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LIVE Council

Location: MC 5479
April 3rd, 2025 · 6:00 PM ET
Google Meet: https://meet.google.com/jqz-cqsb-uny
Original agenda: W25-04-03 Council Meeting Agenda

Speaker	Sara Nayar
Secretary	Valery Lai
Attendees (Voting)	**Executive Officers:** Cooper Stone (President), Kareem Alfarra (VPA), Daiphy Lee (VPC), Arnav Gupta (VPF), Mabel Kwok(VPI), Luka Radulovic (VPO) **Actuarial Science Representatives:** **Statistics Representatives:** **Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, and Combinatorics and Optimization Representatives:** Alex Pawelko, Remington Zhi, Sara Nayar **Computer Science Representatives:** Awab Qureshi, Faraan Hadi, Saivenkat Jilla **Business Representatives:** Ohm Patel **Computing and Financial Management Representatives:** **Software Engineering Representatives:** Peizhe Guan, Eric Zhang **Teaching Representatives:** **Mathematical Studies and Other Representatives:** **At-Large Representatives:** Zev Friedman, Arshia Goraya, Alex Lavallee, Shrija Parey, River Stanley **First Year Representatives:** Daniel Wu, Diya Dang, Dundee Zhang, Melody Ge
**(Non-Voting)	Rose Penner (Business Manager)**; Jackie Jones (Dean’s Delegate)**; Grace Feng (Chair)**; math**NEWS****
Expected Absences	River Stanley, Dundee Zhang, Arshia Goraya, Shrija Parey, Diya Dang, Arnav Gupta (Expected Late)
Unexpected Absences	Awab Qureshi, Eric Zhang, Daniel Wu

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 6:08 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?"

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 — *Speaker Nayar, Councillor Zhi*

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 March 13, 2025 regular meeting as presented: W25-03-13 Council Meeting Minutes

2.2 Picture Day

Whereas having some visibility of MathSoc's governing bodies is useful for marketing and promotional material; then,
Be it resolved that a group photo be taken following the conclusion of agenda item 4.3.

2.3 EngSoc Apology Song

Whereas MathSoc won the volleyball tournament;
Be it resolved that EngSoc will be singing an apology song upon the adoption of this motion.

2.4 Spring 2025 General Election Ratification

Whereas the Spring 2025 General Election has concluded;
Whereas there were no viable VP, Academic candidates in the General Election, and a VPA By-Election has to be held; and
Whereas the VP, Academic By-Election has concluded; then,
Be it resolved that Council ratifies the following results:

- President: Arnav Gupta
- Vice-President, Academic: Patrik Buhring
- PMAMCO Representatives (acclaimed): Sara Nayar
- Computer Science Representatives (acclaimed): Amol Venkataraman, Cristian Moretto, Faraan Hadi, Grace Feng, and Sai Jilla
- At-Large Representatives (acclaimed): Alex Lavallee, Alina Hu, River Stanley, and Valery Lai

3 Special Orders

3.1 Speaker and Council Secretary Appreciation — *President Stone, VP Kwok*

This motion shall be chaired by President Stone, on consent of the assembly.
Whereas the evaluation criteria for the Speaker is given: Speaker Evaluation Criteria;

Whereas Council must decide amounts to accord to the Speaker and Secretary
Based on performance during Winter 2025 term; then,
Be it resolved that Speaker Nayar is awarded $300;
Be it further resolved that Council Secretary Lai is awarded $200.

4 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.

4.1 Executive Reports

President's Report: W25 President Council Report #5
VPA's Report: Council_report_5.pdf
VPC's Report: W25 VPC Council Report - April 3rd
VPF's Report: VPF Council Report #5 - W25
VPI's Report: VPI W25 Council Report #6
VPO's Report: VPO W25 Council Report 5

4.2 Other Reports

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

Business Manager's Report: no report
Chair's Report: 2025-04-03 Chair's Report to Council
Election Committee's Report: W25-04-03 EC Report to Council

4.3 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.

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 MathSoc Board Composition — *President Stone, Councillor Zhi*

Whereas the Board of Directors is intended to safeguard long-term legal, financial, and human resources concerns;

Whereas the Board of Directors is intended and best-suited as a body of long-term positions;
Whereas as currently structured, the Board of Directors is not, at present, comprised of enough long-term members to be able to address multi-term concerns; and,
Whereas several executive members of the Board—although highly valued for their contributions to the Society overall—have portfolios not relevant to Board concerns; then,
Be it resolved that Bylaw 6.2 be amended to read:

The Board of Directors is comprised of up to eighteen (18) voting members:

- *The six (6) executive officers, as defined in this document;*
- *Two (2) representatives from Council, appointed by Council;*
- ~~*Two (2) at-large representatives elected in the Fall term;*~~
- *Three (3) at-large representatives elected in the Fall term;*
- *Two (2) at-large representatives elected in the Spring term;*
- ~~*Two (2) at-large representatives elected in the Winter term; and,*~~
- *Three (3) at-large representatives elected in the Winter term; and,*
- *Two (2) community representatives, appointed by the Board of Directors.*

Additionally, the following shall serve as non-voting resource members:

- *The Speaker of Council;*
- *The Secretary of Council;*
- *The Business Manager, as defined in this document;*
- *The President of the Federation of Students, or designate; and*
- *The Dean of the Faculty, or designate.*

Be it further resolved that the above amendment take effect in the Fall 2025 term pending approval from all bodies;
Be it further resolved that an 4-month interim director and an 8-month interim director be appointed at the Spring 2025 general meeting.

5.2 Executive Honourarium Budget Increase — *President Stone, Councillor Zhi*

Whereas starting in Fall 2024, the process for processing MathSoc executive honourarium has changed to being processed through University payroll;
Whereas there are additional fees associated with this method, including employer-side statutory deductions; and,
Whereas a budget increase may be needed to facilitate potential honouraria for executives; then,
Be it resolved that Line 48, *Honourariums*, is increased to $5000.

~~5.3 Discussion on Amendments to the Probation Process — *Councillor Friedman, VP Gupta*~~

~~**Whereas** the Committee for Discussions on Amendments to the Probation Process met on Friday and has presented their report to council.~~
~~**Whereas** the committee would like to hear what Council has to say about this report and the ideas in it, as well as hear if there are any other ideas~~
~~**Whereas** this committee will hopefully be formed again next term, so we want as many opinions from council as possible to pass on to the next committee members~~
~~**Whereas** the committee's report is available here: DAPP Committee Report ;~~
~~**Be it resolved that** ___.~~

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 VPI Budget Line Item #34 Volunteer appreciation — *VP Lee, VP Gupta*

Whereas RSVPs Form closes tonight for the Volunteer Appreciation scheduled for Sunday at Noon at Kin Gyu Grill;
Whereas we currently have 63 RSVPs and we have enough budget for 69 volunteers to go to the chosen lunch restaurant (which is less expensive than the restaurant chosen in Fall 2024);
Whereas in the past there has been volunteers that attended the lunch without an RSVP; and,
Whereas $500 would cover an extra 12 volunteers for those who may show up without an RSVP; then,
Be it resolved that VPI Budget Line Item #34 Volunteer Appreciation is increased from $3000 to $3500.

7 Announcements

Thank you so much to all Councillors, Rose, and Execs for an incredible term! I truly appreciate everyone's hard work, dedication, and support throughout the term. Looking forward to working with those of you who'll be around next term as well! 😊~ Arnav

8 Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 8:00 pm ET.