
 University of Waterloo Mathematics Society

Council

13 October 2020

Location: Google Hangouts, Time: 17:00 ET

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Speaker	Kanan Sharma
Secretary	Natalia Manturowicz
Attendees: (Voting) ** To be ratified	Matthew Schwarze (President); Harleen Bhandal (VPA), Harsh Shekar (VPI), Mary Sybersma (VPO), Terra Rae (VPF), John Hunte (ActSci Rep), Vincent Macri (PM/AM/CO Rep), Brayden Royston (CS Rep), Kanan Sharma (Business Rep), Sam Li (Business Rep), Karl Zhu (CFM Rep), Yuqian Wang (Teaching Rep, Board Chair), Catherine Dong (Math Studies Rep), Akshar Goyal (Math Studies Rep), Josué Kurke** (PM/AM/CO Rep), Kevin Trieu** (CS Rep), Yuhan Zhang** (FY Rep), Jay Lan** (FY Rep), Manas Bafna** (FY Rep), Bhavya Srivastava (FY Rep)**, Celine Chung (FY Rep)** Frank Chen (SE Rep)
(Non Voting)	Rose Penner (Business Manager); Colleen Richter (Dean's Designate); James Anderson (mathNEWS)
Expected Absences	Yuhan Zhang (FY Rep), Harsh Shekar (VPI)

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1 Preliminaries

1.1 Call to Order

The Speaker calls the meeting to order at 17:00 ET.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

The Speaker assumes the agenda.

1.2 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.”

1.3 Oral Conflict of Interest Declaration

The Speaker poses the following question:

“In relation of any of the items of business on the agenda for this meeting, does any Councilor have an actual, perceived, or potential conflict of interest?”

2 Approval of the Minutes

Be it resolved that Council approve the Minutes of the August 6 ,2020 Meeting of Council, [as presented](#);

Be it further resolved that Council approve the Minutes of the September 12 ,2020 Meeting of Council, [as presented](#);

3 Special Orders

3.1 Ratification of Fall 2020 By-election – *Councilor Royston, Speaker Sharma*

Be it resolved that Council accepts the report of Election Commission and ratifies the results of Fall 2020 By- Election [as presented](#).

Be it further resolved that Frank Chen is ratified as the SE Rep For Fall 2020 as appointed by the SE Society

3.2 Concerns about WUSA Fee Review Process (Discussion) – *Councilor Hunte, Speaker Sharma*

Speaker's Note: This item is scheduled to commence at 6:10 pm. The Discussion will be capped at 10 minutes unless council motions to increase the time limit.

4 Unfinished Business

Business tabled from a previous meeting.

4.1 Capital Improvements Fund Policy 24 Update – *Speaker Sharma, Councillor Dong*

Be it resolved that Policy 24 – Capital Improvements Fund [as presented](#) be updated to reflect the current position of the Fund and Committee.

4 Reports

Motions arising directly out of a report, including to adopt recommendations in the report, may be considered immediately after the report without having to wait until later in the meeting. No action is required to receive a report. If Council decides to adopt or accept a report, then it is endorsing the entire report and not just the recommendations.

Executive Reports:

[VPA](#), [VPL](#), [VPO](#), [VPE](#), [President](#)

Council Report: [Speaker](#)

Representative Reports:

CS/Comp Math, PMath/AMath/CO, Actsci/Math Finance, MathBus, CFM, Statistics, Math Teaching, Math Studies & Other

Board of Directors Report: [Chair](#)

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 12-month At-Large Director Appointment Committee – *Chair Wang*

Whereas Director Pabla and Director Shah will complete their term of Board at the end of December 2020;

Whereas there will be two vacancies for at-large directors;

Whereas by By-law 6.1 states there should be “Two (2) at-large representatives elected in the Fall term” and “At-large Directors shall be elected at the termly general meeting for the seat they are being appointed to”; and

Whereas [Board Procedure 11](#) identifies the process for at-large director appointment;

Be it resolved that Council appoints Councillor _____ and Councillor _____ as the non-executive Councillors for the F20 At-large Director screening panel.

5.2 So much for moving away from tests, huh? (Discussion) – *Councillor Hunte*,

Speaker's Note: This Discussion will be capped at 10 minutes unless council motions to increase the time limit.

“**Despite** being told it was an objective of the University to move away from “teaching to test”, and **despite** being told it was an objective to assess students’ knowledge in ways other than exams because of the well established shortcomings of exams, and **despite** the University making positive steps towards this at the end of the Winter 2020 term and through the Spring 2020 term, many math courses have moved back to grading students based on how much they can get done during a 2.5hr time slot.”

5.3 WUSA Math Caucus By-Election & Empty seat – *Speaker Sharma, Councillor Dong*

Whereas WUSA Students’ Council accepted Andrew Yates’ resignation from WUSA Council on July 12th;

Whereas Angela Wang-Lin was serving as a Pro-Tempore Councilor until the vacancy could be filled in the WUSA October by-elections;

Whereas no candidate received the required number of votes to meet the droop quota (203);

Whereas one candidate received 201 votes after 7 rounds of elimination; and

Whereas the Council has the authority to fill this vacancy;

Be it resolved that Council appoints _____ to fill this vacancy on the WUSA Council.

5.4 Winter 2020 Speaker honorarium – *Speaker Sharma, Councilor Wang*

Whereas the Speaker is essential for smooth running of Council meetings;

Whereas MathSoc appreciates all the work the Speaker does; and

Whereas no Speaker honorarium was budgeted in the Winter 2020 term;

Be it resolved that Council allocates \$300 for the Winter 2020 Speaker honorarium.

5.5 Director of First Year Affairs – *President Schwarze, Speaker Sharma*

Whereas a Director of First Year Affairs is to be appointed by the President each Fall term to serve as chair of the Committee of First Year Affairs (Policy 17), on which the newly-elected First Year Representatives also sit; and

Whereas the President has a conflict of interest regarding members of the Society interested in this position;

Be it resolved that _____ be appointed as the Director of First Year Affairs.

5.6 Double Degree Club Fall 2020 Budget – *VP Rae, Speaker Sharma*

Be it resolved that Double Degree Club Fall 2020 budget is approved [as presented](#).

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 CS Club New Event – VP Rae, Councillor Macri

Whereas the CS club is looking for \$1000 to sponsor an event; and

Whereas this event will be sponsoring lecturer Lesley Istead who is bringing in speaker Richard Stallman for a virtual talk; and

Whereas sponsoring this event will allow the talk to be accessible to more students than just Istead's class;

Be it resolved that Council approves an additional \$1000 of funding for this event.

Whereas the RAISE issue has been persistent for much time already,

Whereas the issue is much involved and involves a long reconciliation process,

Whereas the body has been selected by the Math Faculty Student Body to represent their interests,

Be it resolved that this council encourages swift action on the part of WUSA.

7 Announcements

8 Adjournment

The meeting is scheduled to be adjourned at 19:00 ET.

Relevant Documents

Please refer to the pre-meeting email for any hard copies or hyperlinks above.