

University of Waterloo Science Society : General Meeting

Members: 1 K. Bottenhoff (Chair), 1 R. Beena Kumary (President), 1 K. Walden (VPFA), 1 A. Richard (VPI), 1 C. Mangahas (VPA)

Call to Order

Move to begin the orders of the day.

Motion by Speaker

Second by President

Public Session

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

Board and Executive Q&A

Overview of Society Operations in 2017 — Briefing by the VP Internal and President.

- First president update:
 - Events:
 - Catered to mental health, academics,
 - VP internal : lots of mental health events and collaborating with resources on campus to make sure students have access to these resources
 - Managed to expand communication with internal departmental clubs, greatly improving relationships with clubs (ex. WatRox)
 - Working on closer level with clubs with Chem and PhysClub - event partnerships to benefit larger science body
 - Working on expanding conversations regarding mental health on/off campus
 - Last term: partnered with ASU arts student union to bring in mental health professionals to have conversations with science students regarding mental health /illness
 - Want to continue this conversation by working with other faculties (ex: Eng and Math)

Overview of Society Finances — Briefing by the VP Administration and Finance.

- CnD is implementing new changes including:
 - New products: sushi
 - New payment system: debit/credit machine ; 2018 term implemented
- Working towards plan for further improvement over the next few terms
- Society finances
 - Have been on budget for all events
 - Making sure to create to more students to ensure maximum students are getting to participate

- Reaching out for input on events to improve and what they want to see
- Budget to Actuals
 - Available on SciSoc Website to see where money was spent and where money is being allocated for various terms

Overview of Society Lobbying for Students — Briefing by the VP Academic.

- Focusing on this term:
 - Opposed to Co-op fee; lack of transparency in propsola ; during the deep dive investigation
 - Released a state: on scisoc website ; still working to figure out what to do to affect/delay this increase
 - Continuing to work with CECA and WatPD - student concerns they have
 - Planning: co-op survey towards first work term students ; determine how they felt about first time with WW, co-op, PD courses, student advisor experience
 - Figure out what their concerns and how SciSoc can address concerns
 - Bring up with CECA and WatPD
 - Regular students with coop students experience manager - Franco ; Communications Specialist from WatPD - Jamieson
 - Participating in coop student council meetings ; portion of agenda - allowed to bring up concerns from faculty and constituents to bring directly to CECA + other faculties to look for update
 - Work towards what science students would prefer for Fall reading week; 3 year pilot currently
 - Working out where 2 days come from: From study days (end of classes before exams) to do Sunday exams or pull days from Orientation or start actual school term earlier
 - Looking for student input
 - Enable student success during undergrad - specially - skill related workshops (ex: interview tips, resume critiques, etc.)
 - Holding a professional communication workshop - strengthen student skills while they have resources here during undergrad
 - Communicating ongoing initiatives from FEDS, CECA, WatPD, WaterlooWorks, to Board of Directors and constituents to keep open communication

Overview of Board Operations in 2017 — Briefing by the Speaker.

- Majority that BOD accomplished has been alongside SciSoc
- Echo statements made by execs
- Noteworthy:
 - Working closely with CECA to ensure that they can measure up to standards set by students
 - Working closely with WatPD to help improve content to better students during work terms to give them required skills
 - Working closely with SciSoc to accomplish all the previous statements by execs

Move to open question & answer period from members-at-large.

Motion by Speaker

Second by VPA

Move to allow Board of Directors to adjust SciSoc fee (\$9) for Canadian price index on a regular basis; allow to annual adjust for inflation.

Motion by member at large

Second by President

Motion passes.

Move to allow SciSoc continue the iClicker rental program going forward on trial basis for more terms than Winter and Spring, minimum of 2 years, and if applicable, expand it.

Motion by member at large

Second by VPA

Motion passes.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn by Speaker.

Second by member at large

Next Meeting: TBD based on proceedings.