

Council

Location: MC 5479

June 18, 2024 · 6:00 PM ET

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Original agenda: [S24-06-18 Council Meeting Agenda](#)

Speaker	Cooper Stone
Secretary	Xavier Solano
Attendees (Voting)	Executive Officers: Remington Zhi (President), E-Therng Lee (VPA), Daiphy Lee (VPF), Jack Whittick (VPI), Hope Appelmans (VPO), Jaycee Zhang (VPC) Actuarial Science Representatives: Statistics Representatives: Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, and Combinatorics and Optimization Representatives: Kareem Alfarra, Samantha Pater, Yi Fan Song Computer Science Representatives: Tian Chen, Ivy Fan-Chiang, Grace Feng, Avish Kathpal, Awab Qureshi Business Representatives: Asia Mitchell, Esha Banerjee Computing and Financial Management Representatives: Software Engineering Representatives: Emily Wang Teaching Representatives: Mathematical Studies and Other Representatives: At-Large Representatives: Vincent Chen, Sara Nayar, Melody Zhong, Noah Nazareth, Christian Choi, Alex Pawelko, Elias Awad, Saivenkat Jilla, Alina Hu
** (Non-Voting)	**Rose Penner (Business Manager); **Jackie Jones (Dean's Delegate); **mathNEWS
Expected Absences	Sara Nayar, Noah Nazareth (expected late)
Unexpected Absences	

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1 Welcome and Opening Remarks

1.1 Call to Order

Note that quorum for council meetings is $\frac{2}{3}$ of voting members.

The speaker calls the meeting to order at 6:02 ET.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

The speaker assumes the agenda.

6:04 Jaycee Zhang (VPC) Arrives

6:25 (official mathsoc clock) Noah Nazareth Arrives

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.”

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?”

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 “second”.

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 $\frac{2}{3}$ of Council agrees to it.

2 Consent Agenda – VP E. Lee, VP Zhang

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

2.1 Approval of Council Minutes

Be it resolved that Council approves the minutes from the May 28th regular meeting as presented  S24-05-28 Council Meeting Minutes .

3 Special Orders

3.1 Executive Appointment Committees (EAC) – VP Appelmans, Councillor Pawelko

Whereas the Board is responsible for the appointment of the VPC, VPF, VPI and VPO;

Whereas one Councillor is appointed to each EAC; and

Whereas Alina Hu has resigned from the VPF EAC;

Whereas Alex Pawelko has resigned from the VPI EAC; then

Be it resolved that Council appoints (*Councillor Awad*) to the Fall 2024 VPF Appointment Committee; and

Be it further resolved that Council appoints *Councillor Jilla* to the Fall 2024 VPI Appointment Committee.

Abstention: Councillor Quereshi, Councillor Hu, Councillor Pawelko

4 Reports

Each executive report shall be considered for a maximum of 3 minutes.

4.1 Executive Reports

President's Report:  President Council Report #3

Notes:

- Office staff and clubs handbooks in the works

VPF's Report:  VPF Council Report #3 - S24

- Act Sci exceeded budget on BOT
- Board approved 2024 winter execs honorariums

VPO's Report:  VPO Council Report #3 - S24

- Library system overhaul

- Bought more office supplies
- New items added to the POS
- POS Clean up (remove items no longer sold)

Questions

VPF: What replacement locks?

Answer: To replace broken locks

VPI's Report:  VPI Council Report #3 - S24

- Smash bros tournament positive feedback
- Met with clubs to check in and conduct term meetings
- EngSoc x MathSoc Soccer game coming up
- Meetings with other organizations to plan upcoming events
- Pi Approximation Day event form submitted

VPA's Report:  VPA Council Report #3

- Director of MUO has made a request for power to be supplied to the desks in MC classrooms
- Working to get a free alternative to IClickers
- Midterm review sessions planned and being run

Questions/ Comments

Jaycee: VeVox is not anonymous

Alex: What is the specific rationale for SE courses needing to consult with an advisor?

Ivy: SE are 0 credit courses, but mandatory for eng students and eng students are overriding into other courses

VPC's Report:  VPC Council Report - June 18th

- Advertised Mathsoc Social and academic events
- Cleaned up and updated link tree
- Had to shut talk/ clap back at ...
- Website updating
- MathSoc Cartoon page updated
- Weekly meme project is a success

4.2 Other Reports

Each of these reports shall be considered for a maximum of 2 minutes.

Business Manager's Report:

Chair's Report:

- EEC for past term concluded, execs provided reports
- Procedure 19 drafted, if passed, it makes volunteers do training modules on LEARN mandatory (essentially PD)
- TSA room has been relocated

- Website committee working on documentation of new website
- Spring 2021 General Meeting minutes missing

Chair and speaker evaluation criteria missing

BDS Committee:  2024-06-18 Council Meeting Report

- Met with CRO and Board Chair to seek advice on policy
- discussed the possible ramifications of taking a stance on Council and Councilors themselves
- Met with the Business Manager to discuss the best possible courses of actions

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 Policy 6.1.2 Suspension for Stats Club – VP Whittick, VP Appelmans

Whereas the University of Waterloo Statistics Club has recently experienced the unforeseen withdrawal of several executive members;

Whereas MathSoc Policy 6.1.2, Constitution Requirements, states that, "A club must elect its executive officers no later than the third week of that term."; and,

Whereas it is past the third week of term and Stats Club does not have a member to fill the role of VP and is lacking support for their marketing efforts; then,

Be it resolved that Policy 6.1.2 is temporarily suspended for Stats Club for the Spring 2024 term, until they hire new executives where needed.

Stats club wants a finance team

Passes unanimously

5.2 MathSoc Casino Night Budget Request – VP Whittick, VP E. Lee

Whereas the MathSoc VPI is planning to run an event with help from the UW Poker Club for MathSoc Fees paid students;

Whereas the VPI wishes to add line item #69 Casino Night under VPI Events expenses; and,

Whereas a volunteer fee of approximately \$75 is needed to have 2 Poker Club executives assist with the event and provide equipment, \$125 on cocktail/mocktail drink mix, ice, and cups, and \$50 for gift card prizes; then,

Be it resolved that Council approves the addition of line item #69 Casino night and a \$250 allocation towards it.

Grace: "In regards to line number: nice"

Grace: “Is there alcohol?”

VPI: “No”

VPI Abstains

Passes unanimously with 1 abstention

5.3 Approval of FARMSA Club Allocation to Social Event Expense budget – VP D. Lee, VP Appelmans

Whereas FARMSA has \$250 of their Social Cap that is currently not allocated to any expense and they have not allocated budget for a Social event this term;

Whereas FARMSA would like to host a Post-Midterm Movie Night: Relax and Unwind event;

Whereas FARMSA would like to allocate \$250 to budget line item #113 Movie Night - budget breakdown provided in the comments section of [the master budget](#); and

Whereas FARMSA has provided [an event proposal](#) for councillors to review; then

Be it resolved that the budget line item #113 Movie Night for FARMSA Club has \$250 allocated for their Post-Midterm Movie Night: Relax and Unwind event.

Alina: On the proposal it says over 30, but on the budget says less than 30?

VPF: Typo oops

Grace: this budget doesnt seem to cover 30 people?

FARMSA rep: we have leftovers from past events

Passes unanimously

5.4 Policy 1.8.3 Amendments – Councillor Alfarra, Councillor Kathpal

Whereas the current wording of Policy 1.8.3, Campaigning Committees, allows individuals to easily join and sabotage a campaign committee;

Whereas WUSA and EngSoc referenda procedures task their analogues of Elections Committee to form campaign committees for each referendum option; and,

Whereas implementing a committee formation period brings referenda procedures in closer alignment with elections procedures; then,

Be it resolved that Policy 1.8.2 and 1.8.3 is amended as detailed in [1.8 Amendments](#).

Referendum was discussed

Awab moved to postpone, President seconded

Postponed, passed unanimously

5.5 BDS Referendum Question – Councillor Alfarra, Councillor Pater

Whereas the committee on BDS recommends a referendum to decide further actions; and

Whereas it is the recommendation of the committee to have the board review the referendum question; then,

Be it resolved that Council asks the Board to look into a referendum with question stating the following:

Do you support the implementation of a policy that prevents MathSoc from using any funds to purchase boycotted products, specified in the following list

(<https://bdsmovement.net/get-involved/what-to-boycott>), including indirectly through the reimbursement of clubs and students.

Such a policy will also include a committee to address student appeals for refusals to reimburse according to said policy, and a process for appealing.

and then report back to Council.

VP D. Lee moves to postpone to July 4; seconded by VP Zhang

VP D. Lee withdraws with unanimous consent.

Motion passes unanimously

6 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.

6.1 Approval of Stats Club Budget Academic Event Reallocations and Social Event Expenses Reallocations and Allocations – VP D. Lee, Councillor Pater

Whereas the University of Waterloo Statistics Club is requesting multiple reallocations plus an increase to their social events expense, which increases their total budget, MathSoc Business Manager Rose Penner recommended that this go through council for approval;

Whereas the VPI had recommended Stats Club execute smaller but more low budget events;

Whereas Stats Club would like to reallocate \$100 in the Academic Event Expenses from #54 Prof Talk #1 to #59 Python Tutorial;

Whereas Stats Club would like to reallocate \$40 in the Social Event Expenses from #83 EOT to #82 Movie Night; and

Whereas Stats Club would like to request allocation of \$50 towards Line Item #84 Statistics Goes Outside;

Whereas Stats Club has provided [a budget breakdown](#) of how they'd like to utilise their expenses; then,

Be it resolved that the following budget line items #54, #59, #82, #83, and #84 are amended to the following total allocation of: \$0 for #54 *Prof Talk #1*, \$100 for #59 *Python Tutorial*, \$40 for #82 *Movie Night*, \$60 for #83 *EOT*, \$50 for #84 *Statistics go Outside*.

Passes unanimously

Awab motions to extend adjournment time to 10:00 pm

Councillor Quereshi seeks unanimous consent to withdraw motion; Councillor Pawelko objects

Motion to withdraw fails.

Avish abstains from the vote.

Motion fails

VPF motions to extend adjournment time to 7:20 pm

Kareem seconds

Motion passes

7 Announcements

8 Adjournment

The meeting is scheduled to be adjourned at **7:19 pm** ET.