

**CONCORDIA ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

**COUNCIL MEETING #1**

Date: Wednesday September 6 , 2017  
EV 2.184, 1515 Ste-Catherine Ouest, 8:00 PM

**Minutes**

Appointment of Secretary approved by: SAE and CSME  
Appointment of Chair approved by: ENGGAMES, CSME  
Approval of Agenda by: SPACE, SAE

**External Presentations and Guest Speakers**

***a. Queer Engineers and Guest Speakers***

Queer Engineers:

- need to be more visible
- building a network focused on LGBT student bodies

**Questions:**

**EngGames:** Do you have any events planned out?

**Ans:** Not yet, but have some ideas for cocktail events

**Zilani:** What kind of initiatives have you taken to prove that you're serious about this society?

**Ans:** Was part of a group, we have participated in queer parade of McGill but we don't have funds

**VP Competition:** Have you tried approaching CSU?

**Ans:** I worked at CSU but I specifically want to focus on engineering, we have our own unique challenges entering the industry as queers, we want to focus on getting our students from here and expressing the challenges they face

**VP Competition:** The main co-founders of McMaster chapter have expanded this much because their umbrella works differently, but we have 18 societies where a new society has to be voted in and every university has a different structure. Do you have any idea what your demographic is in terms of queer engineering students?

**Ans:** It's hard, no one wants to come out and say they're queer. We want to connect with other queer engineers, and encourage that.

**VP External:** How will your events go about? Will it be open to public or just queer community?

**Ans:** It will involve both and specifically want to make it more inclusive. Eca is acknowledging us and CSU will approve us eventually but we want to focus on engineering problems such as queer students getting an internship.

**VP Competition:** What kind of resources was provided by CSU?

**Ans:** None, we didn't apply for any.

**Zilani:** What kind of resources are you expecting from ECA?

**Ans:** Funding to go to events, cocktails, professionals from industries to come here.

**EngGames:** In terms of funding, do you have an estimate?

**Ans:** Not yet

**UAV:** Is it like a more event type to raise more awareness, or to do projects

**Ans:** Projects possibly, but we want to make industry contacts, and we want to raise awareness

**VP Competition:** Have any of you been scrutinized at workplace, or been denied an internship?

**Ans:** I worked with CIDA in a muslim country, but I had to hide the fact that I was queer.

**VP Marketing:** In your estimation, how many of the queer engineering population will you be representing?

**Ans:** 10-15% that are queer and these are reported numbers but there are a lot that don't report.

**VP Competition:** You don't know how much you're representing but if you get voted in, you should also include encls student in your events and not only satisfying queer students.

**EngGames:** Where would you like to locate your space for queer concordia?

**Ans:** Maybe in the annex.

## **Discussions:**

**leee:** What happened to the decision (spoken in the last council meeting) that was taken in which we spoke about re establishing a process for bringing in new societies?

**Sae:** Got busy with finals

**Space:** I want to see a budget but otherwise looks good

**VP Competition:** They're going to need a bit of guidance but otherwise all good

**Csme:** They're just starting out and they're missing a lot of details such as budget so kind of skeptical

**Csce:** If they were to be accepted and they propose a budget, will they be integrated this year or next?

**President:** They will be on a probationary period, depending on what they're demanding

**Sae:** Let's make them as a society so they can go on and do their thing, but they shouldn't get any space

**UAV:** I don't think they were told how to prepare, do we have to vote them in today, because there are a lot of unanswered questions

**Csme:** We shouldn't be discussing this at length with almost no information but we should have them in.

**VP External:** We agree with queer values and should have space in eca, but we need a basic budget to operate. We should vote them in just to get them started. If we give them a small push, it will get their train moving.

**Csce:** Did they submit a constitution or by laws?

**President:** They did and I can share it with the rest of the council

**VP Competition:** They seem passionate and we can have them come next council meeting to sit down with them and coach them as to what they need. They need to be clear on their mission, and how they're going to be serving all the encs students.

**Sae motions to vote Queer Engineers in on a condition that they are not given any b-annex space and their budget is reviewed at future council meeting.**

**VP Competition:** We should give them a small budget for an event and see how it goes

**Sae:** let's give them a bank account, and discuss

**VP External:** Is there a small budget you would allocate?

**Sae:** Leave that to eca

**UAV amends the motion to give them a budget**

seconded by no one

amendment not passed

**VP Academic:** It's not on council to decide the budget because a new society needs to decide their own budget

**Ewb:** We offer to share our space

**VP Marketing amends the motion to vote them in and to not give them any space for a probationary period of 1 year**

favor of voting queer engineers to become a part of eca: 15

against: 0

abstin: 0

**motion passed**

## **New Business**

### **a. Renovation of B-Annex 3rd Floor**

-we discussed what was to know about the progress

-want to know if the plans have been approved and who will be paying

**President:** We are taking baby steps, we have done some research concerning the renovation of the third floor, eca will have to put in about \$100k to make a huge step and so we're trying to allocate a bit of funds. The 3<sup>rd</sup> floor will be open starting tomorrow. The floor plans require that a lot of money to set things forward and we don't have that money at the moment.

**Sae:** I thought the third floor renovation was a go as of two years ago?

**President:** It's hard for eca to tackle something like that and the budget is reset every year. We want to renovate it, and the renovations were agreed on but we need resources to make that happen

**Cubes:** Could we go to different annexes that also need renovations so that we can present it as a huge project of renovation?

**President:** That is an alternative that we could consider.

**EngGames:** Are we allowed to use the two front rooms as a project room?

**VP Marketing:** We haven't gone forward with that but it can be used for projects.

## **Announcements and Verbal Reports**

### **a. SAE CNC Manufacturing Team**

-Multiple CNC Machines, that were previously off limits to students except graduate students, has been opened to all engineering students

-we have a training program and the president of sae should be contacted

-you will be charged for materials

-Tamara is running the manufacturing team and aid will be provided

**VP Competition:** When are you giving your training?

**Sae:** If you have done mech 311, you can do it, it's all about how you can manually machine it, learning how to do the g-code and modelling

-priority given to engineering society, then school then for personal uses

### **b. New ECA Website**

**VP Marketing:**

Any suggestion as to what should be on website?

**Iise:** page of link with all the societies

**Iise:** the exam bank is not up to date

**Iise:** the newsletter should be on the front page at the bottom

**VP Competition:** Exam banks are tricky because what we publish must be approved and most of the time the faculty wont be ok with it

**BCE Rep:** Is there a survival guide for students?

**VP Marketing:** There is and it will be updated soon

**BCE Rep:** Is there a suggestion box where students can give their suggestion?

**VP Marketing:** We could have one for the eca, but if it academic specific you should contact the vp academic

**UAV:** List of services offered should be provided such as 3d printing location in campus

**VP Marketing:** If your society has a website, give me the link to post it, along with their logos and services, and a 100 word description of what each society does

**UAV:** You should add in the upcoming tutorials

**Scs:** Put up a calendar to avoid making plans on dates when other societies have events

alex: the current website is a mess and hard to maintain

**Sae motions to have a monthly council meeting first week Wednesday at 8pm**

uav seconds it

vote: 13

against: 2

abstain:0

**motion passed**

## **Adjournment**

**VP Academic:** Trying to get a note taking system for classes

**BCE Rep:** Starting a project for sequence builder for students off sequence

**VP Marketing:** There are issues with mailing list so if you're not receiving emails from mailing list, please let me know

**lee:** first event coming up in two weeks and will be advertising on facebook within three or four days (sept 23 is the intended date)

**Enggames:** Hosted tutorials this summer and will continue oct-nov  
sept 22:lizard lounge

**Cubes:** lizard lounge coming up in november

**Sae:**next week thursday 6pm general info session

**Sec:** two workshops late september and early november

-trying to do 3 big projects and looking to contact ieee for idea about smartboard

**Wie:** co-op lunch and learn on sept 18 and wine and cheese on sept 20

**End.**