

Council

Location: MC5479

January 11, 2024 · 6:00 PM ET

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Live agenda:

Speaker	Logan Batson (President)
Secretary	Zev Friedman (VPA)
Attendees (Voting)	Executive Officers: Logan Batson (President), Zev Friedman (VPA), Terry Kuang (VPF), Callum Brown (VPI), Kevin Yuan (VPO), Marcus Luong (VPC) Actuarial Science Representatives: Statistics Representatives: Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, and Combinatorics and Optimization Representatives: Computer Science Representatives: Daniel Wang, Grace Feng, Sarah Wilson, Awab Qureshi, Aryan Patel Business Representatives: Pranav Bedi Computing and Financial Management Representatives: Software Engineering Representatives: Aayush Patel Teaching Representatives: Mathematical Studies and Other Representatives: At-Large Representatives: First Year Representatives: Fahmi Omer, Cristian Moretto, Vincent Chen, Danny Liu
(Non-Voting)	Rose Penner (Business Manager); Jackie Jones (Dean’s Delegate); Cooper Stone (Chair); mathNEWS
Expected Absences	
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 **6:07 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 $\frac{2}{3}$ of Council agrees to it.

2 Introduction to MathSoc

A brief presentation on MathSoc:  Intro to MathSoc W24

3 Consent Agenda – Councillor Qureshi, VP Yuan

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

3.1 Approval of Council Minutes

Be it resolved that Council approves the minutes from the December 5 regular meeting as presented:  F23-12-05 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.

3.3 Budget for Food for Board Meeting #1

Be it resolved that a budget of \$250 is approved for food for the first Board meeting, under the Board budget.

4 Special Orders

4.1 Appointment of Council Speaker – VP Kuang, Councillor Feng

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 the speaker.

Be it resolved that Awab Qureshi is appointed as the speaker of Council for the Winter 2024 term.

4.2 Appointment of Deputy Speaker – VP Kuang, Councillor Feng

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 Rasana Yogarajan is appointed as the deputy speaker of Council for the Winter 2024 term.

4.3 Appointment of Council Secretary – Councillor Qureshi, VP Yuan

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

Be it resolved that Alex Zhao is appointed as the secretary of Council for the Winter 2024 term.

4.4 Appointment of the Elections Committee — Councillor Qureshi, Councillor Feng

Be it resolved that Grace Feng, Cristian Moretto, Vincent Chen, Fahmi Omer, and Awab Qureshi are appointed to the Elections Committee for the Spring 2024 term; and

Be it further resolved that Grace Feng 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 17-23,

The all-candidates meeting will be held on January 24,

The campaigning period will be from January 25-29, and

The voting period will be from January 30- February 1.

4.5 Appointment of Councillor-Directors — Councillor Feng, VP Yuan

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 Chen and Councillor Aa.Patel are appointed as councillor-directors for the Winter 2024 term.

4.6 Appointment of the Honorary Lifetime Membership Committee — VP Kuang, VP Luong

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 Councillor Feng is appointed as chair of the Committee;

Be it further resolved that VP Kuang, VP Friedman and VP Luong 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.

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's Report:  **President Council Report #1**

VPF's Report:  **VPF Council Report #1 - W24**

VPO's Report:  **VPO W24 Council Report 1**

VPI's Report:  **VPI: Council Meeting Jan 11th Report**

VPA's Report:  **VPA Report January 11, 2024**

VPC's Report:  **VPC Council Report #1 W24**

5.2 Other Reports

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

Business Manager's Report:

Chair's Report: Oral 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.

**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 VPO Beginning of Term Budget – VP Yuan, **VP Kuang**

Whereas the office is not stocked with snacks;

Whereas notebooks for sale need to be restocked;

Whereas some office items need to be restocked for the start of the term (tissues, tape, etc.);

Whereas \$5 CnD coupons would like to be given for volunteers who helped out with locker clean-out;

Be it resolved that \$45 is allocated to budget line item “Stationery and Merchandise”, \$35 is allocated to budget line item “Office Supplies”, \$300 is allocated to budget line item “Office Candy”, and \$25 is allocated to budget item “Volunteer Appreciation” for the VPO.

6.2 VPI Beginning of Term Budget – VP Brown, VP Yuan

Whereas no funding has been allocated yet for board game acquisition;

Whereas a few purchases for new board games would like to be made prior to the budget meeting estimated to be on January 25, 2024;

Whereas Welcome Week will be occurring prior to the budget meeting;

Whereas funding will be needed both for the free breakfast event and a movie night event;

Whereas two Board Game Nights will be hosted prior to the budget meeting;

Be it resolved that \$50 is allocated to budget line item “Games – Acquisitions”, \$600 is allocated to budget line item “Welcome Week” and \$250 is allocated to budget line item “Games - Weekly Games Nights” for the VPI.

6.3 VPA Beginning of Term Budget – VP Friedman, VP Yuan

Whereas a resume review session would like to be held prior to the budget meeting;

Whereas no budget has been allocated to the VPA yet to run such an event;

Whereas the event will be providing food to attendees;

Be it resolved that \$350 is allocated to budget line item “Resume Critique” for the VPA.

6.4 DSC Beginning of Term Event Budget – VP Kuang, Councillor Liu

Whereas DSC would like to host a BOT event prior to the budget meeting;

Whereas DSC will not have any budget to buy bubble tea for the event until after the budget meeting;

Whereas \$685.39 was spent last term for the DSC BOT event which had approximately 150 attendees;

Whereas in the Fall 2023 term, DSC had over 200 MathSoc members giving an over \$1000 social cap;

Whereas the estimated cost for 140 attendees is \$632.80 (\$4.52 x 140);

Be it resolved that \$650 is allocated to budget line item “157 - BOT Bubble Tea” for DSC.

6.5 President Beginning of Term Budget – President Batson, VP Kuang

Whereas the Spring 2023 executive team has yet to receive their executive merch;

Whereas the design of the merch has now been finalised and an invoice has been sent to purchase the merch;

Whereas the cost of the merch is exactly \$291.01;

Be it resolved that \$300 is allocated to budget line item “Exec Expenses” for the President.

6.6 VPC Beginning of Term Budget – VP Luong, VP Yuan

Whereas there will be upcoming events within the next 2 weeks (e.g. Welcome Week);

Whereas posters are one of our main sources of marketing for our events;

Be it resolved that \$20 is allocated to budget line item “Posters” for the VPC.

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.

8 Announcements

- Interested in becoming Board Secretary? Fill out the form on the MathSoc website before next Thursday.

9 Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at **7:16 pm** ET.