

## **University of Waterloo Science Society (1.5-2.5 hrs)**

Chair's Agenda for Feb 14

Members: | K. Walden (President), | A. Jogoo (VPFA), | V. Chan (VPI), | C. Mangahas (VPA), | Biochemistry Student Association (BSA), | Biomedical Student Association (BMSA - tentative name), | Biology Undergraduate Society (BUGS), | Chemistry Club (ChemClub), | Physics Club (PhysClub), | Materials & Nanoscience Society (MNS), | Science and Business Students' Association (SBSA), | Earth and Environmental Science Undergraduate Club (WATROX), | FEDS Councillors

### **Announcements**

1. Scisoc Executive Elections are starting
  - SciSoc election is open to nominations
  - Nominations forms are in the office, in the process of getting online FEDS nominations as well
  - Nominations continue into reading week
  - Campaigning begins after reading week
2. External funding will be done at 5:30 to work with the planned schedules of the (8) presenters

### **Call to Order**

Move to begin the orders of the day.

### **Preliminaries**

#### **Business Arising**

1. To retroactively appoint Kiana Walden as the CRO
  - 5 in favour, 0 opposed, 1 abstained
  - Motion passes
2. Motion to approve Phys Club to serve alcohol via drink tickets on Feb 28 (student prof night) in compliance with:
  - a. Scisoc Policy 208
  - b. University Policy 21
  - Drink tickets to be exchanged for alcoholic drinks if you show your ID at the event
  - Moved by PhysClub, seconded by BUGS
  - 6 in favour, 0 opposed, 0 abstained
  - Motion passes
3. For Information: [reddit thread](#) and scisoc inclusivity.
  - Harsh comments about SciSoc inclusivity on reddit thread
  - ChemClub told they were inclusive, but overall many of the clubs were very cliquey
  - SciSoc is looking into making a policy to make sure people are behaving properly, if not they can be banned
  - Need to maintain inclusivity in general
  - Big problem that we are seeing as everyone is cliquey (everyone in the hallway) because everyone is friends with each other, can't stop people in club rooms from being friends; because we are in one hallway the entire hallway seems cliquey
  - Introductory - no one would acknowledge them or say hi to them; we should try to include them as much as we can in the conversation
  - Will get more information on it but just wanted to bring it up and acknowledge it

- Any ideas, please bring them to Board if they require resolutions, or just talking about suggestions among yourselves
- 4. Motion to approve the joint BSA, BUGS and Chem Club Student Prof. Night, to serve alcohol (February 27th)
- 6 in favour, 0 opposed, 0 abstained
- Motion passes

### **Open Public Session**

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

- No comments

### **Committee, Clubs, & Societies Reports**

Move to close Public Session and proceed to in camera session.

#### ***University-wide Committees***

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

- No meeting so no updates

FSF Committee & WatSEF — Briefing by the President.

- WatSEF: no meeting, haven't heard anything from them yet
- FSF: haven't gotten the meeting minutes yet

*FEDS President's Committee (President) — Briefing by the President.*

- Cancelled due to snow day

Other, as needed — Speaker's Prerogative: the Speaker moves to a Moderated Caucus for 10 minutes. Any additional items can be brought up during this time.

#### ***Executive Updates***

*President —*

- SciSoc events are going well
- Calendars are coming out that will be put up outside of CnD - outlines events for upcoming months
- Had a meeting with SUSC regarding course changes; if you want to bring anything up during the meeting or you want meeting minutes please reach out to me
- Meetings happen once a month

Motion to temporarily suspend the normal order of the agenda and move to external funding presentations  
0 in favour, 6 against, 0 abstain

Motion fails

*Vice President Finance & Administration* —

- Make sure you write names in all caps when doing cheque requests

*Vice President Internal* —

- Event today - tulip giveaway with Space Soc
- End of Feb - dog therapy and paint night on Feb 28th

*Vice President Academic* —

- Resume Critique event on March 11th with CCA
- Career Talk Night - SciSoc reached out to Science alumni and looking to get an environment/chem related panelist
- Please continue to work on finding panelists

*Executive Coordinators (Administrative Coordinator & Financial Associate)* —

- No updates

## **New Business**

1. External Funding requests & presentations (5 mins to present, 5 min q&a each)

iGEM External Funding

- Presentation:  
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1MP0IXmaZg0m3nIe2YBqsFOE5afMXgXWJwBnVcpVEsxw/edit?usp=sharing>
- No questions from the Board

BMSA

- Presentation (not updated version including graphics):  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1D\\_8FTX8rlyJ5fLzhsT6eFbv2xKeLfp9i/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1D_8FTX8rlyJ5fLzhsT6eFbv2xKeLfp9i/view?usp=sharing)
- No questions from the Board
- Reminder to the Board: we are given them preferential treatment for their funding request as the funding they are asking for is just to cover the costs of their events that occurred before the previous Board meeting and the decisions associated with it

WNC

- Presentation:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1POuK6Hx6OBCPh7tuIQMkqdogup4Qn3YR/view?usp=sharing>
- Questions:
  - Are the speakers cost only for airfare and accomodation?

- Who are the speakers?
  - Keynotes, students and professors
- Where are their other sources for funding?

#### Fusion Conference

- Presentation:
  - [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Q5Y6Fk44SOxlwIRqG-CAUL1hFoatp\\_nj/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Q5Y6Fk44SOxlwIRqG-CAUL1hFoatp_nj/view)
- Questions:
  - What are your current external funding status?
    - The team has just began, therefore, they are now looking for sponsors
    - They plan on reaching out to banks
  - How many science students are you looking to cater too?
    - 70 students came out last year, however, it was held on a bad date
    - They project that around 150 science students will be there
  - Where exactly is the money going, because they mentioned that there will be an increase of ticket sales?
    - They plan on providing more resources, such as supplies for the workshops?
  - Do they sell the tickets on the day of the event?
    - They presell the tickets and 70 to 80 students have bought the tickets and 70 students came out.
  - Of the 70 to 80 students how many were science students?
    - They were all science students

#### UW Pre-Pharmacy club

- Presentation:
  - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/19nbVzee8XE3Isa4ybxVMInUYjF3hCcVe/view>
- Questions:
  - Since they are requesting \$250 and their expenses are only \$200 why are they requesting \$50 extra?
    - They stated that they will be okay with \$200 and there is no reason for thr \$50
  - Do they plan on fundraising?
    - No, they do not

#### UW Space Society

- Presentation:
  - [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1uwUGxmAL3zU3DSu\\_eOdnUIBiNRJNKhwTqNtIlgNMDEUs/edit#slide=id.g4df10f2660\\_0\\_4](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1uwUGxmAL3zU3DSu_eOdnUIBiNRJNKhwTqNtIlgNMDEUs/edit#slide=id.g4df10f2660_0_4)
- Questions:
  - Are they a FEDS club
    - Yes
  - How much money are they requesting?
    - \$250

#### UW Robotics:

- Presentation:
  - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/16afbmvp2x8JvnsdZpN9Njw-6pW0KKYED/view>
- Questions:

- How big is the team and what is the ratio of science students?
    - 10 in 55 students are from science
  - Are they currently a FEDS club?
    - No they are not
1. Motion to approve iGEM \$600, Pre-Pham \$200, BMSA \$500, Fusion \$200 plus raise in ticket prices to \$20, Space Soc \$250, WNC \$0, Robotics \$0
    - a. 7 in favour, 0 opposed, 0 abstained
    - b. Motion passes

Continuing with previous order of agenda:

### ***Departmental Clubs/Societies Updates***

#### ***BSA:***

- Amino acid bingo, not a lot of students showed up. The CHEM 265 review session is happening today. No questions by board.

#### ***BUGS:***

- They moved their event because of the snow days. March 8th is the WATROX and BUGS bowling event. No questions by board.

#### ***ChemClub:***

- Board game night happened last night. They have more events scheduled for later this month and next month. How many people will be in attendance at the bismuth event? Maximum 50 people

#### ***PhysClub:***

- the student prof night is being moved until after reading week. No questions by board.

#### ***MNS:***

- Not present.

#### ***SBSA:***

- They have cancelled 2 events because of the weather. They have a surplus in funding that they are planning on spending on events. No question by board.

#### ***WATROX:***

- They held a valentine's day event and are replanning their EOT.

### ***FEDS Report***

#### ***Science Councillors —***

- Not present

Next meeting: tentatively 5:00 on thursday. Feb 28, as the Speaker may have a conflict with being an OUSA delegate depending on timing.

