Waterloo Engineering Society ‘A’  
Spring Meeting #5

**Date:** Wednesday July 19th 2017  
**Location:** POETS  
**Chair:** Awn Duqoum  
**Secretary:** Thomas Dedinsky

# Attendance:

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| **1st Year Classes** | | | | | | | |
| CHEM 2021 |  | ECE-1 2021 | X | ECE-2 2021 | X | ENV/GEO 2021 |  |
| MECH 2021 | X | TRON 2021 |  | SYDE 2021 | X |
| **2nd Year Classes** | | | | | | | |
| BME 2020 | X | CHEM 2020 | X | CIVE 2020 | X | ECE 2020 | X |
| MGMT 2020 | X | MECH 2020 | X | TRON 2020 | X | NANO 2020 | X |
| SOFT 2020 | X |
| **3rd Year Classes** | | | | | | | |
| CHEM 2019 | X | ECE-1 2019 |  | ECE-2 2019 |  | ENV 2019 |  |
| GEO 2019 | X | MECH 2019 | X | TRON 2019 | X | NANO 2019 | X |
| SYDE 2019 | X |
| **4th Year Classes** | | | | | | | |
| CHEM 2018 | X | CIVE 2018 | X | ECE-1 2018 |  | ECE-2 2018 |  |
| ECE-3 2018 |  | MGMT 2018 | X | MECH 2018 | X | SOFT 2018 | X |
| **Other** | | | | | | | |
| Reduced Load | X | Executive | X | Off-Term Executive | X |

**Total Votes Available:** 36  
**Total Votes Present: 27**

# 1.0 Call to Order & Godiva’s Hymn:

**Time:** 5:48 pm

Quorum established at 27/36 voting members present.

# 2.0 Approval of Engenda:

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| Motion: | Approval of Spring 2017 Meeting #5 Engenda |
| Mover: | Civil 2018 |
| Seconder: | Syde 2019 |
| Amendments: | * Amend the Engenda to wish Awn a happy belated birthday (5.1) |
| Result: | Motion Passes |

# 3.0 Approval of Minutes:

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| Motion: | Approval of Minutes (Spring 2017 Meeting #4) |
| Mover: | Nano 2019 |
| Seconder: | MGMT 2018 |
| Result: | Motion Passes |

# 4.0 Executive Updates

4.1. President – Abdullah Barakat (president.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

* First council meeting executive went over their goals, here are the updates.
* He’s been reaching out to the Engineering Departments and collaborating, it’s been a bit slow from faculty side, but it should be done by end of Fall.
* Revamping council, we’ve changed it based on feedback throughout the term, hopefully made it more welcoming/less ambiguous.
* MATES, finishing up transition docs and transition to a new commissioner.
* Improving FEDS Council/COPS procedure, making a document specifically for them, it should be done for next term.
* Engineering Spirit has been pretty energized; we had SCUNT, Tool’s 50th Birthday, Engineering Day (which had 1500 people).
* For Orientation Week, we’re completely revamping EngSoc Day with a new plan in place.
* We hired our new commissioners/officers, thanks for the fantastic term current commissioners!

4.2. VP Communications – Steven Jia and Céline O'Neil (vpexternal.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

* Not too much from Steven, communications is an ongoing thing.
* Celine and Dan are going over next year’s conference budget; the faculty pays to send us to conferences which is great.
* We’re releasing one final executive video this week.
* Director appreciation is next Monday, an end of term/recap video will be there.
* Transition docs; Sarah is looking into whether their directors need them, Steven is making one.
* Communications survey was compiled into a report and is available on the website.
* Communication guidelines are now revised.
* Q: Does it allow for POETS Licensed to be advertised?
* A: Well it can currently, but it has to follow very specific format.
* Increasing relevance/outreach of EngSoc.
  + The LCD screen format will be updated.
  + EOT media video is being made.
  + Updating mailing list categories is done, but we want to use them.
  + Snapchat geofilter contest is done, waiting on Snapchat’s approval
  + Portal societies widget is stalled, can only do so much because IST/SSO is slow.
* Regarding conference transparency/takeback, conference delegation committee is now in laws.
* Conference info night is tomorrow.
* We’re working on takeback ideas bank.
* Executive videos have been good at telling you guys what we’ve been up to.

4.3. VP Academic – Patricia Duong (vpacademic.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

* MATES is having 10 hours of trial space starting this fall.
* WaterlooWorks 2017 feedback form was finished, the bit.ly for the report is on the update. 168 respondents. Report includes the list of all the Chrome extensions people use!
* For the Exam Bank, we investigated whether it was worthwhile to give access.
  + Ryerson and Windsor run it like us.
  + UofT and Lakehead collaborate with professors, have a full database.
  + Mac tried to collaborate with professors, but then the professors said they couldn’t put stuff on the exam bank.
  + Guelph got rid of their exam bank a few years ago because it was old.
  + If we did it, we would be like UofT/Lakehead.
  + Professors have more access to questions than we do, and would be awesome for the exam bank if we got additional access.
  + Some professors will not want their exams on the exam bank, however.
  + Strawpoll: How many people would like us to investigate collaborating with professors.
  + Majority wants that investigation.
  + Doesn’t mean we’re going to do it right away/advertise it to professors.
  + We’re going to be careful and make sure we do it right/get something out of it.
  + Q: Is there a chance that we’re going to lose access to exam bank?
  + A: Maybe? Professors have been good recently in terms of working with the exam bank so probably not.
  + Note professors have control over what exams are on there, since it’s their IP.
  + Q: Most professors won’t let us get our midterms back at all, why will this work?
  + A: If some professors are open to this collaboration, then more profs can get on board.
* Puppies in POETS is happening next Thursday! 11:30 to 3 pm.
* Strawpoll: How many people here are EngSoc reps/academic reps?

Very few are both, most classes have academic representatives though.

* We had a survey/people come into talk for WaterlooWorks, it went well!
* She was also good with talking to people about Coop 2.0, and we got people to speak about it. But she didn’t update people about meetings, although there were only few meetings.
* Teaching Awards transition documents are in progress.
* Looking to continue to advocate with MATES to grow it.
* WatPD survey results happened, there’s a link in the Engenda.
* Strawpoll: How many people know about the PEO pregrad experience form?
* After 2B, you can file paper stuff about your engineering coop terms to have it count towards your four years.
* You need your supervisor to sign off on it though. Keep a file with all of the experience forms for when you get your P. Eng you can submit them. You can submit them whenever you want.

4.4. VP Operations and Finance – Michael Beauchemin (vpfinance.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

* A student deal we had was cancelled without notice, at Molly Blooms we no longer get 50% off, in contact with Mary about it.
* Q: Can they stop increasing costs?
* A: Maybe this was part of that process.
* Last term Katie wanted to get a new photo put up in Orfice, a photo from Engineering Day 2016, working with PlantOps to put it up.
* Rainbow Hard Hat was purchased at Pride; seeing if it can be put up with the other hard hats in the Orfice.
* Q: Can we move it in POETS?
* A: The ones in POETS are discontinued.
* If you have questions about Michael’s role in Winter, let him know.
* Fun fact: EngSoc didn’t used to get student fees from the University, initially we set up table by where cheques got put in, and begged for money. Jim Pike went to the University and begged them for money. That’s what led to the opt-out fee.
* WEEF decided not to give us any money for E7 C&D, which is fair, they helped us a lot last term
* POETS Licensed/Fire Sale is this Friday, Fire Sale is 11:30 - 1:30. A lot of discounted items (like half off patches, shirts, etc,) will be cheap.
* For those who have ordered coveralls, they should be coming in on Friday, instead of Thursday.
* Novelties and Rigidware has way more stock now!
* Negotiating with Systems Design Department to get even more stuff.
* He’s been advertising all student deals, except posters.
* The goal to advertise/expand Student Deals to help lonely students fell through, book stores still need to get back to him.
* We restructured the sponsorship on the website. ECIF has not been done yet, working with Katie next term.

4.5. VP Student Life – Mariko Shimoda (vpstudentlife.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

* EngPlay sold 481 tickets!
* Semi happened, everything’s done, nothing else is going on now.
* Will integrate accessibility stuff relating to disabilities next term.
* Bought apples from local farms for EngHack.
* Got compost in POETS!
* Directors are great, we want them to feel important.
* Director feedback form is done, needs to be sent out.
* Transition documents will be done.
* We have a lot of good feedback for our events, let us know how we can improve it.
* We tried to have Architecture students attend several events; they wouldn’t respond to emails, don’t want to participate.
* And we all signed a birthday card for Mary.

Toolbearers showed up and made the council meeting that much better. There was much cheering.

# 5.0 Business

5.1. You don’t look a day older than 21

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| Title: | You don’t look a day older than 21 [You actually look two days older than 21] |
| Mover: | Tron 2019 |
| Seconder: | ECE 2021-1 |
| Spirit: | **To wish Awn a happy belated birthday** |
| WHEREAS: | **Our Speaker, Awn Duqoum, was born on July 17th, 1996** |
| AND WHEREAS: | **The world has been slightly saltier ever since** |
| AND WHEREAS: | **This Monday marked 21 years since he exited his mother’s womb** |
| AND WHEREAS: | **Somehow he has survived this long and most certainly needs some cheering up** |
| BIRT: | **That the entirety of council celebrate this achievement of continuous existence** |
| BIFRT: | **The public domain song, “Happy Birthday To You”, be used to vocalize council’s feelings regarding this anniversary** |
| BIFFRT: | **The Speaker is mandated to chug a beer, as per the Josh Kalpin precedent.** |
| BIFFFRT: | **Tron 2019 must lead in a freestyle solo following the singing of “Happy Birthday To You”.** |
| Comments: | * **Amendment: Change Mech 2019 to Tron 2019.** * **Awn has 5 minutes to chug a beer.** |
| Result: | Motion Passes |
| Noted Against: | * C-Soc, Soft 2019, Syde 2019 |

5.2. The Document of Stances needs to be Up-to-date

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| Title: | The Document of Stances needs to be Up-to-date |
| Mover: | **Executive** |
| Seconder: | Mech 2019 |
| Spirit: | **To deprecate a stance that is outdated** |
| WHEREAS: | **The Document of Stances dictates what issues the Engineering Society officially takes a position on** |
| AND WHEREAS: | **The Document of Stances needs to be up to date to ensure that the Society is taking a position on issues that are still relevant to the student body** |
| AND WHEREAS: | **The stance in question is considered out of date since the University has put in a ‘Tuition by Program’ structure that predicts how increases in tuition will be expected to look like** |
| BIRT: | **The following stance be deprecated:**  **The Society condemns the increases to international undergraduate student tuition approved at the February 2016 meeting of the University of Waterloo Board of Governors.** |
| BIFRT: | **A new stance will be presented at the first council meeting of the Fall 2017 and Winter 2018 terms with more general wording against tuition hikes** |
| Comments: | * **Context: There was a 9.2% hike back in the day, causing this to be passed, but now it’s not like that anymore.** * **Now the University will tell new international people the expected tuition hike over their program versus not telling them before.** * **Now international students will be able to predict how much they will have to pay and can budget.** * **Q: Does tuition by program only apply for international?** * **A: Yes, for others, it raises 5% each year, the legal maximum.** |
| Result: | Motion Passes |

5.3. ECIF Allocations

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| Title: | ECIF Allocations |
| Mover: | **Executive** |
| Seconder: | Off-term Executive |
| Spirit: | **Council should know where our money is being allocated** |
| WHEREAS: | **Board Allocated 2692.83$ for capital improvements to Engineering** |
| BIRT: | **Council approves the ECIF allocations for S17** |
| Comments: | * **Last night, the Board of Directors met to see where funding would go** * **Makey-Makey is for Engineering outreach, corkboard in POETS is for posting bulletins.** * **Repair the Pool Table request had no money attached to it; we’ll look into it a bit more.** * **Q: What is the iPad for and it can’t be that cheap.** * **iPad is for signups, we don’t need an iPad for it, we’re going to use an Android tablet/Chromebook.** |
| Result: | Motion Passes |
| Noted Abstainers: | Soft 2018 |

5.4. Commissioner Ratification

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| Title: | Commissioner Ratification |
| Mover: | **Executive** |
| Seconder: | Soft 2020 |
| Spirit: | **To ratify the Winter 2018 Commissioners and Speaker** |
| WHEREAS: | **From the Commissioner/Speaker applicants, the Executive selected qualified candidates for each position** |
| BIRT: | **The following members be ratified in their respective roles for the Winter 2018 term:**   1. **Advertising Commissioner: Thomas Dedinsky** 2. **Outreach Commissioner: Emma Swarney** 3. **Mental Health Commissioner: Simon Grigg** 4. **Services Commissioner: Cameron Soltys** 5. **Socials and Events Commissioner: Megan Stronach** 6. **Professional Development Commissioner: Jenny Ma** 7. **Speaker: Andrew Dawson** |
| Comments: | |  |  | | --- | --- | | Motion: | Amend Agenda to Include Winners | | Mover: | Executive | | Seconder: | MGMT 2018 | | Result: | Motion Passes | |
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5.5. Committee of the Hole

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| Title: | Committee of the Hole |
| Mover: | **Mech 2019** |
| Seconder: | Tron 2019 |
| Spirit: | **Elect Committee of the Hole** |
| WHEREAS: | **A Committee of the Hole has not been elected** |
| AND WHEREAS: | **The committee of the hole is frequently mentioned** |
| BIRT: | **A committee of the following members be appointed as Committee of the Hole:**   1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 2. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 3. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| BIFRT: | **The Committee of the Hole has the following responsibilities:**   * **Raise awareness for the committee of the hole** * **Evaluate the role of the Committee of the Hole** * **Hold Committee of the Hole meetings** * **Hold Town Hall meetings to discuss** * **Develop a report recommending improvements in the function and role of the Committee of the Hole, and present said report at a Committee of the Hole meeting** * **Review the performance of other Committee of the Hole members** * **Vet future Committee of the Hole members** |
| BIFFRT: | **The collective representatives from Tron 2019 be appointed as a voting, non-speaking member of the committee** |
| Comments: | * **Tron 2019: Very important to fill this hole** * **Call to question failed** * **Motion is thrown out** |
| Result: | **Motion Passes** |

5.6. Director Updates

Tool’s 50th Birthday

* 5 people earned their purple hard hat, congrats!

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* Third: Env/Geo 2021 - won $50
* Second: Mech 2021 - won $100
* First: Tron 2019 - won $200
* Last: ECE 2018
* Talk to Michael to collect your money

# 6.0 Awards

6.1 President’s Awards

* Every term we look at everyone who has been involved in Engineering Society and will award this reward to someone who has put in hard work/has been an outstanding individual
* Winners of the Award:
* Cameron Soltys (Awarded by the President)
* Awn Duqoum (Awarded by the VP Academic)
* Sarah Madigan (Awarded by the VP Communications)
* Matthew Post (Awarded by the VP Operations & Finance)
* Alan Huang (Awarded by the VP Student Life)
* Michael Jonas (Awarded by the VP Student Life)
* Robbie Lowles (Awarded by the VP Student Life)

6.2 Paul Harlick Award

* Winning Class: Enviro/Geo 2021!
* Winning Reps:
* Anika Roller
* Nidhi Gupta

6.3 Engineering Society Leadership Excellence Award

* Winner of the Award: Awn Duqoum

Andrew Dawson will be taking over as Speaker for the rest of the meeting

# 7.0 Director and Affiliate Reports

7.1. WEEF – Sarah McCurdy (weef@uwaterloo.ca)

Not here.

7.2. The Iron Warrior (iwarrior@uwaterloo.ca)

Not here.

7.3. Senate – Grant Mitchell (gwmitche@edu.uwaterloo.ca)

Not here.

7.4. FEDS Councillors - Jason Maul

Not here.

7.5. EngFOC – Daniadele LeSauvachtler (engfoc@uwaterloo.ca)

Not here.

7.6. MATES – Awn Duqoum (mentalhealth.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca)

* We ran a second pilot, and it went so well this year. EngMates did very well.
* Next year we were planned an office, confirmed 10-15 hours per week for B-Society in the fall.
* Started transitioning Simon Grigg, he will do well and take on these initiatives.
* Started hiring exec team for MATES, and hired a new coordinator.
* A lot of work to get off the ground, but glad we got so much support.

7.7. GradComm - Jeffran Levy-Harvey (uwgradcomm@gmail.com)

* ~$12 total, winner gets $6. Winner donates all but $2 (what he paid).

# 8.0 Varia

* Outside on the POETS patio we’re taking a family photo right afterwards.
* Help yourself to eat more food afterwards.

8.1 How many days, ‘til IRS?

198 Days.

# 9.0 Adjournment

**Time:** 7:04pm

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| Motion: | Adjourn Spring 2017 Meeting #5 |
| Mover: | Syde 2019 |
| Seconder: | Tron 2019 |
| Result: | Motion Passes |
| Noted Against: | Mech 2019, Chem 2019 |