Council

Location: MC 5479
May 28th, 2026 · 6:00 PM ET
Google Meet: meet.google.com/afh-bnat-eyb
Regular agenda: S26-05-28 Council Budget Meeting Agenda

Speaker	Sara Nayar
Secretary	Shreya Sharma
Attendees (Voting)	**Executive Officers:** Remington Aginskaya-Zhi (President), E-Therng Lee (VPA), Mary Li (VPF), Blank Name (VPI), Mica Morante (VPO), Chelsea Kim (VPC) **Actuarial Science Representatives:** **Statistics Representatives:** **Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, and Combinatorics and Optimization Representatives:** Sara Nayar, Alex Lavallee **Computer Science Representatives:** Valery Lai, Sai Jilla, Tengyi Xu **Business Representatives:** **Computing and Financial Management Representatives:** **Software Engineering Representatives:** Vera Misic **Teaching Representatives:** **Mathematical Studies and Other Representatives:** **At-Large Representatives:** Anvay Mukim
***(Non-Voting)	**Rose Penner (Business Manager); **Jackie Jones (Dean's Delegate); **math**NEWS**; **Chair (Andy Chang)
Expected Absences	
Unexpected Absences	

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 6:11 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 Lavallee*

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 further resolved that Council approves the minutes from the May 12 regular meeting as presented: S26-05-12 Council Meeting Minutes

2.2 FARMSA Mentorship Night Budget A-Vote Ratification

Whereas an A-vote occurred for the allocation of $200 FARMSA's Mentorship Night;
Whereas the motion passed with 0 against and 8 abstaining;
Be it resolved that the allocation of $200 to Line Item 86 - Mentorship Night is ratified;

2.3 DSC BOT Event Budget A-Vote Ratification

Whereas an A-vote occurred for the allocation of $500 for DSC BOT Event;
Whereas the motion passed with 0 against and 9 abstaining;
Be it resolved that the allocation of $435.05 to Line Item 175 - BOT Bubble Tea is ratified;
Be it further resolved that the allocation of $64.95 to Line Item 176 - BOT Event is ratified.

2.4 Ratification of Spring 2026 SE Representative

Be it resolved that Vera Misic is ratified as the Software Engineering Representative For Spring 2026 as appointed by the SE Society.

3 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.

3.1 Approval of MathSoc Budget for Spring 2026 — *Speaker Nayar, Councillor Lai*

Order of Presentations:

1. Council
2. PMC
3. CSC
4. WiCS

5. ~~DDC~~
6. ActSci Club
7. DSC
8. ~~FARMSA~~
9. Stats Club
10. WiM
11. Board of Directors
12. President
13. Vice President, Academic
14. Vice President, Internal
15. Vice President, Operations
16. Vice President, Communications

Please refer to the S26 Master MathSoc Budget .xlsx as each representative walks through their budget.
Whereas the preliminary budget for Spring 2026 has been presented to Council; then,
Be it resolved that Council approves the Spring 2026 budget as presented.

3.2 Policy Amendment: Away Vote Timeline and Amendments — *Speaker Nayar, Councillor Lavallee*

Whereas there is currently no provision in policy 31 for modifying a motion during the question period of an A-vote;
Be it resolved that Policy 31.5.3 is amended from the current:

> When initialized, a twenty-four (24) hour question and answer period will begin. At the end of this period, all questions shall be compiled, responded to by either the Mover or Seconder, and reported to the entirety of Council. After responses are submitted, a twelve (12) hour voting period shall begin.

to the following wording:

> Upon initialization of an Away Vote, a twenty-four (24) hour question and answer period shall commence. During this period, Council members may submit questions and propose amendments to the motion. At the conclusion of the question and answer period, all questions shall be compiled and responded to by either the Mover or Seconder, and all responses shall be reported to the entirety of Council.
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> If an amendment is proposed and accepted by the Mover and Seconder, the revised motion shall be circulated to Council prior to voting. Where a revised motion is circulated, the question and answer period may be restarted at the discretion of the Speaker if the amendment materially changes the motion.

Following the circulation of responses and any amended motion, a twelve (12) hour voting period shall commence on the final version of the motion.

4 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.

5 Announcements

6 Adjournment

The meeting is scheduled to be adjourned at 8:33 PM ET.