



Council Meeting Minutes #01 2022-2023 Year

Wednesday August 10, 2022, 1:30 PM - Hybrid

Attendance

Mark in **RED Absent** and **BLUE Excused** and **YELLOW Late**, * is outgoing member:

Chemical Eng (CHEM): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gurpreet Randhawa Hassan Abdulhussain 	Biomedical Eng (BME): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ronald (Ron) Luo Annika Yardy 	Materials Sc & Eng (MSE):
Electrical and Comp (ECE):	Computer & Software (CAS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holly Koponen 	Mechanical Eng (MECH): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hiva Hedayati
Eng Physics (PHYS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paramita Bhattacharyya 	Civil Eng (CIV): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle Ragany 	Eng Practice (SEPT): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oneeruddho Abir Preet Patel Falisha Razack
Volunteers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Invited: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shadi (MECH) Ela (PHYS) 	Minutes Writer(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle Ragany Chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hassan Abdulhussain

EGS Agenda

1. President and VP Updates
 - a. Raise the floor campaign
 - i. Open letter to grad council from grad students (increase to \$24,000 for research-based programs)
 - ii. Faculty is aware of the issue, most departments except a few are funding at the higher bar, and all are at least \$17,000
 - iii. Hassan to talk with Hiva regarding the concerns (Action Item)
 - iv. McMaster is building a new residence downtown, rent will be at 2018 prices for the first year
 - b. EDI Travel Award
 - i. 4 awards valued at up to \$3000
 - ii. EDI conferences or workshops
 - iii. Working with Kim Jones (WIE)
 - iv. Soft launch this week, rolling apps into September for conferences Sep 2022-April 2023
 - v. True full-term round apps in January for conferences May 2023 - April 2024
 - c. EDI Training
 - i. Faculty hosted
 - ii. Message Hassan, Michelle or Gurpreet if you are interested in this training
 - d. Slack vs Teams for communication
 - i. Teams is for all of our files 🙏
 - ii. Meetings migrated over to teams channels, council in council channel, events in events channel, etc.
 - iii. **Will be using Teams moving forward** (send any concerns to Michelle)
2. Welcome Week Committee (Michelle)
 - a. We've met MES
 - b. Michelle will send a call for those interested in supporting the planning
 - c. All hands on deck for the event Sep 6-9
3. Awards Committee (Michelle & Hassan)
 - a. All apps have been sent, there were 34
4. METRIC Planning Committee (Michelle & Gurpreet)
 - a. Send Michelle or Gurpreet a message if you would like to join the committee
 - b. The theme will be announced when confirmed by the committee
 - c. Might be easier to book MIP on a Saturday
5. Student Issues Committee (Paramita)
 - a. EGS Welcome Week Event for each department
 - i. Michelle will send the spreadsheet for dept welcome events in council channel
 - ii. When2meet was sent
6. Events Committee
 - a. Social side (Annika):
 - i. When2meet was sent out in slack to set up meetings
 - ii. Next coffee hour is week of 25th 12-1:30 (need 1 volunteer)
 - b. Academic side (Preet):
 - i. Mid-September event, next early October
 - c. General:
7. Social Media Committee (Temp Michelle)

- a. Social media giveaway – loop this into welcome week
- b. Posters/banners that need to be made for newsletters (go out Fridays) or social media – at least 1 day notice to Michelle
- c. EDI Awards (important updates) can be sent out separately – still need 1 day notice for content creation
- 8. Grad Ambassador Update (Hiva)
 - a. New students are reaching out to Hiva regarding their funding
- 9. General Items Brought to the Table

Action Items

Break down items to be followed up by members

Action items	Responsible	Deadline/ Updates