Council

Location: MC 5479
September 16, 2025 · 6:00 PM ET
Google Meet: meet.google.com/eic-ycmh-sdz
Live agenda: F25-09-16 Council Meeting Live Agenda - Google Docs

Speaker	Alex Pawelko
Secretary	Julia Miao
Attendees (Voting)	**Executive Officers:** Alex Lavallee (President), Valery Lai (VPA), Jinki Onabolu (VPF), Nazra Adam (VPI), Luna Wu (VPO), Lorena Guo (VPC) **Actuarial Science Representatives:** **Statistics Representatives:** **Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, and Combinatorics and Optimization Representatives:** **Computer Science Representatives:** River Stanley, Sai Jilla, Avish Kathpal, Elyn Huang **Business Representatives:** Xiangru Mo **Computing and Financial Management Representatives:** **Software Engineering Representatives:** Aleksa Misic **Teaching Representatives:** **Mathematical Studies and Other Representatives:** **At-Large Representatives:**
**(Non-Voting)	**Business Manager (Rose Penner); **Dean's Delegate (Jackie Jones); **Chair (Jack Whittick); **math**NEWS** and clubs
Expected Absences	
Unexpected Absences	Jinki Onabolu (VPF)

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 6:00 PM ET.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

The speaker assumes the agenda.

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?"

Councillor Kathpal declares COI to item 3.2

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.

2 Consent Agenda

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

3 Special Orders

3.1 VPI Beginning-Of-Term Budget – President Lavallee, VPA Lai

Whereas the VPI is hosting their BOT Welcome Breakfast event on Wednesday, September 17;
Whereas the VPI is requesting $2370 for 400 Pancakes, 400 Waffles, and utensils from Mel's Diner, and $200 for CnD coffee and tea, along with $30 for unaccounted expenses;
Whereas the expected attendance for this event is 400 people;
Be it resolved that $2600 is allocated to budget line item #31 - Welcome Week

President Lavallee - intro of welcome brunch event plans and budget plans
Councillor Sai joined meeting at 6:03pm
No questions
Motion passes unanimously

3.2 PMC Beginning-Of-Term Budget – President Lavallee, VPA Lai

Whereas PMC is currently out of NFTs;
Whereas NFTs are the primary means through which beverages can be purchased;
Be it resolved that $30 is allocated to budget line item #29 - Office supplies.

President Lavallee offers speaking turn to Councillor Kathpal
Councillor Kathpal - NFTs are tickets used to purchase drinks from the PMC fridge to reduce the need for members to carry around change. This item was in new business from the last meeting but was not addressed.

Councillor Kathpal abstained from the vote
Motion passes unanimously with 1 abstention

3.3 Actuarial Science Club Beginning-Of-Term Budget — Councillor Kathpal, President Lavallee

Whereas the ActSci Club plans to host our Beginning of Term social event on September 24th;
Whereas there will be an anticipated attendance of 70 students;
Be it resolved that $400 is allocated to budget line item #104 – BOT as per section 6.3.1 of the Policy to account for snacks and non-alcoholic beverages for members.

No member took a speaking turn.
Motion passes unanimously

4 General Orders

5 New Business

No new business

6 Announcements

No announcements

7 Adjournment

The meeting is scheduled to be adjourned at 6:07 PM ET.