



## **Advisory Council Meeting**

Wednesday, October 10rd, 2018

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# ATTENDANCE

Name	Role	Present
Mehdi Boudiffa	Chairperson of the board	x
Noemi	Secretary to the board	
Constantina Roumeliotis	President	x
Felix Lalande	Vice-President of Academic Affairs	x
Itamar Keren	Vice-President of Competitions	x
Amin Bouabdellah	Vice-President of External Affairs	x
Rabby Oliuddin	Vice-President of Financial Affairs	x
Alex Stojda	Vice-President of Internal Affairs	x
Alec Adub	Vice-President of Marketing & Communications	x
William Bergamin	Vice-President of Social Affairs	x
Sam Driver	Building, Civil and Environmental Engineering (BCEE) Representative	
Thomas Gauvin	Computer Science & Software Engineering (CSSE) Representative	x
James Mariotti Lapointe	Electrical & Computer Engineering (ECE) Representative	
Manon Maistre	Mechanical & Industrial Engineering (MIE) Representative	x
Jeewan Jyot Singh	Independent Representative	
Karla Vasquez	Independent Representative	x
Arravein Ponnudurai	Sage	x
Christopher Gallo	Sage	x



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Name	Role	Present
Martin Spasov Alexa Mahut	Engineering Games Concordia	x
Mike Brichko Erin Beneroff	Concordia Society for Software Engineering and Computer Science	x
Serena Kulukian	Women in Engineering - Concordia University	x
<i>Antoine Beiten</i> <i>Noah Francis</i> <i>Colin Barber</i>	<i>Queer Engineering Concordia - Probationary Standing</i>	x
Salman Tim Mahoney	IEEE - Concordia University Student Branch	x
Farshad Nasirian Victoria Carlson-Smith	Concordia Society for Civil Engineering (CSCE)	x
Myriam Nasrallah	Concordia University Building Engineering Society	x
James Cesare Jordan Costenaro	Society for Automotive Engineering (SAE)	x
Micheal Li Hannah Halcro	Space Concordia (SPACE)	x
Firas Khelifi Touriya El Kadiri	American Helicopter Society - Concordia Branch (AHS)	x
Renato Lopez Thai Bao Thy	UAV Concordia (UAV)	x
Dario Vincelli Younes Rifai <i>Cynthia Abou Atmi</i>	Institute for Industria and Systems Engineering - Concordia Student Branch (IISE)	x
Benjamin St-Pierre	Concordia Society for Mechanical Engineering (CSME)	x
Jamie-Andres Hernandez	HackConcordia (HACK)	x
Dilara Omeroglu	Engineering Without Borders - Concordia Chapter (EWB)	x



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# SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

Motion	Motion	Result
<u>20181010-01</u>	EWB, seconded by WIE moves to suggest to the board of directors that QEC's probationary period be terminated and that they start operations as an officially recognized member association of the Concordia Engineering & Computer Science Association as defined in its bylaws.	Unanimous
<u>20181010-02</u>	SPACE, seconded by SAE, motions to move the discussion to next council meeting and make an informed decision as to the platform its related procedures.	Unanimous



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# 1. PROCEDURES

## 1.1. Opening of the meeting

Meeting opened at 20:06

## 1.2. Appointment of the Chair

IISE, seconded by EngGames, motions to appoint Mehdi as chair for this meeting of the Board of Directors and for the 2018-2019 Academic Year

Passed in unanimity

## 1.3. Appointment of the Secretary

EngGames, seconded by SCS, motions to appoint Alex Stojda as secretary for this meeting of the Board of Directors and for the 2018-2019 Academic Year

Passed in unanimity

## 1.4. Approval of the Agenda

EngGames, seconded by Space, motions to approve the agenda for this meeting of the Board of Directors

Passed in unanimity



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## 2. EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS

### 2.1. Waste Not Want Not

Presentation regarding the operation of the Concordia student group and how its operations have an impact on the environment and Concordia itself.

### 2.2. QEC - End of probationary period presentation

QEC Presented their case to become a fully accredited member association of the ECA. See Annex A.

Q&A

ECA Pres: amazing what QEC has accomplished, you have a parent association, will you attend their events

QEC: forty chapters of the parent association in Canada, only 4 in Quebec, they don't really have events here in Quebec,

EngGames: if you get approved, how much money do you think you'd need?

QEC: I don't recall the exact number but we need funds for the events we host, for conferences wed like to attend, don't need a huge budget now but we are still growing.

ECA President: QEC proposed budget will be presented at the next council, should they be approved

AHS: Have you attempted to reach out to the school and departments, outside ECA for sponsorship, and if so how much?

QEC: No money contributed to the majority of the events hosted, for finance, a crash course was hosted and fair trade bakesale, we were very careful about not spending money, kept costs low. IEEE donated the robot for their competition. We reached out the faculty and through this met the faculty advisor.

AHS: throughout that year, what was your approximate budget?

QEC: About \$200, most was used, but this does not include personal expenses that were "donated"



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AHS: When you creating the association, did you consider approaching the CSU? WHY ECA over CSU?

QEC: CSU could have had the potential for a larger budget, but we wanted to be an engineering society and not a CSU society. Too many CSU societies, QEC would fall in the shadows. We are not a queer society, we are an engineering society. At the end of the day, we are all engineering students, our members are engineering students.

IISE: Are your competitions open to everyone?

QEC: Yes

IISE: What is your vision for QEC moving forward

QEC: We are building the blocks for the future, we want to participate in more hackathons, go to CEGEPs, do outreach to reach out to people before they apply for university. Many LGBTQ thinks they will only do art, never consider engineering fields. I (Antoine) did not feel comfortable joining ECA groups, nor CSU groups. We would love to extend the work of the mother association.

IISE: Given that you are similar to WIE, in that you don't rep a specific branch of engineering, but you are a software engineer, are your events inclusive to everyone

QEC: it just so happens that most of our members are SOEN, but we have some others as well and we would like to branch out and include other specialties in our events.

SAE: Would it be worth your while to develop integration plans with existing ECA member associations?

QEC: We have been trying to do that, started with just social events. Wanted to meet new people and network with other societies.

WIE: Are you hoping to open a mentorship program? EG. newer students mentored by other students.

QEC: I would *love* that. Great way to bring awareness to both queer and non-queer students. Would love that more people come and just talk to us.

*QEC Leaves and closed-door discussion regarding the starts at 20:50*

*QEC Returns and closed-door is terminated at 21:04*



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Passed in unanimity

## 3. NEW BUSINESS

### 3.1. Presentation of Society Budgets

ECA VP Finance presented the society budgets

AHS: Equipment fund is included in these numbers?

ECA VP Finance: Yes it is factored into the allocated budget

*Sage Christopher Gallo enters at 21:15*

SAE: Next year please give us a longer deadline to submit a budget, as opposed to 2 weeks.

VP Finance: Noted, the template can be reused as only small changes are made each year.

### 3.2. Inter-Society Slack (CUBES)

We'd like to do an inter-society slack to make it easier to coordinate and prevent clashes

ECA: The ECA maintains a Facebook Group for current society executives to facilitate communications between societies as well as the Master Events Calendar. For slack, we should note that there are limitations to the free version.

SPACE: How fast do you think we'd get to 10k messages?

ECA Internal: Pretty Quickly

CSSE: Emails can be lost easily, a single channel for communication, it's a good idea





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EngGames: Would 10k really limit us?

ECA Internal: It depends on what the goal of the platform is, if we want to use it to retain information, 10k messages would limit our ability to do so. I'm not against a slack, but we should make an informed decision regarding this.

IISE: If we were to create the slack, who would manage it?

AHS: Should be operated and managed by the ECA.

ECA Internal; If the consensus is to move forward with slack, I would suggest that the council work together to create naming standards so that the slack or other communications

Motion 20181010-02: SPACE, seconded by SAE, motions to move the discussion to next council meeting and make an informed decision as to the platform its related procedures.

Passed in unanimity

## 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS & VERBAL REPORTS

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

EngGames, seconded by AHS, motions to adjourn the meeting.