

Council

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Secretary	Rishab Prakash Naman Sood (VPA)
Attendees (Voting)	Executive Officers: Evan Girardin (President), Naman Sood (VPA), Silma Manwar (VPF), Alessia Bellaire (VPI), Nathaniel Ho (VPO), Grace Feng (VPC) Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, and Combinatorics and Optimization Representatives: Cici Neely, <i>Nick Priebe</i> Teaching Representative: Computing and Financial Management Representative: Keshav Chawla Business Representatives: <u>Sue Liu</u>, Rena Yang Computer Science Representatives: Alenka Rondon Durand, <u>Pavit Kharbanda</u>, Saurin Patel, Anish Racharla, <u>Madhuv Sharma</u> Mathematical Studies and other Representative: <u>Anjali Sunkara</u> Software Engineering Representatives: <u>Kieran Hulsman</u>, <u>Peter Wang</u> At-Large Representatives: <u>Kit Tapley</u>, <u>Aiden Ramgoolam</u>, Hannah Vahid Roudsari, Lily Mueller, Russ Irvine, Katya Driscoll, Laith Bahodi First-Year Representatives: Jeffrey Qin, Kaushik Chatterjee, Adit Sinsinwal, <u>Charles Chen</u>, Sarah Wilson
(Non-Voting)	Rose Penner (Business Manager); Benoit Charbonneau (Dean's Delegate); mathNEWS; Matthews Ma (MEF Executive Director)
Expected Absences	Nick Priebe

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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 **6:39 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. If you are not speaking please have your mic muted. 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 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 also write “Noted [Name]” 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

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

2.1 Approval of Council Minutes

Note that the minutes from the general meeting are to be approved at the subsequent general meeting.

Be it resolved that Council approves the minutes from the November 17th regular meeting as presented:  F22-11-17 Council Meeting Minutes

2.2 Ratification of Winter 2023 General Election

Whereas the F22–S23 Council seat allocations are given:  F22-S23-Seat-Allocation.pdf

Whereas the Winter 2023 general election has concluded; then,

Be it resolved that Council ratifies the following results:

President	Nick Priebe	npriebe@uwaterloo.ca
Vice-President, Academic	Ciaran Neely	cgtneely@uwaterloo.ca
Computer Science Representatives (acclaimed)	Daniel Matlin Eddie Pei Grace Feng Kevin Guo Marcus Chan Naman Sood	dmatlin@uwaterloo.ca epei@uwaterloo.ca g27feng@uwaterloo.ca k56guo@uwaterloo.ca mwcchan@uwaterloo.ca n2sood@uwaterloo.ca
Pure Math, Applied Math, and Combinatorics & Optimization Representatives (acclaimed)	Evan Girardin Zev Friedman	egirardin@uwaterloo.ca zfriedma@uwaterloo.ca

Let it also be known that, for the Winter 2023 by-election, the following seats will be open:

- *Actuarial Science: 1*
- *Math/Business: 1*
- *Computing & Financial Management: 1*
- *Software Engineering: 2 (appointed by SESoc)*
- *Statistics: 1*
- *Math Teaching: 1*
- *Math Studies & Other: 1*
- *At-large: 10*

2.3 Math Studies Club Budget Away Vote Ratification

Whereas the following motion was passed by an away vote on November 26th at 2:45am:

Budget Approval for Math Studies Club — President Girardin, VP Manwar

Whereas the Math Studies Club was approved by Council on November 17th; and

Whereas the club requires budget to market itself and purchase office supplies; then

Be it resolved that Council approves the budget for Math Studies Club as requested in the central budget spreadsheet (in the "MSC" tab):  Fall 2022 Budget .xlsx

Be it resolved that Council ratifies the motion.

3 Special Orders

3.1 Speaker and Council Secretary Appreciation — President Girardin, VP Sood

Whereas the evaluation criteria for the Speaker is given:  Speaker Evaluation Criteria ; and

Whereas Council must decide amounts to accord to Speaker, Deputy Speaker, and Secretary based on performance during Fall 2022 term; then,

Be it resolved that Speaker Katherine Leddy is awarded \$300;

Be it further resolved that Deputy Speaker Yasin Pakzat is awarded \$100; and

Be it further resolved that Council Secretary Rishab Prakash is awarded \$50.

- *President Girardin explains the roles of the three positions*
- *Council discusses performance of all three executives*
- *Motion to fill in \$300, \$100, \$50 respectively passes with one abstention*
- *Motion as a whole passes with one abstention*

4 Reports

Each executive report will be considered for a maximum of 10 minutes, plus any extra time left over from the reports that went earlier.

4.1 Executive Reports

VPF's Report:  VPF Report #5 F'22 Council Meeting

- *VP Sood notes that VPF's response time for budget increase request was amazing*

VPC's Report:  2022-12-01 Council - VPC Report

- *VP Sood and VPC conspired to promote CSC merch*

VPO's Report:  VPO Report

- *VP Feng asks when MathSoc office will be open until*
 - *VP Ho: until 9th*
- *VP Feng: will there be less hours on exam time?*
 - *VP Ho: not sure*
- *Councillor Mueller: can hours be consistent?*
 - *VP Ho: some office staff have been getting COVID, hard to get replacements at last minute*

VPI's Report: **VPI Report**

- *No questions*

President's Report: **President-Report-2022-12-01.pdf**

- *Councillor Mueller: could MSC be added to fix ventilation list?*
- *VP Sood: vent among us sus?????*
- *VP Sood: when will we see the tie back?*
 - *President: negotiating with terrorists is hard. Endeavor to have it back in prompt and speedy fashion*

VPA's Report: **VPA F22 Dec 1 Council Report.docx**

- *VP Feng: review sessions will be uploaded on YouTube, not website*

4.2 Other Reports

Business Manager's Report: *No report, no questions.*

Chair's Report

- *VP Feng: does the chair have to be in-person?*
 - *President Girardin: yes*

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 Conflict of Interest and Council Procedure — *President Girardin, VP Ho*

Whereas there exists a document named "Council Procedures" which details only removal of councillors and conflict of interest procedure, linked here:

 **MathSoc_Council_Procedures_-_2019-05-27.pdf** ;

Whereas removal of councillors is already specified in the bylaws, which has precedence; and

Whereas our Policies document is generally specific to Council, and it is confusing to have two distinct documents which are specific to Council, and only one that is specific to the Board; then,

Be it resolved that a new policy, *Conflict of Interest*, is added to the Policy, which describes, verbatim, the conflict of interest procedure specified in the Council Procedures document; and

Be it further resolved that Council no longer considers the Council Procedures document as binding.

- *President Girardin explains rationale - redundant document.*
- *Motion passes unanimously.*

~~5.2 StarCon Management Committee Dissolution — President Girardin, Councillor Neely~~

~~**Whereas** Policy 26, *StarCon Management Committee*, details the structure and procedure for a once yearly run computer science conference event which has not been run in several years;~~

~~**Whereas** such an event would be best run by a separate entity affiliated with MathSoc;~~

~~**Be it resolved that** Policy 26 is rescinded.~~

- *President Girardin: hasn't been run since 2018, shouldn't be in policy, we don't know what the conference consists of, this should be a separate thing*
- *VP Sood: CSC should do this*
 - *President Giardin: MathSoc has money*
- *BM Rose: The last thing that ran under StarCon was a Bayesian contest. There is a committee we should check with. There's also some funds we're holding.*
 - *President Girardin: StarCon Committee just consists of standing members and a chair, chair hasn't been picked*
 - *BM Rose: shouldn't rescind policy, figure out what to do with funds*
 - *President: policy says what to do with funds*
 - *BM Rose: let's just put it on the backburner, let's not lose the history that we can provide*
- *VP Sood: agree with Rose let's figure out the details before we take these decisions*
- *President Girardin: would like a slim policy document, don't see this coming up in the future, still think this should be gone*
- *Councillor Neely: if this is in our policy, feel like we should run it once the way we're supposed to and figure out what to do with it after that, we should make a point of following this policy once and then deciding what to do with it*
- *BM Rose: good idea to investigate where funds came from - if it's sponsorship money then they may not like giving money to someone else*
- *Councillor Neely: yeah, if we run it then we can figure these things out*
- *Motion to table by President Girardin, Councillor Neely seconds. Motion passes unanimously, motion tabled.*

5.3 Women in Mathematics Undergraduate Committee Dissolution — *President Girardin, Councillor Neely*

Whereas Policy 19, *Women in Mathematics Undergraduate Committee*, describes the structure of a committee for women in mathematics;

Whereas this has not been operational for many years (as evidenced by meeting minutes and the very, very old website page

(<https://uwaterloo.ca/women-in-mathematics/women-mathematics-undergraduates>); and

Whereas the Faculty's Women in Mathematics Committee offers many resources and services to undergraduates;

Be it resolved that Policy 19 is rescinded.

- *President: hasn't been used in many years, mailing list page looks like it's from 1996. We have something similar to this in WiCS but that's not in policy. (describes purpose of committee) If WiM want a specific undergrad branch then they can do it themselves.*
- *Councillor Mueller: it might just be an old design*
 - *President: it's HTML4*
- *VP Sood: have we talked to this committee? Does the faculty expect this to exist?*
 - *President: I very strongly suspect no*
 - *VP Sood: we should check, especially since it's a collaboration*
 - *President: they should do this similarly to WiCS*
 - *BM Rose: we could just do an MoU with them like we did with WiCS*
 - *President: after we rescind this, we should talk to them and recommend something similar to what WiCS does - that works well. This shouldn't even with MathSoc's purview, if they want something they should say so.*
- *Motion passes with VP Sood against, two abstaining.*

5.4 Policy 32 — *President Girardin, Councillor Neely*

Whereas Policy 32, *Promises and Commitments* is currently specified in our Policies:

 [policies-public.pdf](#) ;

Whereas rules surrounding compensation are already outlined in Policy 20 and Policy 6;

Whereas “logistics” is loosely-defined and it is often the case that logistics and planning are necessarily decided alongside a process/project; and

Whereas the remaining procedure described is mostly operational and the policy is poorly worded as a whole; then

Be it resolved that Policy 32 is rescinded.

- *President: discussed this with VP Sood (bipartisan agreement), seems like an a reaction to someone doing a stupid thing. It's not worded well, it's very vague and broad, seems like it shouldn't be in policy anyway. It's too stringent and doesn't allow for things to be figured out as work progresses, eg. CnD.*

- *BM Rose: context: this is about some issues that came up in F19, W20 - board was going through some transition that resulted in some bad decisions being made. Board has definitely improved since. We have come a long way.*
- *Motion passes unanimously.*

5.5 DDC Capital Improvement Fund – VP Manwar, President Girardin

Whereas DDC wants to replace their office chair (missing an arm, broken tilt) with 2 new compact office chairs;

Whereas DDC requests \$400 for 2 office chairs (<\$200 each). The current plan is to purchase the following chair

[Inbox Zero Home Office Chair Ergonomic Desk Chair Mesh Computer Chair With Lumbar Support Flip-Up Arms Swivel Rolling Executive Task Chair Adjustable Chair For Adults\(Blue\) & Reviews - Wayfair Canada](#) but the DDC is willing to take suggestions

Be it resolved that Council approves the \$400 under the Capital Improvement Fund.

- *VP Manwar: same chair as the one we have in the exec office, they want two of them*
- *VP Feng: chairs in exec office are very comfortable, they are making a good investment in this chair*
- *President: DDC president talked to me about this, seems reasonable*
- *Motion passes unanimously*

5.6 CSC Fund Reallocation Request – VP Manwar, VP Sood

Whereas CSC requests to reallocate \$150 from Unix 101 + Git 101 to Alt-Tab;

Whereas It also requests to reallocate \$50 from Unix 101 + Git 101 to Discussions Group; then,

Be it resolved that Council approves this budget redistribution.

- *CSC President Wang: actually want to move \$50 to Alt-Tab, \$150 to Discussions Group*
- *Amendment taken as friendly*
- *President Wang: moving money from events that we cannot hold to events that actually happen*
- *VP Sood: didn't Alt-Tab already happen?*
 - *President Wang: yes, but just in case*
- *President Girardin: do you not know the amounts for Alt-Tab?*
 - *President Wang: someone does, I don't*
- *Motion passes with VP Feng abstaining due to COI with CSC*

5.7 ActSci Social Cap Increase Request – VP Manwar, President Girardin

Whereas the Actuarial Science Club has 233 paid students;

Be it resolved that Council increases the social cap by \$1326 to \$1508

- *VP Manwar: they have more members now*
- *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 Math Grad Chair Policy Amendment — President Girardin, Councillor Mueller

Whereas Policy 18.7.1, *Math Graduation Committee, Appointment of the Chair, General* says that “Each Chair of the Committee is to finalize their degree in the Spring or Winter term when they will be Chair.”; and

Whereas this contradicts Policy 18.3, *Math Graduation Committee, Membership*, which specifies that any voting member can chair the committee, with strong preference given to graduating students; then

Be it resolved that Policy 18.7.1 and Policy 18.7.2 (*Procedure*) are struck, and the content of Policy 18.7 is amended to describe the current content of Policy 18.7.2.

- *President Girardin: small technicality, we have a contradiction in a policy, you know how math students feel about contradictions*
 - *Councillor Neely: I was around for the discussion that sparked this change (Terry? wanting to be chair?) but we shouldn't amend policy to make that happen*
 - *President Girardin: there is still a contradiction here, I think this is out of order*
 - *Councillor Neely: this isn't really a contradiction, many things in policy would have contradictions if you take things literally*
 - *President Girardin: this is very clearly contradictory*
- *Motion passes with Councillor Neely against*

7 Announcements

VP Feng: apply for MGC chair!

VP Feng: apply for Math Studies Club exec positions!

VP Feng: apply for CnD cashier!

VP Sood: run for WUSA director!

President: if we don't get a grad chair by end of this term, we'll have to appoint one next term, so run for it

8 Adjournment

The meeting is scheduled to be adjourned at 7:51 pm EST.

9 Upcoming Items