

Council

Council Meeting #4

In Person

Date: March 30th 2022

Time: 7-9:30 PM

Room: MC 1056

Zoom:

Wednesday, March 30 · 7:00 – 9:30pm

Google Meet joining info

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Speaker	Sabrina-Christina Berbari
Secretary	Annie Zhang
Attendees (Voting)	Executive Team: Mary Sybersma (Prez), Vincent Macri (VPA), Carolyn Wang (VPI), Tian Deng (VPF), Priyonto Saha (VPO), Iris Pan (VPC) At-large Representative: Zev Friedman, Keaton Tapley Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, and Combinatorics and Optimization Representatives: Evan Girardin Teaching Representative: Computing and Financial Management Representative: Vivan Garg Business Representatives: Sabrina Berbari, Lucy Shen, Yuchen Yan Computer Science Representatives: Vinayak Bector, Deepam Dibyajyot, Medhansh Hinduja, Prabhav Khera, Priyanshu Sharma, Naman Sood Mathematical Studies and other Representatives: Software Engineering Representative: Joseph Tafese First Year Representatives: Tao Fu, Alenka Rondon Durand, Sue Liu, Ernest Wong, Ibrahim Ahmed
(Non-Voting)	Rose Penner (Business Manager); Benoit Charbonneau (Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies); math NEWS ; Kanan Sharma (MEF Executive Director)
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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 **7:10pm** EST.

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 Councilor 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 “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 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 Approval of the Minutes

Be it resolved that Council approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council as

 W22-03-04 Council Meeting Minutes

Be it resolved that Council approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council as

 F21-09-06 Council Meeting Agenda

3 Special Orders

4 Reports

Time limit: 5 minutes per report

Executive Reports:

VPA:  *CouncilReport4.pdf*

VPA Macri summarized the key items in his report and thanked Councillor Sood and the VPA's volunteers for their help with getting a motion to ban proctoring software passed through UAC. The VPA noted that Faculty Council still needs to consider the motion on April 19th.

Councillor Girardin asked, "Why are you so good at being VPA?" The VPA responded, "I try my hardest."

VPI:  *VPI Exec Report - March 30 Council*

VPI Wang summarized her report. There were no questions.

VPF:  *VPF Report #4 - March 30th - Council*

VPF Deng summarized her report. There were no questions.

VPO:  *W22 VPO GM Report*

VPO Saha summarized his report. There were no questions.

VPC:  *W22 - VPC Council Report #3*

VPC Pan summarized her report.

VPA Macri commented that Pan did a fantastic job helping with marketing relating to MathSoc's advocacy for a ban on proctoring software.

VPO Saha offered Pan praise for her work on the MathSoc website.

President:

- *Responded to Emails*
- *New mass email format*
- *Ran GM*
- *Organized Board meeting*

President Sybersma delivered her report. There are no questions.

Other Reports:

Chair, Business Manager

Business Manager Penner updated that the current new date for CnD renovations to finish is “maybe June”.

Representative Reports:

CS/Comp Math, First Years, PMath/AMath/CO, Actsci/Math Finance, MathBus, CFM, Statistics, Math Teaching, Math Studies & Other, Software, At Large [Nothing submitted]

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 Expanding the DSC and PMC Club Offices~~ -- [Evan Girardin, Councillor Sood]

~~**Whereas** the Pure Math Club's office sees regular, significant traffic, and has seen similar traffic in previous in-person terms (upward of 10 people);~~

~~**Whereas** the Pure Math Club is often unable to accommodate all students who wish to enter the club office, inhibiting the club's ability to maintain a welcoming environment;~~

~~**Whereas** the Pure Math Club's office often sees uncomfortable, heightened temperatures due to the presence of large volumes of people;~~

~~**Whereas** the Data Science Club currently has the smallest club office, and would likely also benefit from a larger office;~~

~~**Whereas** the Bioinformatics Club was recently disbanded, freeing its office space;~~

~~Be it resolved that~~ Council perceives a need for additional space for both the Pure Math Club and Data Science Club;

~~Be it further resolved that~~ MathSoc Council recommends the relocation of the Data Science Club to the old Bioinformatics Club office in MC 3028;

~~Be it further resolved that~~ MathSoc Council recommends the removal of the temporary wall separating MC 3033 and 3034, and allocates the additional space of MC 3034 to the Pure Math Club office.

~~5.2 Allocating the Bioinformatics Club office to TechNova [Lucy Shen Business Rep, Second by]~~

~~Whereas~~ the TechNova hackathon organizing team (in partnership with the WiCS committee) is looking for a club room for meeting and storage purposes;

~~Whereas~~ the TechNova team requires a space to host in-person organizer meetings;

~~Whereas~~ the TechNova team has an urgent need for a permanent storage area to accommodate the swag items for over 500 hackers/mentors/sponsorship representatives for our Hackathon in August;

~~Whereas~~ the TechNova team needs a private space to host calls with external sponsors and visits from students;

~~Whereas~~ the Bioinformatics Club was recently disbanded, freeing its office space;

~~Be it resolved that~~ Council perceives a need for office space for the TechNova organizing team;

~~Be it further resolved that~~ MathSoc allocates the old Bioinformatics Club office in MC 3028 to the TechNova Organizing team;

There was a point of order on if Council has the power to consider 5.1 and 5.2. The Speaker ruled they would be in order with an amendment.

5 abstentions. VPO, VPC noted in abstention.

VPA motioned to strike both 5.1 and 5.2 and add a discussion item to New Business on the topic of the BIC room. VPO seconded the motion. It passed with a 2/3rds majority.

5.3 Update to Clubs Policy [VPA, VPI]

Whereas the Executives have integrated the feedback of Council into the proposed amendments to the Clubs Policy; then

Be it resolved that Council accepts the following changes to the Clubs Policy:

<https://github.com/MathSoc/mathSocDocuments/pull/25>

VPA summarized the motion. The motion passed.

VPO moved to discuss 5.4 after 6.2. There were no objections.

5.5 Volunteer Appreciation Budget Increase [Moted by VPI Wang and seconded by VPA Macri]

Whereas the VPI's budget for Volunteer Appreciation is insufficient for the Volunteer Appreciation dinner;

Whereas past Volunteer Appreciation budgets have been over \$5000;

BIRT Council allocates an additional \$500 to the Volunteer Appreciation budget and

BIRT unused funds from the VPI budget may be allocated to Volunteer appreciation

VPI summarized the motion. Motion passed.

5.6 Remuneration of Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Secretary [VPO Saha, Councillor Tapley]

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

Be it Resolved that Speaker [Sabrina Berbari] be awarded \$250

Be it Resolved that Deputy Speaker [Keaton Tapley] be awarded \$100

Be it Resolved that Secretary [Annie Zhang] be awarded \$180

After a discussion, it was agreed to fill in the blanks with the numbers above.

Motion passes.

Councillor Tapley and Councillor Berbari noted in abstention.

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6 New Business

Any Councillor may raise any item of concern during new business. Generally, long discussions without a specific motion before Council 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 MathSoc Membership Entitlement [Discussion] [VPO Saha, Councillor Tapley]

Whereas it is in the best interest of Council to ensure that the Society is not only retaining but working to increase membership to support funding requests for the activities and events of the Society and Clubs;

Whereas as we return to more in-person activities, it is important to ensure that MathSoc Executives and Club Executives have a common understanding of MathSoc membership entitlement;

Whereas the following document outlines the Society's current, and pre pandemic, practices pertaining to membership entitlement; and

BIRT Council has a preliminary discussion regarding membership entitlement and provides additional comments to the attached document.

There was a discussion on the exam bank. Councillors expressed that the exam bank should be open to everyone. The VPA said that we currently sort of say it's for Math students but don't have the technology to check it, right now only people with a UW login can access the exam bank. Councillor Sood expressed that we can say what we want with the goal of getting the technology setup in the future when it is feasible.

MEF Director Sharma asked about restricting academic events like resume critiques. VPA explained why it is desirable to restrict those events to fee-paying MathSoc members, namely the amount of time it takes for resume critiques. The VPA and VPI talked about the need to trust the judgment of executives.

Sharma expressed worry of a reputational risk to MathSoc if MathSoc is strict with fee enforcement but MathSoc Clubs are not. The VPA and VPI expressed their disagreement.

 **Membership Entitlement**

5.4 Mathsoc Memberships [VPA Macri, Councillor Bector]

Whereas the MathSoc membership voted to return to the refund model; and

Whereas MathSoc does not have a consistent policy for how to handle people who did not pay their fee; then

Be it resolved that MathSoc calls on the University to respect the decision of the members and allow MathSoc to return to the refund model; and

Be it further resolved that MathSoc calls on WUSA to prioritize helping Societies to return to the refund model; and

Be it further resolved that until MathSoc is able to return to the refund model, that Council directs the Executives to be reasonably strict with offering free services only to those who have paid their MathSoc fee, with the exception of snacks in the MathSoc office; and

Be it further resolved that the Membership Entitlement document in 6.1 is a good reference for Executives to use; and

Be it further resolved that when denying such services would go against common sense (for example, when giving out food that would go bad otherwise) the Executives may exercise their best judgment.

6.2 Discussion on BIC Room [VPA]

Council discussed the merits of potential uses of the BIC and Data Science space.

7 Announcements

8 Adjournment

The meeting is scheduled to be adjourned at 9:30 pm EST.