

## ***Mathematics Society Council Special Meeting Minutes***

***MC 3038, UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO***

*Speaker:* John Hunte

*Secretary:* Matthew Schwarze, Alex Lee

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### **ATTENDANCE**

The following voting members were present:

- Matthew Schwarze (VPA)
  - Jason Eng (VPI)
  - Rajat Malhotra (President)
  - Andres Garcia
  - Nigel Qiu
  - Frank Chen
  - Alina Sewani (VPF)
  - Michelle Wang (VPO)
  - John Hunte (Speaker)
  - Garrett Hildebrandt
  - Kanan Sharma
  - Kristy Gao
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### **PRELIMINARIES**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

**Be it resolved that** the meeting is called to order at 17:44.

**Be it resolved that** Alex Lee is appointed assistant secretary for the duration of this meeting.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

*Motion passed unanimously.*

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Consideration of Fall 2019 Budget - *VP Finance, President*

Consideration of the budget, [\*as presented.\*](#)

***Statistics Club***

Discussion surrounding the requested \$200 in accidental expenses emerged, with the consensus of Council being that accidental expenses were something that should be brought to Council when they occur, not budgeted for in advance, and that issues like over attendance to events have existing mechanisms to deal with them.

**Be it resolved that** the accidental expenses line be reduced by \$200 to \$0.

*Garrett Hildebrandt, Frank Chen*

*Motion accepted as friendly.*

Budget was preliminarily approved.

***WICS***

Council raised no concerns regarding WICS' proposed budget.

Budget was preliminarily approved.

***Bioinformatics Club***

A BiC representative mentioned that the club was in the process of improving their office, including printing a poster of an open window to the outside world so their members wouldn't forget what it looks like. Council believed that the requested \$30 for this was insufficient, and that further spending may attract more members.

**Be it resolved that** the clubroom improvement line be increased by \$70 to \$100.

*Andres Garcia, VP Finance Sewani*

*Motion accepted as friendly.*

Budget was preliminarily approved.

### ***Teaching Students' Association***

Discussion emerged surrounding TSA's request for \$50 to First Aid Kit Restock, and that this was insufficient to meet University standards.

**Be it resolved that** FirstAid Kit Restock be increased by \$50 to \$100.

*President Malhotra, VP Internal Eng*

*Motion accepted as friendly.*

Budget was preliminarily approved.

### ***Pure Math Club***

Council raised no concerns regarding PMC's proposed budget.

Budget was preliminarily approved.

*Council recessed from 6:34 pm, called back to order at 6:51 pm.*

### ***Double Degree Club***

Discussion emerged surrounding the proposed Destress with Puppies event, as MathSoc was planning a similar event already accessible to Double Degree Club members. The large cost of the Skating event, in conjunction with its low estimated attendance, was also a matter of concern.

**Be it resolved that** Destress with Puppies and Skating be struck from the DDC budget.

*Kanan Sharma, VP Finance Sewani*

*Motion accepted as friendly.*

Budget was preliminarily approved.

***ActSci Club***

Discussion formed that suggested low compensation for guest speakers at events such as ActSci's Industry Expert Talk reflects poorly on MathSoc.

**Be it resolved that** Industry Expert Talk's budget be increased by \$150 for improved gifts for speakers.

*Kanan Sharma, Garrett Hildebrandt*

*Motion accepted as friendly.*

Budget was preliminarily approved.

***Data Science Club***

Similar concerns as above were raised regarding professor compensation for DSC's Faculty Talk.

**Be it resolved that** Faculty Talk's budget be raised by \$15 to improve prof gifts.

*Kanan Sharma, President Malhotra*

*Motion accepted as friendly.*

Budget was preliminarily approved.

***FARMSA***

**Be it resolved that** the full \$80 Recruitment Fund be moved to BOT, totalling \$405 in BOT.

*Garrett Hildebrandt, VP Finance Sewani*

*Motion taken as friendly.*

**Be it further resolved that** the EOT's funding be reduced by \$80 to \$400.

*Frank Chen, Kanan Sharma*

*Motion taken as friendly.*

**Be it further resolved that** Python for Finance's funding be reduced by \$90 to \$340.

*Frank Chen, Kanan Sharma*

*Motion taken as friendly.*

**Be it resolved that** the above motion also reduce funding for Finance 101 and Mentorship Night by \$100, to \$300 and \$500, respectively.

*Garrett Hildebrandt, Frank Chen*

*Motion taken as friendly.*

**Be it resolved that** the reduction to the Python for Finance workshop be removed from the above motion.

*VP Finance Sewani, Frank Chen*

*Motion taken as friendly.*

Motion now reads:

**Be it resolved that** the funding amount for Finance 101 and Mentorship Night be decreased by \$100 to \$300 and \$500, respectively.

*A strawpoll was conducted and councillors accepted the above motion.*

**Be it further resolved that the** distress kit budget be reduced to \$0 and MOT budget be increased by \$50 to \$250.

*President Malhotra, Kristy Gao*

*Motion taken as friendly. Kanan abstains.*

**Be it resolved that** a comment be added to the BOT line item to note that Council approving this amount for this term does not constitute a precedent for future terms, as this amount was already incurred at the time of the budget meeting.

*Garrett Hildebrandt, President Malhotra*

*A strawpoll was conducted and councillors accepted the above motion.*

*Motion accepted as friendly.*

### ***Computer Science Club***

Council raised no concerns regarding CSC's proposed budget.

Budget was preliminarily approved.

*Council recessed for 5 minutes.*

### ***Vice President, Internal***

Much discussion emerged surrounding VP Internal Eng's requests to purchase walkie talkies, tables, and a scanner for his events. He did not have these expenses listed in his budget, and he was instructed to either approach the Capital Improvements Fund (CIF), or to properly approach Council with a budget in the future.

**Be it resolved that** Halloween funding be decreased by \$300 to \$700.

*VP Finance Sewani, Garrett Hildebrandt*

*Motion passed.*

**Be it resolved that** Party with Profs be decreased by \$2000 to \$5000.

*Garrett Hildebrandt, VP Finance Sewani*

*6 against, 3 for, motion failed*

Budget was preliminarily approved.

VP Internal Eng left at 22:15.

## ***President***

There were many concerns that surfaced surrounding the President's budget and the vagueness involved in line item descriptions and his verbal explanation. Particular line items that were of concern to Council included, but is not limited to, Driver/Special Projects and Exec Expenses.

**Be it resolved that** Driver/Special Projects and Start of Term Discretionary be struck from the budget.

*Garrett Hildebrandt, Kanan Sharma*

*Motion passed with majority.*

**Be it resolved that** election funding be increased to \$100 from \$50.

*Kanan Sharma, VP Operations Wang*

*Motion withdrawn.*

**Be it resolved that** Exec Expenses be reduced to \$300.

*Kanan Sharma, VP Finance Sewani*

*Motion taken as friendly.*

Budget was preliminarily approved.

## ***Board of Directors***

Budget was preliminarily approved.

## ***Council***

Budget was preliminarily approved.

## ***Vice President, Academic***

**Be it resolved that** Mentorship Program Expenses be increased by \$500.

*VP Finance Sewani, Kanan Sharma*

*Motion taken as friendly.*

Budget was preliminarily approved.

### ***Vice President, Operations***

President Malhotra left the meeting at 22:55.

**Be it resolved that** Printing be increased to \$1000.

*Kanan Sharma, VP Finance Sewani*

*Motion taken as friendly.*

Discussion emerged regarding New Equipment and the need for that funding to be put through CIF, rather than budgets coming out of general revenues.

**Be it resolved that** New Equipment be decreased to \$0, from \$750.

*Garrett Hildebrandt, VP Finance Sewani*

*Motion taken as friendly.*

Budget was preliminarily approved.

**Be it resolved that** Procedure 20.7 be suspended due to club joint event discrepancies.

*Kanan Sharma, Garrett Hildebrandt*

*Motion passed by majority.*

**Be it resolved that** the MathSoc budget for Fall 2019 is approved as presented.

*Motion passed by majority.*



*Secretary note: Speaker Hunte and Kanan Sharma would like to thank Lily Holmes for bringing candy to the council meeting.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 23:35.