

University of Waterloo Science Society : General Meeting

Chair's Agenda for 6 March, 2018;

Start: 5:37PM

End: 6:34PM

Members: 1 K. Bottenhoff (Chair), 1 R. Beena Kumary (President), 1 K. Walden (VPFA), 1 A. Richard (VPI), 1 C. Mangahas (VPA) Biochemistry Student Association (BSA), 1 Biomedical Student Association (BMSA), 1 Biology Undergraduate Society (BUGS), 1 Chemistry Club (ChemClub), 1 Physics Club (PhysClub), 1 Materials & Nanoscience Society (MNS), 1 Science and Business Students' Association (SBSA) Waterloo Undergraduate Student Geological Society (WatRox), 1 FEDS Councillors

Absent: VPFA, VPI, PhysClub, Feds Councillors

Late: SBSA

Announcements

1. We will be discussing the former exam bank and potential class reps in Old Business- these were tabled last meeting.
2. WatRox will be requesting approval for alcohol at their End of Term event in Old Business.

Call to Order

Move to begin the orders of the day.

Motion by Speaker

Second by MNS

Move to approve the Board of Directors minutes and agenda of February 13th, 2018.

Motion by Speaker

Second by BSA

Old Business

1. *Move* to yield the floor to WatRox regarding Alcohol at their End-of-Term event. 2. *Move* to begin discussion of a potential Exam Bank.

Motion by Speaker

Second by BSA

- Molly's Blooms , pitcher easier to do; make sure that everyone gets 1 glass of beer
- Suggestion: Stamp and mark people to ensure no one over-drinks
- If they don't want to drink beer, alternative: ex. pop or dietary restrictions = other options

Move to approve by WatRox

Second by - BSA

All in Favour

1 - abstain - WatRox

Motion carries

3. **Move** to begin discussion of class representatives.

- Second by BSA
- Physics has year reps for each year of their program who report to PhysClub about professors, courses ; should we implement with all departmental clubs?

- **SBSA**
 - training them to be execs, and use them for marketing and scheduling purposes
 - Good asset, gets first years involved; **Volunteer position**
 - Attend bi/tri weekly meetings; understand how clubs works - get FYS involved
 - Do a lot of marketing and is a heavy marketing role ; make sure events are appealing to all years and incentivize people to go
 - Events are planning around midterm and the cohort
 - Marketing and getting people involved in a specific year is valuable so that there isn't competition between First years and Fourth years (for ex.)

- **BUGS**
 - First year prospective into meeting
 - Responsible for marketing and getting word out for events

- **ChemClub**
 - Helps with marketing and getting word out about events
 - CHEM 264 - Chong audited by Bissonnette
 - Course evaluations are usually action taken

- **MNS**
 - Can be club writing about concerns of students

- Useful to have class reps; should there be one for all the departments
- Which clubs have class reps
 - BUGS
 - BSA
 - SBSA
 - MNS
 - ChemClub
- WatRox does not
- Who are these (Physic) reps reporting to?
 - For Physics: report to club → Rohan (Academic Advisor)

- This is not a vote, it is up to the clubs discretion
- Better approach: possibly to encourage constituents to do evaluations

Move to conclude

Second by - BSA

4. *Move* to conclude Old Business.

Motion by Speaker

Second by - BSA

- Had an exam bank but faculty and professors had problems and got rid of it
- With alcohol policy; Faculty of Science had issues but we are not governed by them and are a FEDs association → also good to keep them happy though
- Consider: copyrights of some professors
- Spoken to Sandy Wong
 - The exams are the instructors intellectual property; need their consent
 - Need to be transparent with instructors with what we are doing with the exams ; what to do if there are hard copies
 - Need to disclose that courses and content does change ; so do instructors - not the same questions
 - MathSoc and EngSOC have exam banks but MathSOC - are really old and EngSOC - protect through log in (who manages it and who will do it for SciSoc)
 - Sustainable?
 - AHS has an exam bank - hard to regulate who has access; people just take pictures and post wherever they want
- Seems like a lot of work even if you get over obstacles - still need someone to update it
- Where is the starting point?
 - How far back do you go? Start collecting from now on?
- Academic integrity; assignment answers - need to contact professor
- All the other students who have access to it → a disadvantage?
- Will likely have to be open to everyone
- Every new exam; will have to ask for permission again

Motion to vote to implement exam bank by Speaker

Second by - BSA

In favor - 0

Opposed -5

Abstain - 3

Motion does not carry

Public Session

Note: Any Society members can speak during this time, including the Board members

Move to open question period from members-at-large. **Committee, Clubs, & Societies Reports**

Motion by Speaker

Second by - SBSA

ChemClub - sent **temporary** constitution before reading week.

BSA → cheques that are not available for months ; possible backlog

Co-op Education Council and Co-op Student Council — Briefing by the VP Academic and FEDS Councillors.

- Haven't had a CEC meeting; Feb one was cancelled - next one in March 21st
- CSC → hiring stats for Spring 2018
 - As of yesterday, 19.7% of all students scheduled were employed; the rest are going into continuous; across faculty likely
 - Has gone up since last year 1.5%
 - ~80% going into continuous
 - VPA will pass on info
 - Discussion on process/current process for employers from being banned from hiring Waterloo Students
 - Ex: change location, job description, major change they did to job; what changes will push them to being banned
 - Franco (CECA) → passed to employment director to get answer
 - Breach of expectations from employers are tracked by account managers dedicated to keeping track of info; make sure employees are accountable
 - Have a page that shows all the "rules"/expectations for employers to have; **not legally binding**
 - CECA is as facilitator between Co-op students and employers
 - If you want to drop Co-op → need to speak to Student Advisor ; only if you are aware of it
 - If there is a major change to your job or want to pull out → talk to Student Advisor ; expected of students to know of their right
 - Rate my Co-op implemented to see your satisfaction, relevance to program
 - Possibly a UWFlow for Co-op Jobs - planning to do this, don't have substantial data to do that yet
 - Remuneration and Benefits → back onto WaterlooWorks

FSF Committee & WatSEF — Briefing by the President or VP Internal. *Committee of President's* — Briefing by the President or VP Internal.

FEDS Council Reports — Briefing by the FEDS Councillors.

- Not sure what's going on with WatSEF
- FSF - how to allocate funds to different groups that request for funding
 - Want a standard way to do
 - Conflict on methodology
- Next FSF → funding proposals and allocate \$

Committee of Presidents

- Fobs
 - Have the Fob but is a trial project
 - Currently only the people who can use it is SciSoc
 - Hopefully after trial run, will be able to expand to departmental club
 - 2 days notice to activate fob

Other faculties are currently doing their elections

COPS meeting

- Pharmacy society - have a Learn page to do election and provide info using Learn
- With Sandy → an academic website and don't want student groups to post
- Get better engagement with students

BMSA → want to know if funding is passed over from last term or reach out to VPFA

Carry over amounts → VPFA will address

Feds Councillor - absent

Executive Updates

President

- had Gradball on Saturday; went very smoothly; problem with dietary restrictions - didn't have vegan or gluten free
- Events coming up:
 - Midterm giveaway → making stress balls - Thursday
 - EOT → April 3rd

Vice President Finance & Administration — not present

Vice President Internal

- Athletic events:
 - Took out the intramural teams and seek different activities
 - Pool party → on Saturday

- 24th → Skating
- TBD → Muay Thai
- Wellness Wednesday → get de-stress bags

Vice President Academic

- Had professional headshots → went really well
- Had issue of people not letting us know if they cancelled or if they just didn't show up
- Spots were reserved but didn't show up and could have gone to someone else
- Future VPA: have a system where if they need to confirm with us - to prevent people who don't show up
- Will be having events next week;
- 13th - CCA - profession communication workshop - reference letters, contacting employers
- 13th night - professional school interview workshop - helps with standard MMI interviews
 - CCA involved
 - Scenario based interviews
- 15th - Resume Workshop - with CCA
- First years → end of March ; want coffee house networking and mentoring event → TBD

Executive Coordinators (Administrative Coordinator & Financial Associate)

- No updates

Departmental Clubs/Societies Updates

BSA

- Did student prof night yet → attendance ~80 students nad 12 profs ; better than last term ~ 72 including profs
- Less leftovers than usual
- Co-lab movie night with WatROX and Phys - March 12th
- Selling tickets for EOT → sushi ; posters should be up; Yee's Sushi; AYCE → \$15/ticket

BMSA

- Not present

BUGS

- Planning 3 events
- Collab with Phys Club → Meeting to exec meeting → Murder Mystery collab
- 2 events
- EOT → dates in calendar
- Mini golf → raise funds of EOT

ChemClub

- Student prof night → in collab with BSA -

- Bob Ross Paint Night planned
- EOT → listed as March 29th but potential change to Tuesday; will look for another date

PhysClub

- Not present

MNS

- Last Thursday -Lab Flashlight
- Wed → potentially do better
- Thursday afternoon - collab with Nano tech eng to help coop students on first co op job hunt
- Director from collaborative nanotech grad program - cover topics
- Higher year menthors present to help on resume
- March 21st → second lab event
- April 4th → Bonfire event ; hasn't been finalized

SBSA

- Tomorrow have midterm breakfast from 9-11AM in clubs hall way
- Next thursday - PAC small gym - Dodgeball game → tentative
- EOT → March 27th at Chainsaw; already paid for
- Food and karaoke

WatRox

- Pints with profs last Wednesday
- Turnout → ~50 people
- Collab with BSA f+ PhysClub for Movie Night
- BBQ with PhysClub → tentative
- EOT → March 23rd

New Business

1. *Speaker's Prerogative*: the Speaker **moves** to a Moderated Caucus for 5 minutes. Any additional items can be brought up during this time.

Motion

Second - President

Adjournment

Move to adjourn by Speaker

Second by BSA

Next Meeting: TBD based on proceedings.