

Council

Location: Google Meets, Time: 11:00am EDT - Call in [Here](#)

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Speaker	
Secretary	
Attendees (Voting)	Executive Team: Harleen Bhandal (Prez), Mary Sybersma (VPA), Arnav Gupta (VPO), Abhiraj Lamba (VPI), Sandra Huang (VPF) Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, and Combinatorics and Optimization Representatives: Vincent Macri, Josue Kurke Teaching Representative: Natalia Manturowicz Computing and Financial Management Representatives: Business Representatives: Andrew Zang, Bella Xie, Lucy Shen, Julia Wang Computer Science Representatives: Karl Zhu, Kevin Trieu, Shian Fan Mathematical Studies and other Representatives: Maya Gusak Software Engineering Representative:
(Non-Voting)	Rose Penner (Business Manager); (Dean's Designate); mathNEWS, Evelyn Gu (MEF Executive Director)
Expected Absences	

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1 Preliminaries

1.1 Call to Order

Note that quorum for council meetings is % of voting members.

The Speaker calls the meeting to order at 11:05am 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 of any of the items of business on the agenda for this meeting, does any Councillor have an actual, perceived, or potential conflict of interest?”

Natalia has COI for item 5.7.

1.5 Reference of Relevant Rules

1 - New Point 2 [person] - follow up point to "person" POI - Point of Inquiry - to ask information about order/by-laws/policy POO - Point of Order - when the order is not followed POP - point of (personal) privilege - couldn't hear/needs to take a break/etc Voting: Against Abs - abstain (no absolute) Note[vote] - to have your vote noted in the minutes

2 Special Orders

2.1 Appointment of Council Speaker – VP Sybersma, President Bhandal

Be it resolved that Yuqian Wang is appointed as the Speaker of MathSoc Council for the Spring 2021 term.

Please refer to Bylaw 7.12.1 more information about the role of Speaker.

President Bhandal provides a summary of the role. The Speaker organizes and runs Council meetings as well as interprets the bylaws of the Society, in conjunction with the Chair.

VP Sybersma nominates Yuqian (Ina) Wang for the role of Speaker. Councillor Macri seconds the nomination. Yuqian (Ina) Wang accepts the nomination.

President Bhandal states that Jay Lan did send an email confirming his interest for the position. President Bhandal nominates Jay Lan. Councillor Kurke seconds the nomination. It is assumed that Jay Lan accepts the nomination based on his previous email.

Voting Count: Jay Lan - 5 Yes, 6 No; Yuqian (Ina) Wang - 10 Yes, 0 No

Friendly Amendment: Blank is filled in with Yuqian (Ina) Wang.

The motion passes unanimously.

Yuqian (Ina) Wang assumes the role of Speaker.

2.2 Appointment of Deputy Speaker – *VP Sybersma, Councillor Kurke*

Be it resolved that _____ is appointed as the Deputy Speaker of MathSoc Council for the Spring 2021 term.

Speaker Wang and VP Sybersma provide an overview for the role. Deputy Speaker is meant to assist the Speaker and it is treated as a position for an individual to build up their skills to one day be Speaker or a similar role.

Councillor Kurke nominates Jay Lan for Deputy Speaker as he did express interest in the Speaker position and this role is very closely related. President Bhandal Seconds.

VP Gupta nominates Gaurav Gupta for Deputy Speaker. President Bhandal seconds the nomination. Speaker Wang says she cannot accept the nomination as Gaurav Gupta has not accepted it in any discernible form.

Speaker Wang suggests tabling the motion considering neither nominated candidate is present. Discussion is favourable to this suggestion.

Motion: Table the motion until some point in the future when candidate(s) are present in the meeting.

Motion passes unanimously.

2.3 Appointment of Secretary – *VP Sybersma, Councillor Manturowicz*

Be it resolved that Angel Liu is appointed as the Secretary of MathSoc Council for the Spring 2021 term.

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

Councillor Manturowicz provides a summary of the role. _

Councillor Manturowicz nominates Angel Liu for the role of Council Secretary. VP Lamba seconds the nomination. Angel Liu accepts the nomination.

Friendly Amendment: The Blank is filled in with Angel Liu.

Motion passes unanimously.

3 Approval of the Minutes

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

4 Reports

Time limit: 5 minutes per report

Executive Reports:

VPA,

Questions arose about CS 136L and how it works for non CS students. What if students want to drop to CS 116? Will it act as a barrier for students comparing CS 136 and CS 116? What about students that already know stuff?

VPI,

Marketing, advertising and clubs meeting.

VPO,

Made website changes. Submitted budget.

VPF,

Vincent raises the concern about whether club execs have paid their mathsoc fees. VPF responds that

President

Held exec meetings and attend WUSA Council meetings. Been responding to emails,

Other Reports:

Chair, Business Manager,

Representative Reports:

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

5 General Orders

5.1 Suspension of Policy 6.1.2 (Club Fees) – *President, Councilor Kurke*

Whereas MathSoc Council has decided to continue suspending the requirement for Clubs to charge fees for membership into the Spring 2021 term due to all MathSoc activities remaining remote;

Be it resolved that Council suspends the corresponding portion of Policy 6 (Clubs Policy), Policy 6.1.2 (Constitution Requirements) to reflect that clubs should not charge membership fees for the Spring 2021 term.

5.2 Setting Meetings for Rest of Term - *VPI, Councillor Kurke*

Be it resolved that the regular meetings for the Spring term will be June 5th, June 19, July 3, July 17, July 31 and August 21 at 11:00am EDT.

BIFRT if 2/5 or more voting members contact the secretary with conflicts for one of these dates, then the secretary will reach out to council to adjust that specific date/time of that meeting

Concerns about lack of flexibility arose. Josue Kurke proposed the BIFRT so that additional flexibility was added.

President noted in favour of the amendment.

President motions to amend the starting time to be 10:00am. Seconded by Abhiraj. Vincent notes he doesn't want to get up that early. President notes accommodation for people in other timezones. Maya notes that there are also people in other timezones in Canada.

Nothing ended up coming from the discussion Josue and Mary motioned to table the item until the next meeting and task the speaker to figure out the dates.

5.3 Appointment of Elections Committee – *VP Sybersma,*

Be it resolved that Kevin Trieu, Shian Fan, Yuqian Wang, Natalia Manturowicz, and Vincent Macri are appointed to the Elections Committee for the Spring 2021 term;

Be it further resolved that Vincent Macri is appointed as the Chief Returning Officer for the Spring 2021 term.

Some discussion occurred whether Vincent was actually eligible as he is intending to run for VPA. Council agreed that he was eligible but just not to be involved in that section. There was several nominations that did were either not accepted or withdrawn. Mary Sybersma withdrew her application after concerns about comments about the CS takeover conspiracy which was asked by councillors to be noted in the minutes.

Motions passes unanimously with Vincent, Kevin and Natalia noted in abstention.

5.4 Appointment of Councillor-Director – VP Sybersma, VPI

Whereas each term, a councillor is appointed to sit on the Board of Directors; then

Be it resolved that Vincent Macri is appointed as the Councillor-Director for the Spring 2021 term.

Vincent and Karl nominated themselves. Vincent notes that he has a lot of council experience and so does Karl.

8 Yeses for Karl and 10 Yeses for Vincent. Motion passes with Vincent abstaining.

Motion by Sybersma to extend adjournment by 20 minutes and seconded by Councillor Kurke.

5.5 Approval of Entrepreneurship in Mathematics Association - VP Sybersma

Whereas Math and Computer Science students lack exposure to information and assistance in entrepreneurship, resulting in an under-developed entrepreneurial culture within the Faculty; and

Whereas while some Math/CS students are beginning to think about establishing startups, they lack resources, support, connections and a strong network.

Whereas we are hoping to have upper year Math students and professionals who have exposure in startup development and financing to help those in need. In addition, we are hoping to foster an innovation-welcoming environment under the Faculty of Mathematics.

Whereas Entrepreneurs in Mathematics Association (EMA) has been recognized by WUSA clubs and UW Entrepreneurship Society; and

Whereas we will also be reaching out to Conrad School of Entrepreneurship and Business, Concept, The Problem Lab, and GreenHouse to request them to be our campus partners as well.

Whereas the EMA constitution can be found [here](#).

BIRT MathSoc recognizes Entrepreneurs in Mathematics Association as a club under MathSoc.

Natalia leaves the meeting at 12:58.

Vincent argues that the Affiliate Status is better suited.

A concern that was brought up was Policy 6.1.2 “If a club is to have any affiliation with any organization outside of the University, this must be stated clearly in the constitution of the Club.” and whether the EMA would be better.

Maya asked for more information about budget.

Amendment proposed:

BIRT Council recommends to the Board that MathSoc recognizes Entrepreneurs in Mathematics Association as a MathSoc affiliate; and

BIFRT Council recommends to the Board that such recognition is subject to clerical adjustments in the EMA constitution to ensure gender-neutral language; and

BIFRT Council recommends to the Entrepreneurs in Mathematics Association that they make any necessary adjustments to their constitution to that would be necessary for their status to change from a club to an affiliate.

Motion to extend by 20 minutes. Andrew Zhang and Julia Wang leave the meeting.

Favour: 4, Vincent

Against: 3

Abstain: 5

Bella andrew julia karl gone

Clubs are defined by Policy 6 where clubs have to consider mathsoc policies and bylaws. We have no definition of affiliates. Their constitutions do not need to follow bylaws. Both can get funded from MathSoc.

Motion passes with 8 abstains and 1 against with Vincent noted in favour.

Motion to extend by 20 minutes by Harleen. Seconded by Josue.

5.6 Math Graduation Committee Chair 2021-2022 - VP Lamba, VPO

Whereas the selection of each incoming MGC Chair is guided by an interview process as outlined in Policy 18;

Whereas the interview for this upcoming year has concluded and candidate selected, as outlined in [the report](#); then

Be it resolved that Council ratifies Cody Halden as the new Chair of the Math Graduate Committee.

5.7 W21 Secretary Honorarium - Josue, VPI

BIRT Council grants an honorarium of \$200 to Winter 2021 Secretary Natalia Manturowicz.

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.

7 Announcements

The University has bought a 1 year license of Zoom until April 2022. We are still waiting for word when student groups will have access.

Pro tempore applications for the board will open up soon.

8 Adjournment

The meeting is scheduled to be adjourned at 2:00pm EST.

Relevant Documents

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