Council

Location: MC 5479 or Google Meet
January 10, 2023 · 6:00 PM ET
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Speaker	Nicholas Priebe (President)
Secretary	Ciaran Neely (VPA)
Attendees (Voting)	**Executive Officers:** Nicholas Priebe (President), Ciaran Neely (VPA), Gracie Zhang (VPF), Rachel Tania (VPI), Damian Mustatea (VPO), Daniel Huab (VPC) **First Year Representatives:** Jeffrey Qin, Kaushik Chatterjee, Adit Sinsinwal, Charles Chen, Sarah Wilson **Actuarial Science Representatives:** **Statistics Representatives:** **Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, and Combinatorics and Optimization Representatives:** Zev Friedman, Evan Girardin **Computer Science Representatives:** Marcus Chan, Grace Feng, Kevin Guo, Daniel Matlin, Eddie Pei, Naman Sood **Business Representatives:** **Computing and Financial Management Representatives:** **Software Engineering Representatives:** **Teaching Representatives:** **Mathematical Studies and Other Representatives:** **At-Large Representatives:**
(Non-Voting)	Rose Penner (Business Manager); Benoit Charbonneau (Dean's Delegate); math**NEWS**; Daniel Matlin (MEF Executive Director)
Expected Absences	

1 Welcome and Opening Remarks

1.1 Call to Order

Note that quorum for council meetings is ⅖ of voting members.
The Speaker calls the meeting to order at 6:00pm ET.

Meeting called to order at 6:02

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

The Speaker assumes the agenda.

No one opposes

1.3 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."*

President reads territorial acknowledgement

1.4 Oral Conflict of Interest Declaration

"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?"

Councillors Sarah Wilson, Naman Sood, Marcus Chan, Kaushik Chatterjee, Grace Feng have conflicts with CSC

President Priebe has a COI with PMC

1.5 Reference of Relevant Rules

MathSoc follows a modified version of Robert's Rules to help keep our meetings orderly. They prevent us from talking over each other. Please wait to be acknowledged before speaking. For each speaking turn focus on a single point. Everyone has the right to speak. For a motion to be discussed it needs a "mover" and a "seconder".

If you wish to:

- Make a new point ⟶ 1
- Reply as part of the ongoing conversation ⟶ 2

- Ask information about the speaking order, or relevant bylaws, or policies ⟶ POI (Point of Inquiry)
- When you see someone else not following the speaking order ⟶ POO (Point of Order)
- If you couldn't hear or need to take a break, etc. ⟶ POP (Point of Personal Privilege)

Most motions at Council aren't controversial, so we generally use a method of voting where you only need to explicitly vote if you wish to vote against a motion or abstain from voting. You can ask to have your vote noted in the minutes. We can also use roll-call voting or ballot box voting if ⅔ of Council agrees to it.

President explains Robert's rules to Council. Everyone is good with it and says they understand.

2 Introduction to MathSoc

Presentation by the MathSoc Executives: Intro to MathSoc W23

President does not go through slides to save time but gives his own introduction covering similar important topics. No one has questions

3 Consent Agenda

If anyone objects to an item on the consent agenda, they can ask it be moved to general orders

3.1 Approval of Council Minutes

Be it resolved that Council approves the minutes from the December 1st regular meeting as presented: F22-12-01 Council Meeting Minutes

3.2 Budget for Food for Council Meeting #1

Be it resolved that a budget of $200 is approved for food for the first council meeting, under the Council budget.

President explains what consent agenda is and asks. No one opposes

4 Special Orders

4.1 Appointment of Council Speaker — _____, _____

As stated in Bylaw 7.8, Council must meet no less than once every three weeks during the period of classes each term. Please refer to Bylaw 7.12.1 more information about the role of Speaker.

Be it resolved that ___ is appointed as the speaker of Council for the Winter 2023 term.

President explains the role of speaker.
President moves, VPA seconds.
One nomination from Cameron Peters. President moves to fill in blank with Cameron's name.
Motion passes unanimously
President: Camerons good
VPC: Can you prove it?
Cam: We're not doing this right now
VPC: Give an example of why you'd be good.
Cam: What I'm doing right now by not engaging
Sood: Speakers need to be able to cut off frivolous discussions which Cam is doing
Cameron Peters is appointed speaker unanimously

4.2 Appointment of Deputy Speaker — _____, _____

While the deputy speaker is not a role encoded in the bylaws, it exists to assist the speaker in the operation of meetings.

Be it resolved that ___ is appointed as the deputy speaker of Council for the Winter 2023 term.

President moves, Girardin Seconds

Lily nominates herself. No other nominations

Evan: What does the deputy speaker do?

President moves to fill in blank with Lily Mueller's name. Evan seconds

Motion passes

No discussion

No votes against

Lily Mueller is appointed unanimously

4.3 Appointment of Council Secretary — _____, _____

Please refer to Bylaw 7.12.2 more information about the role of secretary of Council.

Be it resolved that ___ is appointed as the secretary of Council for the Winter 2023 term.

President moves, Naman seconds
Two nominations from Laith Bahodi and Ramona Dirks

Laith: I was secretary for board and it was fun. I did the GM. I like minutes.
President: He takes good minutes
VPC reads Ramona's application
Evan: My opinion that having been on Board, Laith is good and we know he's good. And he recognizes our faces. Ramona can have an opportunity in the future
Grace: Laith's GM minutes are really good and really detailed, and he put my puns. Good minutes
Evan moves to fill in blanks with Laith Bahodi, president seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
Motion as a whole passes unanimously
President suggests that execs reach out to Ramona for volunteer positions

4.4 Appointment of the Elections Committee — _____, _____

Be it resolved that ___, ___, ___, ___, and ___ are appointed to the Elections Committee for the Winter 2023 term; and
Be it further resolved that ___ from above is appointed as the Chief Returning Officer; and
Be it further resolved to include the following dates for the by-election in the beginning of term email:

The nomination period will be January 12–18,
The all-candidates meeting will be held on January 19,
The campaigning period will be from January 20–24, and
The voting period will be from January 25–27.

President moves, and Naman seconds
President explains elections and the process. We need people from council right now to oversee what's happening. Low time commitment
VPA, President, Evan, Matlin, Eddie, Grace nominate themselves
Matlin withdraws
Grace withdraws
Matlin unwithdraws
Naman: It's going to be annoying if you plan to also run, so keep that in mind
Eddie: Clarifies
President: It's just a bit of a headache
Evan: The only thing is you can't have input on decisions relating to that seat. You can still have involvement in other things.
Naman: If more than two EC members have a COI, then you have to tell Council.
Eddie withdraws
Kaushik: time commitment
Evan: Mostly CRO does things. Your primary purpose is discussion. It's pretty passive and it's mostly just chatting online.
President: do it!

President: Grace you should do it
Grace: I'm talking myself intoit
Matlin: This will cause 3 current CS reps
Nominees abstain from filling in the blanks with the name. Names are filled in with Cici Neely, Nick Priebe, Evan Girardin, Daniel Matlin, Grace Feng
Evan: Nominates himself as CRO, no one else.
Taken on consent to put Evan's name
No discussion
Everyone on committee abstains and no one else. Passes unanimously

4.5 Appointment of Councillor-Directors — _____, _____

Whereas each term, 2 councillors are appointed to sit on the Board of Directors for the duration of the term; then
Be it resolved that Councillor ___ and Councillor ___ are appointed as councillor-directors for the Winter 2023 term.
President moves, Evan seconds
President explains board and what they are, and what councillor-directors are
Zev: what's time commitment
President: It's two hours every month
Chair Girardin: I think the board has been underutilised, so I will be doing a bit more but it's still low
President: explains board some more and the difference between Council and Board. I'm going to make the board do more M4 project stuff.
Sarah: it's a four month thing
Charles Chen and Sarah Wilson nominate themselves
No other volunteers
Evan: make sure that you attend Board meetings. It's smaller so it can make things hard if people don't show up
Grace: Both are first years and it's good to have first years on Board
Taken on consent to fill in blanks
Motion passes unanimously with 2 abstentions from nominees

4.6 Appointment of the Honorary Lifetime Membership Committee — _____, _____

For information, see Policy 22, Honorary Lifetime Membership Committee.

Whereas the Honorary Lifetime Membership Committee is created each term to fulfil the following duties:

1. to solicit nominations for persons to receive an Honorary Lifetime Membership;

2. to investigate all nominees; and
3. to recommend, to a general meeting, those whom they deem deserving of an honorary lifetime membership;

Whereas the Committee is composed of a Council appointee as chair, as well as one to three other Council appointees; then
Be it resolved that ___ is appointed as chair of the Committee;
Be it further resolved that ___, ___ and ___ are appointed as members of the Committee;
Be it further resolved that the Committee shall conclude its work and deliver a recommendation to the next general meeting to be voted on by the assembly.

President moves and Marcus seconds
President explains what the committee does. Commitment is low. I haven't been on the committee before though
President, VPC, Zev, Evan, Naman all nominate themselves
Naman withdraws
Evan threatens to withdraw in protest but does not
President offers to be chair
Evan: concerned that award is granted to graduating people and President is graduating.
President: if I come up I will make Naman do it, but I don't anticipate coming up
Matlin: I don't remember this being discussed last term
VPC: It's only in Winter
President: Graduated students can be nominated, so if I was nominated I would ask to be nominated after
Evan: If your're nominated by some one you have to resign by policy
President replaces himself with Naman. Naman agrees
Blanks filled in with Naman Sood as Chair, VPC, Evan, and Zev
No votes against
Four abstentions from nominees
Motion passes unanimously

5 Reports

Each executive report shall be considered for a maximum of 10 minutes, plus any extra time left over from the reports that went earlier.

5.1 Executive Reports

President explains reports

President's Report: W23 President Report #1.pdf
President gives report

Kaushik: what is timeline for M4
Evan: up in the air but probably 2024/2025
Kaushik: shape of the building
Evan: there are some pictures
President: Come to my office hours and I'll show you
President finishes report
Laith: What is COPS
Pres: Council of Presidents
Laith: DC bridge or MC bridge
President: it's being shut down and 80 offices have to be moved

VPF's Report: VPF Report: Meeting #1
VPF gives report
President: Are you looing for finance director, what do they do?
VPF: Explains role of finance director
FARMSA CoPrez: I was finance director previously. Can I still apply even though they are a club. Do we get to help you with backlogs. There is a lot of htat
VPF: It depends what they want to take on. If they have a lot of interes

VPO's Report: VPO Report: Meeting #1
Fixes erroneous title of "General Meeting Report" on friendly
VPO gives report
No questions

VPA's Report: VPA Report: Meeting #1 + Used Bookstore Receipt
Questions:
Councillor Sood: what went down at SUC
Neely: mostly changing requisites for sci business stuff, there was some work on studies of islam and arabic stuff. Chatted a bit about reformation stuff at the end.

VPI's Report: VPI Report: Meeting #1
Reads out report
No questions
President: clubs be familiar with Rachel

VPC's Report: VPC Report: Meeting #1
VPC reads out report

5.2 Other Reports

Each of these reports shall be considered for a maximum of 5 minutes.

Business Manager's Report:
Chair's Report:

5.3 Representative Reports

Each representative may give an oral report for a maximum of 2 minutes each. Councillors who wish for more time to present their report should submit a written report to the speaker in advance of the agenda submission deadline.

First Year; ActSci; Statistics; PMAMC&O; CS; Business; CFM; SE; Teaching; Math Studies & Other; At-Large

6 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.

6.1 Beginning of Term Budgets — *President Priebe, _____*

Whereas many clubs wish to hold beginning of term social events before the budget meeting; and
Whereas the process for receiving BOT funding is currently inconsistent and poorly communicated; then
Be it resolved that every club is approved for a BOT budget equal to their approved BOT budget from the previous term, up to a maximum of $500, each conditional on the approval of the VPF and Business Manager;
Be it further resolved that the budgetary policies are updated to reflect this change.

VPF Seconds
President: asks for who represents clubs and asks how much of a pain getting BOT funding and explains the motion. However much you get approved now, you get approved forever
Lily: How does this work for new clubs
President: It doesn't remove the existing way
Naman: There is a CSC motion as a template you can find
No votes against, no absentions, motion passes unanimously

6.2 Beginning of Term Budget for CSC — *Councillor Chan, _____*

Whereas the Computer Science Club received a budget of $0 for its Beginning of Term event in the term of Fall 2022; and
Whereas even if Motion 5.1 above were approved, CSC would still have no funding allocated for its BOT this term; then

Be it resolved that Council approves a BOT budget of $300 for CSC.
President Seconds
Marcus: Introduces himself. This was proposed by F22 president of CSC. THis used to be section 5. CSC received a budget of zero for Fall 2021 because of some shenanigans. There were some funds moved around and we had a budget of zero for BOT. We want 300 for the BOT. And in accordance with 6.1, since we din't have any funding before we don't automatically get it now
VPO: What are you going to do with it
Marcus: It generates a lot of membership. It tells people what CSC is about
President: but what will you buy
Marcus: Usually for food
President: Specifically this term
Marcus: It will be used for food and activities
Evan: Why 300
Marcus: Food and activities
Matlin: where did that number come from?
Marcus: It was proposed by the previous president of CSC. It's going to be mainly spent of food and cup pong and punting supplies, and other equipment
Evan: Do you know for sure that's how it's being used this term
Marcus: It will be for 20 boxes of pizza
Evan: 300 is not enough for that
VPC: Dominoes
Marcus: 270 for Pizza and 30 for misc
Naman: You can get pizza, you just have to be creative. I spent 300 CAD and got pizzas
President: Does 270 have tax and tip
Marcus: Yes
President: It seems reasonable
Marcus: Event coordinator brought number
President: It's reasonable given the size of the CSC BOT
Laith: If no money what happens
President: Sucks for them
Marcus: We'd get a BOT but with no money
10 votes for
Grace, Marcus, Naman, Sarah, Kaushik abstain
No votes against
Motion passes unanimously

6.3 Beginning of Term Budget for DSC— *President Priebe, _____*

Whereas the Data Science Club received a budget of $184 for its Beginning of Term event in the term of Fall 2022; and
Whereas The Data Science club requests a budget of $384 for the W23 Beginning of Term events,
Be it resolved that Council approves a BOT budget of $384 for DSC.

VPF seconds
Alvin: I'm a DSC exec. I want to increase the budget. BOT for us and for a lot of people is the first in person event for a lot of people for a lot time. It's a chance to promote the club. We're telling people we're still alive and stronger than ever. 384 may seem big, but if we look at previous terms we got 480, which is a lot more. We're saving you money while bringing you the same value. With a good BOT we are confident we can collect membership fees. We are planning to increase membership to 4$. This will only sell if there's a good BOT with good bubble tea. An increasae of budget will lead to more members and everyone will be happy. We previously requested 600$. We're getting lot's of bubble tea for 375$ and the rest is tip.
President: You're only tipping 9$ for 300$
Alvin: No it's on top. It's easier to raise it by a round number
Grace: Why raise the membership fee
President: Not relevant for this motion
VPC: Why are we using pre-pandemic numbers when you had an in person bubble tea BOT last term
Alvin: LAst term we got sketchy bubble tea and members thoight DSC was poor
Other exec: BOT last term was both its best and worst. Lots of members ~100. BUt a lot of first years didfn't join because the bubble tea was poor. We don't want people thinking we're poor
Naman: What does cheep bubble tea mean
Exec 3: It doesn't look like bubble tea
Alvin: Styrofoam cups
President: Can you get less bubble tea
Alvin: We're getting 80 bubble teas
No votes against
Naman abstains
Motion passes unanimously

6.5 Beginning of Term Budget for PMC — *President Priebe, _____*

Whereas Professor Kevin Hare has recently published a new result and is giving a talk about it on Thursday, January 12, and
Whereas PMC usually provides snacks at talks,
Be it resolved that PMC is granted $80 for snacks for this talk.

Evan seconds
President: Prof wanted to talk about a cool result and wants to do it soon. One small event
No votes against
President abstains
Motion passes unanimously

6.6 Beginning of Term Budget for Cartoons — *President Priebe, _____*

Whereas Cartoons is an integral part of the society, and
Whereas Cartoons did not receive the full requested amount from MEF;
Whereas uncertainty in budgeting leads to a more onerous hiring and onboarding process.
Be it resolved that Cartoons is granted a budget of $800 for this term, in the "Cartoons" budget line in the VPA budget.

Grace seconds
President: Cartoons want budget now because they do their hiring based on how much budget they have. If they don't get it now, they will have do do multiple rounds of hiring. They didn't get MEF funding also. Cartoons is good, we should give them this

Grace: I used to run cartoons and I have first hand experience at how much work it is. If we hire artists and wait, then hire more, people might have taken on commitments. Also no one wants to do multiple onboarding meetings. Writers might want to know how many so they spread out their time. If funding is uncertain we won't know when they will be published if we want to make the intervals even

Marcus: 75$ is for giftcards for reviewers. In Fall 2022, we got less funding from MEF

VPO: Is Cartoons really integral? Integral means wouldn't run without it

President: I used the wrong word

VPO: Does the amount of work reflect the money and effort

Marcus: I was the cartoons director/producer before. Writer is responsible for making sotry boards. Artist makes story board into an actual comic. We pay 160 to the artists and 80 for the writers (cut off– not answering the question)

Marcus: We got good engagement

Grace: Our reach is not just instagram

President: Cartoons publishes in MathNEWS

Grace: It's being backed by more and more profs. Dan Wolczuk, Anton Mosunov, etc. We get data from cartoon reviewers.

Naman: Since this mentions VPA budget does VPA know

VPA: Yes I was just in the middle of flights

Marcus and Grace abstain but motion passes unanimously

6.7 Beginning of Term Budget for VPO — VP Mustatea, _____

Whereas the previous VPO did not restock office supplies such as batteries, printer paper and snacks
Whereas three office managers have stepped up to take on a lot of shifts throughout the week, thus a Volunteer appreciation gift would like to be given;
Whereas a lot of new volunteers are being hired for the office, and a budget is required to perform the training required;
Be it resolved that VPO is granted $250 to Budget line 'Office Candy', $100 allocated to 'Volunteer Training', $55 allocated to 'Paper', $40 to 'Office Supplies' and $45 allocated to 'Volunteer Appreciation' for a total of $490

President seconds
Summarises motion
Matlin: Why 250 for candy
VPO: Because of COVID we have to do prepackaged stuff so it's expensive.
Damian abstains but motion passes

7 New Business

Any councillor may raise any item of concern during new business. Generally, long discussions without a specific motion before the meeting 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.

MSC wants to hold off elections and not charge membership fees
Lily: The next week and a half would be a big headache because a lot of stuff is not set up really yet. Things are too unstable. We had to replace our president
President: Do we want to discuss
Unanimous save one abstention
Lily: We have already had some jumbling. We did nothing last term because we were formed about a month before the term ended. This is for all intents and purposes our first term. It doesn't make sense to

have elections when we still don't really know what execs do. We recently added an exec. We really just need stability because it's very confusing to be a new club. It would be helpful to not have to stress about having an election but the vice president finance role is open and we need someone for that
Naman: What she said makes sense, but we also don't want clubs to get used to get used to this kind of treatment. So The club should have a fee collection plan and an election plan for the term.
Lily: Currently we are meeting with MathSoc execs and we don't want to have to add exceptions again.
President: Since execs of club support we will take it on consent
Grace: Evan, Evan, Evan....
Evan: I will resign
President: How do I remove people. I'm not going to but I can make empty threats
Motion passes unanimously

FARMSA: We were hoping to get 50$ to get do a resume critique or something before budget meeting
President: Why before budget meeting
President: I want to discuss this
Evan moves to extend adjournment time, President Seconds
Motion passes with one vote against from Evan
President moves to discuss giving FARMSA more money, Naman second
Motion passes
President: Starting with an academic event doesn't mean you have to be academic the rest of the term
FARMSA: We want to do a social event for communitee . We want to bring first years and upper years
President: What do with money
FARMSA: Cookies and chips etc
VPC: Can we approve such a low amount
President: Rose can do it. Withdraw the motion. Can Rose just do it?
Rose: I can do it, but if it starts happening a lot then it needs to go to council
President: Withdraws motion

8 Announcements

Chair Girardin: Board meeting is happening soon. If you want to be secretary come

Naman: WUSA director applications are open
President: Can graduated student do it?
Naman: I'll look into it

VPC: I've been advertising volunteer positions. VPO needs like 100 people, so if we could make his life hell it would be fun. So please remote. FI you you look like you're scanning the QR code other people will too

VPF: Next week is clubs meeting and if you want to be finance director then apply

9 Adjournment

The meeting is scheduled to be adjourned at 8:00 pm EST.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01

10 Upcoming Items

President: Math Studies Club wants

10.1 Discord Communication Discussion — *Vice-President Huab, _____*

Whereas use of the MathSoc Discord is not bound by MathSoc policy and is thus expectations for stakeholders of the society to use the Discord are not straightforward
.... < rest of motion >
Q: Consider how often you use the MathSoc Discord and for what purposes it should serve for your role in MathSoc.

President: We are going to discuss whether the DIscord is useful. There is a survey: do it.

10.2 Student Space in M4 – *President Priebe, _____*

Whereas M4 is being built with a particular focus on student space, and
Whereas there has been minimal student input,
Be it resolved that the president advocates for _____

President: Student input is important for M4. Find out what students want

10.3 Approval of "Sexual Violence in Math Spaces" Survey — *President Priebe, _____*

Whereas MathSoc had several issues last term with student discomfort in MathSoc spaces, and
Whereas no aggregate data currently exists on harassment and violence in MathSoc spaces,
Be it resolved that the president designs and distributes a survey on experiences of harassment and violence in MathSoc spaces.
Be it further resolved that $_____ be budgeted for gift cards for responders.

President: I'm making this survey unfortunately. Let me know if you have feedback