# University of Waterloo Science Society

Board of Directors Date | Time March 11th | 7:00-9:00PM | Location STC 1019

Estimated Duration: 2 hours

## Members

Executive Council:

Z. Hasan (VPI) | A. Jogoo (VPFA) |

Executive Coordinators:

K. Shaban (Speaker) | T. Sharma (Administrative Coordinator) | K. Karim and V. Tang (Financial Associates) |

Departmental Clubs and Societies:

Biochemistry Student Association (BSA) | Biology Undergraduate Society (BUGS) | Chemistry Club (ChemClub) | Materials and Nanoscience Society (MNS) | Physics Club (PhysClub) | Science and Business Students' Association (SBSA) | Earth and Environmental Undergraduate club (WATROX) |

University Wide Committees:

Aviation Society | Biomedical Student Association (BMSA) | Psychology Society | WUSA Science Councillors | WUSA Science Senators | Women in Science (WiS) |

## Absentees

VPA, President, Finance, Senators and Councillors , WiS

# Call to Order

Move to begin the orders of the day. 7:05PM Motion: BSA

Second: ChemClub

- □ 8 in favour
- □ 0 opposed
- O abstained
- □ The motion has passed

### Announcements

### Old Business

Move to Old. Business, where refresher of last term is provided.

## Moderate Caucus

Move to a moderated caucus, where additional items can be brought by Board members.

## Public Session

Move to open question period from member-at-large. Note: Any Society members can speak during this time, including Board members.

### Committees, Clubs and Societies Reports

Move to close Public Session and proceed to In Camera Session

## Executive Updates

- President
  - D Presented by Zahra, he is not here due to election
  - Gradball went well, thank you to everyone who helped out
  - □ 170 students came at a great venue
  - □ Another event is coming up on March 20th which is bau flex and chill, still working on the venue
  - □ Easter event, pictures, eggs, etc
- □ Vice President Internal
  - □ March break open house
    - Recently told that they would like to have a booth, is everyone interested?
      - This is to promote extracurricular activities, send VPI a message if you are interested
  - □ Succulent sale tomorrow with funds going to Canadian mental health
  - Dog therapy with BUGS
  - Let's talk wellness is the big event coming up on April 1st at MC comfy
    Canadian red cross for the australian wildfires
  - $\Box$  Elections,
    - Will talk about that after
    - $\hfill\square$  The form will be talked about
    - D Town hall is tmrw, STC main atrium 12-1:30
    - □ Reserving 25th for elections
      - Julian requested that he wanted to talk about stuff at the start of that BOD since he isn't here today

- EOT, Micheal from WUSA, we talked about ideas for student engagement, meeting with Dean of science to try to get involved in faculty
  - □ If anyone wants to bring something up send a message
- □ Incoming VPI transition doc is being worked on ut the role has changed a lot, your input is important for this
- □ Vice President Finance and Administration
  - □ Cheque requests, make sure you have them done ASAP, April 3rd is deadline
    - Try to get all the cheques in before March 25th week, so you can get your cheques in time
  - The accountant went through the numbers of how much money we got, 49,450 dollars was said in the budget. However, they went through the data again, we actually have 50,000 dollars. Instead of giving you all money right now so you have to spend money, you should use the original budget amount
    - □ approximately 500 dollars more as a safety net for next term
    - □ Is everyone good with that? Yes
    - □ Meeting with the VPOF of WUSA as well in regards to this
  - □ Science student initiative
    - This is for scisoc and departmental clubs, to improve offices and textbooks etc
    - Vanessa had made a google form to get feedback on what we could use the money for
      - $\Box$  addressed in the next board meeting
        - □ Something that was brought up in the spring term
  - Debit machines
    - It is one debit machines for all the clubs, we have come up with a good solutions
    - □ Email me if you need one and it is only for one club for one day
- □ Vice President Academic
  - □ March break research seminar
    - □ Thank you for the interest
    - □ Still need info from Watrox
      - □ Watrox: will get back to you
    - □ Presentation is going to be 10-15 minutes wrong

- Post doc students can also come present on the behalf of the professors
- □ Genetic counselling
  - $\Box$  Next week on the wednesday
  - □ Everything is ready to go for the event
  - Promo! BSA if you want to join, send us the logo and let us know
- Presented by VPFA
- □ Executive Coordinators
  - □ Kellie: have not done emails for external funding, we are trying to do something like cheque request forms instead.
    - To double cheque what you actually spend the money one and it would be easier to track and move the money
    - □ There will be no weird transfer of money
    - □ Presented by VPFA
  - □ Speaker: if you are the last to leave your room turn off your lights

## Departmental Clubs/Societies

- □ Biochemistry Student Association (BSA)
  - □ Not much happened since a couple weeks back
  - □ Right now we are running a amino acid bingo
    - $\Box$  turn out for the event is average, 10-15 people
  - □ Student prof with chemclub and bugs
    - Catering is being set up tonight
  - □ Hosting two brewing with biochem events, free coffee donuts
    - □ Monday and the next one will be two weeks on March 30th
    - □ Wanted to do it every week but they didn't have enough time
  - □ EOT sushi event
    - ticketed event
  - □ EOT mass cleanup of the room
    - There are a lot of things that needs to be thrown out, mostly for the execs of the club
- □ Biology Undergraduate Student Society (BUGS)
  - □ Just had the meeting

- □ EOT has been confirmed and talked with SciSoc
- □ Dog therapy
- □ Sweaters on sale
  - Come to our room for the biology sweaters
- □ Student prof night
- □ 3 weeks in the week after
- □ Lab workshop with MNS
- Watrox with Laser tag went well, people enjoyed it and something that we would do again
- Does your student prof night have alcohol? VPI
  - □ Yes, we will present a motion later
- □ Chemistry Club (ChemClub)
  - □ Lab event happened, and make things explode
  - □ Final trivia, lancaster steakhouse catering
- □ Materials & Nanosciences Society (MNS)
  - □ Student prof night, 10 professors came out
  - □ directions of MNS seminar on friday and hoping it will go well
  - □ Two labs happening, waiting for safety
    - The date is not set due to that
  - $\hfill\square$  Picked the EOT, smash bros or rock climbing
  - □ Huge document for the MNS program
    - Curriculum is being rewritten to improve the program
- □ Physics Undergraduate Society (PhysClub)
  - □ The python workshop with BMSA
  - □ Student prof night with MNS
  - **EOT** on 27th of March
- □ Science and Business Students' Association (SBSA)
  - Still finalizing everything for eot and waiting on Micheal for approval of the event
- □ Earth and Environmental Undergraduate club (WATROX)
  - Got new chairs, new sweaters
  - □ Merch is available for pickup
  - □ Currently have the mixer planned for tomorrow
  - $\Box$  EOT is happening two weeks from now
  - □ all of the other events are currently going well

- □ There was a conference called Pdac, its in the earth science faculty, very large conference with someone with coronavirus positive
  - Keeping an eye out for people as there are people for WatRox went
- Delta Please put your events in the calendar VPI

#### University-wide Committees

- □ Aviation Society
  - □ Last sunday: launch event for mentorship
    - □ 50 students, which is what the goal was
  - □ We are focused on the gala meeting
    - □ 200 people to show up to that
- □ Biomedical Student Association (BMSA)
  - □ Having a Python workshop at the moment
    - □ Turnout will be found tmrw
  - □ Working towards an online job board for the spring term
  - $\hfill\square$  Plan B event is in the works
- □ WUSA Science Councillors
  - Going to be turn into a public benefit organization
  - No Fall GM
  - □ Easier to become a BOD member
  - □ Science Senator isn't a Senator since they didn't pay fees
  - $\Box$  What does the senator do for us as they never come? MNS
    - □ They connect to Waterloo, The official university board
    - □ Senate is the equivalent of our BOD, every faculty has them
    - □ Senators work with Councillors
  - **D** Electing a senator is in the works
- Psychology Society
  - **Q** Releasing applications for the fall term
  - □ Coop advice to find jobs and stuff
  - $\hfill\square$  grad student will presenting at an event as well
- □ Science Senators
  - Not present
- □ Women in Science (WIS)
  - Not Present

### **New Business**

Move to New Business, moderated caucus to discuss new orders of the day.

- 1. Approval of changes to Policies and Procedures [VPI SciSoc ] | Addition Policy and Procedure Updates
  - □ Main takeaways
    - Stuff that aligns with constitution changes and rearranged stuff with executive roles
    - □ Section 300, policy 301
      - Coordinator descriptions being changed
    - Delicy 505, most relevant to clubs
      - Auditing procedure for BOD, we felt the previous rules were very intensive, five VPI access to your text but now they are at the discretion of the board
    - D Policy 604, process of taking out a float
      - □ Better explained
    - Section 700
      - □ Changed everything before
      - Delicy 705 was added for reabsorption of roles
    - Questions
      - Advertising, is there a rule about scisoc logos on all posters, ASU does that to promote a united front? - Psych Soc
        - Everyone that gets money maybe?
        - Execs like
        - □ Would it be mandatory? MNS
          - Do you have a problem with us? VPI
          - Just an aesthetic thing
        - If an event does not do the event then it goes on SciSoc
          - □ Some events are specified to programs
          - □ Some students might want to be a part of it due to the fact that it would be a sci soc event
            - □ Can we try it out
            - It shouldn't be in policies if you want to do it as a trial run though
    - Seconded: BSA
    - □ 8 in favour

- □ 0 opposed
- O abstained
- □ The motion has passed
- 2. Review of WUSA and Societies Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) [VPI SciSoc ] | <u>WUSA Societies Agreement Review</u>
  - □ This is MOU with WUSA and society
  - □ Please look at it as it explains a lot of the rules we enforce
  - □ The president of every society sits with WUSA to revise it every few years
  - $\hfill\square$  There was nothing that we saw that was a red flag
    - Would like your input
  - WUSA sunshine clause, collapse of a society is being recommended by them
    - □ 2.5 in their document
    - □ Constitution already changed, future terms would work on this
  - Not a motion, no vote
- 3. Approval of Minutes from BOD Feb 26th [VPI SciSoc] | <u>Minutes BOD Feb</u> <u>26th</u>
  - □ Seconded: Watrox
  - 8 in favour
  - □ 0 opposed
  - O abstained
  - □ The motion has passed
- 4. PhysClub would like to put forward a motion to formally approve the \$3000 being transferred to Schrodinger's Hack [*PhysClub* ]
  - □ Speaker will be explaining this
    - They are collaborating with hack, they are funding 3000 dollars, they have allocated a subsection of their bank account and want to transfer it in
    - $\hfill\square$  This was during the Donna Strickland award
    - There just has to be something that says they are allowed to put in that money
  - □ Seconded by BSA
  - 8 in favour
  - □ 0 opposed
  - O abstained

#### □ The motion has passed

- 5. Motion to get alcohol approved at Student prof night for chemclub and BSA
  - □ Seconded by SciSoc
  - □ 5 in favour
  - □ 0 opposed
  - □ 3 abstained ChemClub, BSA, BUGS
  - □ The motion has passed

### Meeting Adjourned

Move to adjourn the meeting

Motion: Watrox (8:17PM)

Second: MNS

- □ 7 in favour
- □ 1 opposed
- $\Box$  0 abstained
- □ The motion has passed