

University of Waterloo Mathematics Society

Council

November 20, 2021

Location: Google meet, Time: 11 AM EST - Call in [Here](#)

Speaker	Kanan Sharma
Secretary	Siya Sisodia
Attendees: (Voting)	Executive Team: Cody Halden (Prez), Arnav Gupta (VPA), Sofia Tosello (VPO), Jasmine Chan (VPI), Nikunj Bansal (VPF) Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, and Combinatorics and Optimization Representatives: Vincent Macri, Josué Kurke Teaching Representative: Natalia Manturowicz Computing and Financial Management Representatives: Business Representatives: Shian Fan, Lucy Shen Computer Science Representatives: Karl Zhu, Anthony Maocheia-Ricci Mathematical Studies and other Representatives: Software Engineering Representative: At-large Representative: Kanan Sharma, Abhiraj Lamba, Annie Zhang, Naman Sood, Yuchen Yan First Year Representative: Tao Fu, Alenka Rondon Durand, Sue Liu, Ernest Wong, Ibrahim Ahmed
(Non Voting)	Rose Penner (Business Manager); Colleen Richter (Dean's Designate); Clara Xi (mathNEWS); Diana Skrzydlo
Expected Absences	

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1 Preliminaries

1.1 Call to Order

The Speaker calls the meeting to order at 10:05 AM 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 of any of the items of business on the agenda for this meeting, does any Councilor or Executive have an actual, perceived, or potential conflict of interest?”

1.4 Remarks from the Speaker

2 Approval of the Minutes

Be it resolved that Council approve the Minutes of the October 31st, 2021 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.

Executive Reports:

5 minutes per report (2 min presentation, 3 minutes questions)

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

Officer & Staff Reports*Chair***Representative Reports:***CS/Comp Math, PMath/AMath/CO, Actsci/Math Finance, MathBus, CFM, Statistics, Math Teaching, Math Studies & Other*

4 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.

4.1 MathSoc Spaces: Better Uses – *President Halden, Councilor Macri*

Whereas the Faculty has brought up both in the past and now their uncomfortability with what we use club and mathsoc spaces for

Whereas the Faculty has been having discussions about what to do with our spaces

Whereas in the past, MathSoc clubs and office were a hangout place, and does not make it comfortable for students to come in and ask questions

Whereas some student, including myself, have not felt comfortable asking a question to a club/mathsoc during office hours

BIRT Council discusses this and potentially add motions here regarding what we should do

4.2 Winter 2022 General Election Ratification – *President Halden, Speaker Sharma*

Be it resolved that Council ratify the following acclaimed results:

- President: Mary Sybersma
- Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, and Combinatorics and Optimization Representatives: Maya Gusak, Evan Girardin
- Computer Science Representatives: Deepam Dibyajyot, Naman Sood, Prabhav Khera, Priyanshu Sharma, Vinayak Bector, Medhansh Hinduja
- CFM Representative: Vivan Garg
- Business Representative: Sabrina Berbari, Yuchen Yan, Lucy Shen

Be it further resolved that Council ratify the following elected result: Vincent Macri as Vice President, Academic

4.3 WUSA Governance Review – *Speaker Sharma, President Halden*

Whereas WUSA recently finished a Governance Review

Whereas WUSA Board of Directors have accepted the [report](#) and recommended the WUSA Students' Council to accept it at their November 21st, 2021 meeting

Be it resolved that Council discuss the report

4.4 New Desk for VP Comms – *President Halden, Speaker Sharma*

Whereas, at GM, we will be approving a new VP Comms position; and

Whereas the MathSoc Executive Office only has 5 desks given that we only had 5 executives; and

Whereas I asked for a quote for the same furniture that is already in the office, and it can be seen [here](#): then

BIRT Council approves \$1,386.48 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the purchase of a desk, chair and power bar for the new VP Comms, as the quote expires December 12th, 2021.

5 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.

5.1 Undergrad input for hiring SAS Lecturers – *VP Gupta, Speaker Sharma*

whereas the Administration Officer for SAS is looking for the councilor representatives for Actuarial Sciences and Statistics

whereas he is looking to invite some undergraduate students to attend some of the lecturer candidate demo lectures

whereas, since they are in the process of hiring some new lecturers, they think that undergraduate input would be valuable

whereas currently, nobody is representing Faculty of Actuarial Sciences or Statistics at Council

Be it resolved that Cody Halden and Manas Bafna will be representing students in Actuarial Science and Statistics and will help the faculty with the hiring of the new lecturers.

5.2 Update to Policy 6 Clubs Policy for Management of Funds – *VP Bansal, Speaker Sharma*

Whereas the current policy needs to be updated to reflect the actual process in place for the management of funds for Clubs by the Society;

Whereas failure to update the policy may result in confusion by Clubs; and

Whereas the proposed updates to Policy 6.3.2 Management of Funds can be viewed [here](#);

BIRT Council has reviewed and approves the updates in the document presented; and

BIFRT Council tasks VP Operations with the updates to the website.

6 Announcements

7 Adjournment

The meeting is scheduled to be adjourned at 1:24 PM EST.

Relevant Documents

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