

University of Waterloo Science Society (~0.5-1hr)

Chair's Agenda for 20 June 2019

Members: | V. Chan (President), | A. Huang (VPFA), | Z. Hasan (VPI), | Y. Ebadi (VPA), | T. Sharma (Administrative Coordinator) |, | K. Sharma (Speaker) |, | O. Lee (Financial Associate) |, | Biochemistry Student Association (BSA), | Biomedical Student Association (BMSA), | Biology Undergraduate Society (BUGS), | Chemistry Club (ChemClub), | Physics Club (PhysClub) |, | Science and Business Students' Association (SBSA) |, | Waterloo Undergraduate Student Geological Society (WatRox) |, | FEDS Councillors | Aviation Society | Women In Science (WIS) |

Absentees: V. Chan (President), Science Senators, Aviation Society, Biomedical Student Association, Science Mentorship Team, Women in Science, Psychology Society

Announcements

1. SciSoc wanted to table further discussion of capital investment fund (and specific percent allocations) to BOD on July 4th. Please come prepared to July 4th BOD with your desired outcomes of capital investment fund - *submitted by Zahra Hasan (SciSoc VPI)*
 - Z: have a chance to discuss about the Capital improvement Fund for the clubs and thus it was moved to

Preliminaries

1. Move to approve SBSA proxy Nipinder Ghuman - Finance Associate of SBSA for this BOD meeting - *submitted by Jeremy Li (SBSA President)*
 - Kevin and Jeremy had meetings and could not make it to this BOD meeting
 - 7 approved
 - 0 against
 - 0 abstained
2. Discuss list of student impacts based on Student Choice Initiative (SCI) - *submitted by Zahra Hasan (SciSoc VPI)*
 - Look at Facebook post made by Zahra, outlines the resources available to the people that opt out of the SciSoc fees
 - If you have any questions please ask VPI Zahra
 - The idea is that they cannot take part in any of the events
 - Something that should be added is that they cannot be coordinators (cannot be part of departmental clubs)

Call to Order

Move to begin the orders of the day. 7:06 PM

Public Session

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

Committee, Clubs, & Societies Reports

University-wide Committees

FEDS Science Councillor —

- Currently talking about the name change for the FEDS, the way they will be presenting themselves is WUSA, legally it will still be FEDS, its just a marketing strategy
- BUGS: Why is it being changed?
 - People do not have a positive outlook on FEDS and do not really know about what FEDS actually provides
 - It's more a marketing strategy
- VPFA: people like the name but do not like the acronym
 - Suggestion: maybe actually have waterloo in the name?
- There are surveys you can find on the FEDs science councillors page for you to express your ideas
- FEDS alternate names, Math suggestions: FEDS, WSA, WUSA, USAW
 - They wanted to differentiate the fact that they are for undergraduate students
 - Federation does not really mean anything

Executive Updates

President —

- VPI will speaking on the behalf of the President as she was not able to make it to this meeting
- Scichella is being worked on and it is planned for July 25th, for the location in particular SciSoc is looking at tentatively V1 green and also looking at inside location
 - It is ticketed and please promote
- Another event that is coming up is the Ice Cream Sundae Bar
- Feedback form is being implemented for all events and it started with BOT
 - We want to collaboratively share everything including the feedback on the events that are being run
- Student council
 - Looking at a name change for FEDS to WUSA
 - Have it for Fall 2019 but they are still sorting out the details
- Empower Me: something they want to introduce to the insurance plan for mental health, it would be an addition to counseling service, it is a very small fee. It would be a dedicated person that will sit with you for 5-7 sessions.
 - The issue right now is that there are not enough people for counseling services

- The difference is that this only goes for a few sessions, if it is found that you require more sessions than originally planned then they refer you counseling service. This is for short term purposes
 - To reduce the workload of the mental health services
- BSA: is this an added option to the plan?
 - It is an “all or nothing” approach, meaning you get it if you buy the insurance, the added cost is very small, coming around to something like \$4.25
- When is it implemented?
 - Fall 2019

Vice President Finance & Administration —

- Signing authority forms are available, please give it to VPFA, there is no deadline, do it as soon as possible
 - In the SciSoc office, ask the coordinators for them
- Carry over has been sorted out from last year
 - Clubs will be messaged at the end of the week about this
- Event ID: You have not been able to get this to SciSoc knowledge
 - VPI Zahra: because FEDS is changing everything they have not been responding to the emails, I will keep messaging them
 - The issue is becoming is that FEDS cannot book your room for you, thus they cannot get your event ID
 - Keep good record on what money you spent so far for your events so you can get reimbursed
 - BSA: emailed them and they received a confirmation ID with the email
 - VPFA: send it to me so I can check
 - VPI: the question remains is the number valid if they did not book your room
- Please have ideas and proposals ready for the next BOD meeting for the CPI
- CnD is going to start selling Iced coffee, please try it and give feedback
 - BSA: it is a little bitter
 - We will be getting syrup sugar to fix that issue
- Is there a time we are going to get a manager for CnD
 - That is something that can be discussed in the next BOD meeting

Vice President Internal —

- Mentioned the event ID issue already
- OSSA, relatively new, they try to bring together the different Science Societies so everyone can share ideas, they do not have a proper government set up, they only have BOD,
 - They will be introducing VP roles and others
 - Share them with people who would be suited for roles
 - These positions will be made official in July, the idea is to have a proper government system
 - You do not have to attend the conference to run for office, accommodations can be made

- More information will be posted on Facebook to share with everyone
- Who can apply
 - Anyone who is a member of SciSoc, aka everyone who pays the scisoc fee
 - The elections will happen at the conference

Vice President Academic —

- Undergraduate council
 - Honours Biology, Biomedical Sciences and the Bioinformatics options are being changed along with the Biochemistry minor
 - What has changed about the bioinformatics option?
 - It won't be available to any minors and joint honours with math
 - Chemical physics is being abolished. Its not available through OUAC and there are not enough people specializing in this
 - The dean might have found that not enough people were switching into it
 - You can just do a chem major with the physics minor
 - New biology course in Fall 2020, history of aquatic organisms, they will be 300 levels
- Coop student council
 - Installing security cameras in the tatham center, they have security concerns with the buildings
 - What concerns?
 - Mostly just theft at the current moment
 - Waterlooworks will offer workshops
 - Introducing a prescreening tool. Allows employers to ask small 5 questions, they will be legal, MC and yes/no questions
 - Rate my work term function in waterlooworks is being worked on
- SciSoc
 - LinkedIn workshop turnout was less than ideal
 - One person showed up
 - They are facilitated through center for career action
 - No money from SciSoc is actually spent on them
 - If someone wants to collaborate to increase turnout please let SciSoc know
 - You just have to request them, have them coincide with Coop scheduled

Departmental Clubs/Societies Updates

BSA

- Last events: review sessions, they did not have good turnout
- EOT in collaboration with BUGS
- More review sessions are being planned
- BSA bought plushies, really big stuffed animals, please come hug them
- VPI: we have asked about the white board BSA requested. Will get back to BSA shortly regarding this

BUGS

- Jack in the box had a good turn out, and it had 30 people
 - Some new faces showed up
- Tomorrow is a review session for BIOL 273, it was advertised on learn for BIOL 273
- Next event is Beach day, this is still a work in progress
 - One bus to grand bend on July 6th
 - Would a cash box be available?
 - The FEDS form has an option, but we will have our own from BSA
 - If we need a float, chemclub might have one
 - Ticket sales will start monday
- EOT: movies in the park, in waterloo park, the only workable day is on scichella
 - We are looking at many options to still have an outdoor movie nights
 - Movie is being decided, currently looking at spiderman

ChemClub

- Prof night coming on tuesday with pys club, alcohol will be discussed soon
 - Anticipated a good turn out
- Next week is beach day, just need to sell tickets and start advertising for it
- Board game night is being planned for july, still up in the air
- EOT being planned with SBSA
- Still running frozen fridays

PhysClub

- Student prof night
- Canceled astrofire, one event for a community, this one is going to be for disabilities, the budget for that is coming out of the one for astrofire
- EOT is a BBQ and it is the last week of july
- VPA: are you still looking to get rid of one table?
 - PhysClub: Yes we are
 - Does any other club want the extra table?
 - SBSA wants one but they have a small room, thinking about it
 - If no club wants it we will deal with it. We cannot sell it however
 - Between yourselves (the departmental clubs) see if anyone wants the table
- PhysClub has a lot of non physics books that need to be taken away. SciSoc will take them

SBSA

- Midterm breakfast had good success, 70 plus people, had to run it past 11 due to the fact we had many supplies that needed to be taken care off
 - Majority were Scibus students, we need to work on people outside of our program
 - Feedback: if it was not in your club room you would have gotten more traction
 - Got food from CnD
- Advertise for all events for Science clubs to increase turn out
- Share events on your own pages
- You can put posters on the doors of your offices
- VPI: Scisoc uses STC B1 atrium, near the elevator, that is a really good place, science specific

people

- Cheque requests have not been put through due to the fact that the event ID has not been available
- Advertised on social media but the room is not the ideal place
 - Send it to SciSoc, they have a bigger platform to advertise

WatRox

- Beach day has already been mentioned
- Working on dates for the other events and do not have any set dates as of right now
- VPI: have you been talking to Veronica?
 - On the back of our minds

New Business

1. Move to moderated caucus to discuss new orders of the day
2. Move to approve modified Memorandum of Understanding of Aviation Society with SciSoc - *submitted by Veronica Chan (SciSoc President)*
 - VPI: Aviation society is not here, amending the motion of the memorandum until next BOD
3. Move to approve the sale of drink tickets to be exchanged for alcoholic beverages at the event of Student Prof night, to be held Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at Huether Hotel-*submitted by Celine Vandenberg (ChemClub President)*
 - They want alcohol, it makes the event really good
 - With FEDS change, they have become more strict
 - Clubs cant distribute alcohol by themselves
 - Generally, there should be a one week window to discuss
 - VPI: amend this motion to propose that we approve the selling of drink tickets, contingent on the fact on what FEDS says for the clarifications
 - Can they buy their own drinks? Yes as long as you are not telling them to do that
 - Professors buy their students drinks enway
 - Move to approve amended motion
 - 7 approved
 - 0 against
 - 0 abstained
4. Move to approve BOD Meeting Minutes from June 06, 2019 - *submitted by Zahra Hasan (SciSoc VPI)*
 - 3 minute recess to look over
 - 7 approved
 - 0 against
 - 0 abstained

Move to adjourn. **8:07 PM**

- 7 approved
- 0 against
- 0 abstained

Next meeting: Thursday July 4th 2019 at 7pm