

# GM #3 – 31 March 2023

## Environment Student Society Meeting Minutes

### Land Acknowledgement

The Environment Students' Society acknowledges that much of our work takes place on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee peoples. Our main campus is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land granted to the Six Nations that includes six miles on each side of the Grand River. Our active work toward reconciliation takes place across our campuses through research, learning, teaching, and community building, and is centralized within the Office of Indigenous Relations.

### Agenda

1. Term Recap
2. ESS Updates
3. Program Societies Updates
4. Questions & Discussion

### Term Recap

#### Mental Health & Wellness Week

Mon, March 6th	Trivia Night
Tues, March 7th	Succulent Workshop
Wed, March 8th	Waffle Wednesday
Thurs, March 9th	Mental Health & Wellness Panel
Friday, March 10th	Mystery Event 🌟

- thank you to everyone who contributed!
- Shoutout to UC for collaborating on this with us :)

#### Masquerade Party

- Recap Video has been posted on TikTok and Instagram:  
[https://www.instagram.com/reel/Cqdxz8UgBbT/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link](https://www.instagram.com/reel/Cqdxz8UgBbT/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link)
- Photos from the event are available:  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1A4SpVgdbkjGGxfKmQgQAicLNennq4JZ->

## ESS Updates

### Spring By-Elections

- The nomination period for spring by-elections has been extended to April 11th. Following positions are open:
  - VP Finance\*
  - Social Director\*
  - Mental Health and Wellness Director
  - Secretary\*
  - Finance Team (1)\*
  - Socials Committee (2)\*
  - Communications Team (1)\*
- Positions with an asterisk (\*) are also available for the full 2023/24 school year
- Fill out [this form](#) and submit it to [president.ess@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:president.ess@uwaterloo.ca) by **Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 11:59 PM.**
- For contested roles, elections are conducted on [vote.wusa.ca](http://vote.wusa.ca)

### ES Coffeeshop Update

- Managers are hired!
  - Spring: Eden Keller, Isaac John Ocampo
  - Fall: Cori Wong, Isaac John Ocampo
  - Winter: Michael Pizzimenti, Ryan Chow
- Manager wages will increase to \$15.50/hr starting the Spring Term
- No final decisions about the financing of the coffee shop for the following terms have been decided and are still being discussed.

### Grad Ball

- Thursday April 6th from 8pm - 1am at THEMUSEUM
- Ticket sales online on WUSA: <https://wusa.ca/event/grad-ball/> (close April 6th, 5PM)
- Additional \$5 add-on if you'd like to explore the exhibits (whole new exhibit!)
- Open to all students and guests
- Promotional TikTok is up!  
[https://www.instagram.com/reel/CqYmtUOgnV1/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link](https://www.instagram.com/reel/CqYmtUOgnV1/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link)

## Program Societies

### [UW Aviation Society \(UWAS\)](#)

@uw\_aviation

- Apr 29: Aviation Gala
  - ESS is funding \$500 for sponsorship
- Merch live until tonight

### [Knowledge Integration Student Society \(KISS\)](#)

@uw\_kiss

- Final social recap
- Nominations for Kiss Executives next year
- Doesn't run during the spring term

### [Student Association for International Development \(SAID\)](#)

@indev\_waterloo

- Adaya working on Food Sovereignty project, will be in communication

### [Waterloo Environment & Business Students \(WEBS\)](#)

@waterloobus

- Coffee for a cause event
- Elections for remaining positions to come
- Last event: rock climbing (before Apr 10)

### [Environment and Sustainability Student Association \(ERSSA\)](#)

@uwerssa

- Wrapping up term
- Movie night, town hall and sustainability event went well
- April 11/12: Hike
- April 10: first printed monthly newsletter!
- ERSSA EdComm working through ethics complaint

### [Waterloo Association of Geography Students \(WAGS\)](#)

@envwags

- LinkedIn Headshot + Resume Critique
- Student Prof Trivia Night went well
- New logo set, merch tabled for later term

### [Planning Students' Association \(PSA\)](#)

@uwaterloopsa

- Done for events
- Merch Sales still going till midnight tonight
- Co-presidents for the next year elected

### [Sustainability & Financial Management Student Organization \(SFMSO\)](#)

@uwsfmso

- KPMG corporate event in April
- Merch orders are to be placed soon

# Questions & Discussion

## Communication Update and Future Plan

- Since our last general meeting, we have made a bigger effort in keeping students in the know. We've talked with the Faculty about working with their team and using their resources to promote what's going on in ESS and our program societies.
- We've increased emails to the undergraduate list but still remain cautious about overdoing it as we don't want to spam students. We have been more diligent in updating our website and have created a virtual calendar that students can subscribe to stay in the loop with our events.

## Mentimeter Activity

What was your favourite ENV memory this year? 13 Answers

 Mentimeter

ENV GOT TALENT (definitely not biased)	KIX!!!!	banana
Meeting Issac Mahal Kita lang	ENVigorate	Elora visit
Masquerade!!	Welcome back to the classroom!	The Planning Conference!
Seeing everyone in person!	Envigorate	ENVigorate!
masquerade		

What should ESS add/change/keep doing next year? 10 Answers

 Mentimeter

more events!1	Dodge ball	Please, for the love of god, no general meetings on Friday night
More academic events, more inter faculty events, more collabs with other faculties	Winter events - outdoors - hikes, walks etc....	Provide additional funding to program societies
ur doing great <3	Orientation was great this year!	campfire song - more bonfires at laurel creek pit
More local coffee shop options such as Vietnamese iced coffee or <b>matcha!</b>		