councillor have an actual, perceived, or potential conflict of interest?”

## 2 Approval of the Minutes - Speaker Schwarze, Councillor Sharma

**Be it resolved that** Council approve the Minutes of the May 11th Meeting of Council, [as presented](#);

**Be it further resolved that** Council approve the Minutes of May 20th Special Meeting of Council, as [presented](#);

## 3 Reports

*Motions arising directly out of a report, including to adopt recommendations in the report, may be considered immediately after the report without having to wait until later in the meeting. No action is required to receive a report. If Council decides to adopt or accept a report, then it is endorsing the entire report and not just the recommendations.*

### 3.1 Executive Reports:

[VPA](#), [VPI](#), [VPO](#), [VPE](#), [President](#)

### 3.2 Representative Reports:

CS/Comp Math, [PMath/AMath/CO](#), Actsci/Math Finance, Math/Business, CFM, Statistics, Math Teaching, Math Studies & Other

### 3.3 Board of Directors Report: Chair

### 3.4 Miscellaneous Reports:

Governing Document Update - Councillor Hunte, Councillor Sharma

## 4 Unfinished Business

### 4.1 Data Science Club Budget - *Speaker Schwarze, Councillor Sharma*

**Whereas** the Data Science Club Spring 2020 Budget is as [presented](#),

**Be it resolved that** the Data Science Club Spring 2020 Budget is approved.

### 4.2 Mobius Fee Discussion - *President Wang, Councillor Sharma*

**Whereas** the University began transferring course materials from physical textbooks to online and digital sources;

**Whereas** Mobius is one of the resources that is commonly used in the University, especially in the Math Faculty;

**Whereas** the Faculty is currently paying for the cost of Mobius for students (i.e. student is paying \$0.00);

**Whereas** it's a huge cost for the university and the Associate Provost of Academics wants the students to pay for their use;

**Whereas** Mobius is more commonly used in the Math Faculty than it is used in the other faculties, so it's seems unfair for students to pay per course;

**Whereas** the Faculty wants to set a fixed rate of \$30.00 for student annually;

#### **Question(s) for thought:**

1. Should students pay for a fee for using the resource?
2. If yes to Q1, how should the student pay for it? Per course rate, fixed rate, or combination?

### 5.4 [Discussion] MathSoc's Social Media Stance on Recent Black Lives Matter Incidents - *Councillor Sharma, President Wang*

## 5.2 Fall 2020 MathSoc Operations [Discussion] - *Councillor Sharma, Councillor Wang*

Since Fall is going to be mostly online

Question(s) for thought:

- 1) Do we want to charge the full fee, a partial fee, or no fee?
- 2) Should we do a survey to get students' opinions on what they want from MathSoc for the Fall term?

## 4.3 Student Engagement and Society Activities - *VP Jia, President Wang*

**Whereas** the University is solely online this term, it is expected that students would face challenges that come with remote learning as well as adapting to studying at home.

**Proposal for discussion :**

- To encourage and engage students despite the remote nature of the school term, MathSoc would promote rigorous event organised by MathSoc and its affiliated clubs to ensure the students benefit optimally from the university's core priorities
- It upholds the highest academic standards by engaging clubs with activities that aid student learning while ensuring the physical and mental well-being of our students.

## 5 General Orders

*A general order is an item of business that is ordered to be taken up at a meeting. Time limits to discussions indicate the point at which the Speaker will end the discussion unless Council directs otherwise.*

## 5.1 Appointment of Directors - *President Wang, Councillor Sharma*

**Whereas** Council appointed Harleen Bhandal and Matthew Schwarze as 12-month at-large members for MathSoc Board in the May 11th Council Meeting;

**Whereas** the two at-large member seats for 8-month is currently vacant;

**Whereas** President Wang reopened applications for at-large members to receive applications;

**Whereas** Board of Director applications are due on June 5th;

~~**Be it resolved that** Council appoints \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as 8-month at-large members for MathSoc Board, effective immediately.~~

**Be it resolved that** Council appoints Akshar Goyal and Brayden Royston to conduct applicant interviews with the President and present their recommendations to Council at the next meeting.

## 5.3 MathSoc Marketing Policy - *Councillor Sharma, Speaker Schwarze*

**Whereas**, MathSoc Policy 16 Posting Board was rescinded on July 18th, 2018;

**Whereas**, no marketing rules exist for MathSoc;

**Whereas**, there should be consistency between terms about our marketing policies; and

**Whereas**, the rules should be publicly available;

**Be it resolved that**, the council approves the marketing policy.

## 6 New Business

*Any Councillor may raise any item of concern during new business. Generally, long discussions without a specific motion before Council should be avoided, and are technically against the rules of procedure. If a Councillor has any questions about the procedure, form, or content, they should ask the Speaker.*

## 7 Announcements

## 8 Adjournment

The meeting is scheduled to be adjourned at 8:30 PM EST.

## Relevant Documents

MathSoc Marketing Policy:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rhW\\_JpfpXSNVeOrCZHWJjz1xTKdVMxWP/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rhW_JpfpXSNVeOrCZHWJjz1xTKdVMxWP/view?usp=sharing)

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

John's Motion

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1A7FrsDTQh1P5u08yHcifu3f\\_k7Kr7RGvK6vFZB10\\_3w/edit?fbclid=IwAR00erL2siOGXA4RWju4nUFyxd2ylkGWpSYJ2rXbnoAoCaxct93vvsW595Y](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1A7FrsDTQh1P5u08yHcifu3f_k7Kr7RGvK6vFZB10_3w/edit?fbclid=IwAR00erL2siOGXA4RWju4nUFyxd2ylkGWpSYJ2rXbnoAoCaxct93vvsW595Y)