



Advisory Council Meeting

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1. ATTENDANCE

Name	Role	Present
Luca Manolache	Chairperson of the board	X
Adrienne Digo	Secretary to the board	
David Ronci	President	X
Kimiya Derakhshani	Vice-President of Internal Affairs	X
Hanna Lee	Vice-President of Financial Affairs	X
Isabelle Bacon	Vice-President of External Affairs	X
Amanda Morgan	Vice-President of Academic Affairs	
Kayla Charky	Vice-President of Sports and Competition	X
Ariane Drouin	Vice-President of Marketing and Communications	X
Jonathan Fisch	Vice-President of Social Affairs	
Sierra Campbell	Building, Civil and Environmental Engineering (BCEE) Representative	X
Zafir Khalid	Computer Science and Software Engineering (CSSE) Representative	
Michael Arabian	Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) Representative	
Manon Maistre	Mechanical & Industrial Engineering (MIE) Representative	X
Tharushi Rathnayaka	Independent Representative	
Zach Bys	Independent Representative	X
Julia Levantian	Sage	X



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Name	Role	Present
Sara Ordonelli	Concordia Society for Mechanical Engineering (CSME)	X
Felix Lapierre	Concordia Society for Software Engineering and Computer Science (SCS)	X
Benjamin St-Pierre Matthew Padvaiskas	Engineering Games Concordia (EngGames)	X
Sevag Kaspar William Furt Phillipe Larouche Armen Khachaturyan	Society for Automotive Engineering (SAE)	X
Celeste-Melize Ferrus	Space Concordia (SPACE)	X
Pascal Demerdjian Thy Thai Pierre-Lucas Aubin Fournier	Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Concordia (UAV)	X
Alessandra Bernard Marissa Proffetto Ruma Ahmed	Women in Engineering - Concordia University (WIE)	X
Courtney Hargray	Concordia Society for Civil Engineering (CSCE)	X
Gregory Bleiziffer	Concordia University Building Engineering Society (CUBES)	X
Elie Kheirallah	IEEE - Concordia University Student Branch	X
Matthew Frances	Gina Cody Entrepreneurship Society (GCES)	X
Kimberly Richard Nada Kharrague	Institute for Industrial and Systems Engineering - Concordia Student Branch (IISE)	X
Anais Gagnon	Concordia Student Union (CSU)	X



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2. SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

Motion	Motion	Result
20210217-01	Motion that BOD members at Council are welcome to ask questions and Council members will try to answer them as best they can.	Passed in unanimity
20210217-02	Motion to request that at least the average of the past five years' percentage of the fee levy be allocated to the MAs with the goal of implementing such a percentage into the ECA bylaws. MAs do not see incentive to promote the fee levy increase if an allocated amount of this increase is not hereby defined.	Passed in unanimity
20210217-03	Motion to have motion 20210124-01 be reviewed and re-voted by the BOD with the amendment that a policy be created for VP Finances be systematically invited to the annual MA budget discussion BOD meeting.	Passed in unanimity
20210217-04	Motion for motion 20210124-06 to be reviewed and re-voted by the BOD.	Passed in unanimity



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3. PROCEDURES

3.1. Opening of the meeting

Meeting opened at 6:44 PM

3.2. Appointment of the Chair

Sevage (SAE), seconded by Felix (SCS), motions to appoint Luca as chair

Passed in unanimity

3.3. Appointment of the Secretary

Courtney (CSCE), seconded by Felix (SCS), motions to appoint Marissa as secretary

Passed in unanimity

3.4. Approval of the Agenda

Pierre-Lucas (UAV VP): Would like to discuss the last BOD meeting Minutes, particularly motion 20210124-06 and 20210124-01.

Courtney (CSCE), seconded by Matthew (EngGames), motions to approve the agenda for this meeting

Passed in unanimity



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4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. Brainstorming and Action to Tackle the Issue of Low Applications to ECA BOD Positions

Courtney (CSCE): No competition in ECA elections- this is a problem. Why does this happen?

Ariane (ECA VP Marketing and Communications): Usually people who apply come through societies, if the MA's could advertise. Also this year we are planning to do paid advertisement. We can reach up to 9000 ppl with the advertised post.

David (ECA VP President): Either general body or from a society that runs, traditionally only a couple of members from societies join ECA. Perhaps ECA should learn to be appeasable for general mass instead of just having other society members run for ECA.

Courtney (CSCE): I think the thing is, people who are in societies want to stay in societies and do society activities. How do we find more people who want to put this on the CV.

Ariane (ECA VP Marketing and Communications): Personal experience of applying was because of joining EngGames, the only reason I knew about it was because of my involvement in a society.

David (ECA VP President): I did some research about this. I think we should encourage additional directors and additional positions as entry points to the ECA. I think this year we can explore this direction more.

Kayla (ECA VP Sports and Competition): Similar to what David said, being part of EngComm, there were many director positions and because ECA is such a large thing to be a part of, we (ECA) should encourage more people to get involved. Increasing student involvement and more marketing would help.

Sevage (SAE President): Being part of the ECA makes your society better. By being part of the ECA, you are helping the ECA help your MA. There are other ways to impact MA's beside being an exec of the society.

David (ECA President): Just to clarify, ECA is NOT society focused, it's supposed to be for all students. As ECA we deal with you guys the most and therefore its sometimes easy to forget that.



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Courtney (CSCE): I was promised to be supported and I want to be supported. ECA hasn't changed societies in the past 2-3 years.

Sevage (SAE President): I think Courtney is right, if people aren't running because they think the system is too strong and nothing will be changed even if they run, then something needs to change.

David (ECA President): There's two ways of looking at it. Because there are so many people running for ECA after their society work, they could be the ones to focus on some of the issues that the society has had or have been having. They are in some way a society representative in the sense that they have experienced the issues and know what needs to be done. Your main focus of communication is through the VP Internal.

Sevage (SAE President): Of the motions proposed, how many were passed? We put in effort for these council meetings, to make a difference.

Isabelle (ECA VP External): We made a policy committee. Some of the motions that are passed through council are not able to be passed because they aren't fleshed out enough. We made the policy committee to make sure that the motions can be elaborated and worked through.

David (ECA VP President): Explaining the policy committee: We intend to flesh out the motions you put forward with this committee. I encourage you to continue making motions and pushing for change because it is necessary and welcomed.

Sevage (SAE President): Changes take really long to happen, some things that are motions can be implemented faster if it's that urgent (should be). Example: not all things posted in the Slack got answers. For us, the damage has already been done.

David (ECA President): I am more than happy to discuss the things in council.

Courtney (CSCE): I don't understand council if we try to pass motions and it gets amended by the BOD. We should have the discussion with the BOD at council so that we know why motions are amended and so that we can fix them together on the spot.

Ariane (ECA VP Marketing and Communications): As BOD we are here to ask questions and all we get is, "You are not here to vote so we don't care about your opinion".

Sevage (SAE President): Agree with Courtney. Why's ECA Council a separate entity from BOD. This discourages people who want to run for ECA. People who are and will be most involved w/ ECA are members from the societies.

Pascal (UAV President): Can Ariane repeat please.



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Manon (ECA MIE Representative): I understand that you think it's an unnecessary meeting. This is how it works in industry. Things have to go through different layers of approval. You can suggest as many things as you want, but if it's not approved, it's not approved.

Sevage (SAE President): Why not allow Council to elect 1 or representatives to present us societies at the BOD. We will have people present to answer the questions that the BOD may have about our motions so as to avoid amending them. "This is how it is" is a bad answer, we need a better system than what is currently in play.

Ariane (ECA VP Marketing and Communications): If I ask you a question in Council, please answer fully or else motions will be amended in BOD. ((specific incident)).

Luca (ECA Chair): Saying things he shouldn't be saying.

Sara (CSME President): Provide clarity on what has recently happened, to Ariane.

Ariane (ECA VP Marketing and Communications): If we ask questions in Council we won't need society members present in BOD.

Isabelle (ECA VP External): Going back (to Sevage) BOD represents ALL students, not just societies, therefore having a society member would change the purpose of these meetings.

David (ECA President): Has been researching other faculties + other schools to see how their systems run, want to see possible solutions for things to progress the way you all would like them to be done. There's a large organizational system done only by ECA that isn't the same for other associations.

Courtney (CSCE): For Ariane, your questions were answered, or you had no questions. We don't want to be involved in all the BODs affairs, just the ones pertaining to us. We want to defend ourselves.

Sevage (SAE President): Apology to Ariane for the unanswered question. I understand that ECA represents all students, but after this past year, I believe WE should have input. We are a very important part of student life. We need SOME sort of alternative even if it isn't the one we proposed. We can't push back these issues more, I understand that research is important but if these aren't solved these problems will move on to next year. It's time for action. We NEED to propose something, we don't want to further the divide between ECA and the societies.

Pascal (UAV President): Was it a question you asked for us? Or a question that wasn't answered?



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Ariane (ECA VP Marketing and Communications): It was a question for the motion. But we don't need to discuss this anymore, let's just find a solution.

Pascal (UAV President): I feel like you are hiding behind bureaucracy instead of attacking the problems we bring forth. I want to make sure everyone inside of the ECA is being treated properly.

Ariane (ECA VP Marketing and Communications): I understand the issue that the motion not passing at BOD is frustrating, I think Council members being there will NOT solve anything and will actually cause more tension. We just need to understand the motion correctly before BOD.

Phillipe (SAE Aero Design Coordinator): I understand about the research, lots of bureaucracy, you don't always have answers and that's why motions are rejected. If there's only 5 BODs a year then of course they're very long, too much to discuss, and more readily to reject our motions. I think weekly BODs will give you more times to discuss our motions and get more things done.

David (ECA President): Please understand that everyone in ECA has their own role, therefore VPs take care of their roles, a lot of us are doing our own mandates properly, but it's not perfect in every area. We are responsible for our roles individually.

Sevage (SAE President): I'm not mad that my motions did not pass. The reason something is wrong was because you didn't propose alternative solutions. I understand you do more than just represent societies, but it feels as though our ideas/motions were not even considered. We want dialogue, we don't mind things not passing then us having discussion to come to an agreeable solution. I don't know how often the BODs are, we've all been sitting in these biweekly SAE meetings that are 2+ hours and things actually get done.

Kayla (ECA VP Sports and Competition): To sum it up, we have weekly exec meetings and BODs are every two weeks. We go through motions proposed, but I think it comes from respect and a common ground. I love meetings and I would love to meet with all you more often and I feel as though there are currently two sides not listening to each other. This plays into people not wanting to be part of ECA, they all see how dysfunctional we are (ECA). We as BOD need to understand you more here in Council . I don't know the solution exactly but...yeah.

David (ECA President): I want a policy committee to combat short term and long term issues. We will have people specifically in charge of it and that will be their role within the ECA and within the committee. I hope this works in the future, cannot be implemented immediately. We have proposed and developed a solution to certain motions, just not in the form of immediate change or motion passes.



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Julia (ECA Sage): Which motions did people feel as though we're not discussed enough in BOD?

Sevage (SAE President): The issue is we outlined solutions for BOD, and all motions were rejected and no alternative solutions have been proposed. First of these issues were in November and we have yet to receive alternative issues. This is frustrating because you've (BOD) have had enough time to come up with something for us. This policy committee may create another layer of bureaucracy which is concerning. Our relationship right now is terrible (societies and ECA). Needs to be discussed. What's the timeline? Short term and long term that David brought up, it's good that you have solutions for soon and the future, and we want to work with you but we NEED a timeline of events. This reinforces the bad vibes within ECA.

Courtney (CSCE): I'm not in a position to tell my society members to join ECA when we have such a bad relationship with ECA. So how do we get other students to run since there is such animosity between ECA and societies.

Pierre-Lucas (UAV VP): I am confused with the situation that Ariane was referring to. Let's all agree that the ECA should ask and the Council should answer to the best of the abilities.

Ariane (ECA VP Marketing and Communications): I don't think this should be a motion, this is just something that we (BOD) should do.

David (ECA President): Past ECA would vote in Council should we begin to do that again?

Pierre-Lucas (UAV VP): I didn't say anything about voting only questions. How do we go forward with avoiding this situation where questions aren't asked and therefore don't understand the motion properly.

Sevage (SAE President): I don't know how many Council meetings there have been but it's always the same BOD members asking questions and participating. We need all people on BOD to be present and participate, ask questions.

Manon (ECA MIE Representative): It's our choice as BOD members how much we would like to express ourselves.

Sevage (SAE President): We can't force anyone to talk, but I think it would help the dialogue if more BOD members would participate since you guys are the ones that will be voting on it. If you are voting, you should try to ask questions if you have them instead of just voting against the motion because you don't understand it. Questions help the process!



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Julia (ECA Sage): (To Courtney) I understand you think ECA is a single entity and the societies is another since there's so much conflict, it should be more collaborative though. A lot of members of BOD understand both sides since there's so many old society members on ECA. It's a positive experience for us who have been a part of societies and who get to be on ECA since we have the opportunity to facilitate things for the societies.

Sevage (SAE President): Why would society members want to become ECA members if even when they try to change something within ECA after putting in MORE effort. This doesn't give us hope to change things within the ECA

David (ECA President): The alternative solutions have been proposed (policy committee) so not nothing has been done. Sorry no timeline, this is the solution we have right now.

Sevage (SAE President): That's good, but when we don't see a timeline for anything, it's not helpful. If we don't know what is happening or what you guys are planning, we can't help but feel neglected. Based on everything currently happening/discussed, we understand the committee is a good idea but the problems should have been solved aside from this suggestion.

Kim (ECA VP Internal): (To Sevage) Are these all financial concerns?

Sevage (SAE President): Transparency on how you operate as well as finance.

David (ECA President): I know it's frustrating, I encourage you to keep motioning things and trying to change. Anything related to finance should be discussed with the VP finance since they are in charge of their mandate. In terms of policies, that concerns all of us, which will hopefully be passed and resolved with the policy committee.

Pascal (UAV President): (To Julia) I don't think suggesting us to join ECA is normal to get our member societies

Julia (ECA Sage): Just so everyone is aware, BOD passes motions for their governing board. Only thing that transcends this is policies and laws. So we passed one to get a policy committee to pass motions. We passed a motion regarding the finance deadline. I don't understand why you wouldn't want to be part of ECA solemnly because there's been an issue w/ a specific part of current ECa.

Sevage (SAE President): If you want things done differently, run differently then run next year and change things. This is what I understood from Julia.

Julia (ECA Sage): Yes, ECA has a shit ton of people to listen to, students believe you are fit to voice their opinions. It's hard because there's so many people to listen to.

Sevage (SAE President): I get it. We're going in circles.



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Ariane (ECA VP Marketing and Communications): Outreach to more people, CSU. CSU has a large Honorarium for example. Our honorarium should be marketed to get people to do ECA?

Kim (ECA VP Internal): Regarding approved/non approved motions, looking at comments made in Council channel, for summer budget, you are able to use your summer budgets even though motion did not pass, you already have that without motion. Compensations that didn't happen on time, we can potentially have financial motion for VP finance. We can go through motions one by one that didn't pass and you can all ask for clarifications on why they did not pass.

Sevage (SAE President): That is good, at this point, we should meet next week or on March break to go over all the rejected motions so that we can propose new solutions or answer questions (since this meeting is so long). We want ECA's opinion on our motions, go through them one-by-one and find suitable solutions together. Proposal of informal Council meeting to do this.

Kim (ECA VP Internal): If we must discuss a point further you can leave, if we don't talk about this now we will continue to. For having a Council meeting you can send in a request to have Council at the end of BOD for example.

Sevage (SAE President): On Council Slack, we were looking for clarification. So meeting after a BOD would be great to get everyone on common ground.

Kim (ECA VP Internal): Choose specific motions that were not passed for us to go over and see why they were not passed and discuss them together further,

Sevage (SAE President): I agree. Let's move on. We need alternatives to these motions, not necessarily our solution. WE WANT proper dialogue. Policy committee is good for the long term.

Luca (ECA Chair): Message me for formal council meeting, if you don't have a formal one (no chair, no minutes), if you want informal talk to ECA directly.

David (ECA President): I encourage you to run for ECA despite how you may feel...

Sevage (SAE President): Thank you for listening to us even though it was so long.

Ariane (ECA VP Marketing and Communications): It's good to advertise with member societies. I will send it to you so please share the post about it with your communities.



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20210217-01: Pierre-Lucas (UAV), seconded by Seavage (SAE), motions that BOD members at Council are welcome to ask questions and Council members will try to answer them as best they can.

Motion 20210217-01 is passed in unanimity

4.2. Fee Levy Increase and Funding of MA's

Seavage (SAE President):

1. How many votes are required to increase Fee Levy?
2. How much did it lose by last year (Fee Levy election)
3. If it's to be passed, does that mean that half of that funding will go towards societies?

David (ECA President):

1. Votes > 50%
2. Lost by over 10%
3. No 1:1 ratio, money designated for all students within ECA, direct number cannot be said, it's up to VP finance to decide how much of the Fee Levy goes to who

Ariane (ECA VP Marketing and Communications): 3. Committee and finance, maybe percentage.

Seavage (SAE President): 3. Hard for us to market the Fee Levy if we don't know much we will actually be getting.

Hanna (ECA VP Finance): 3. I was told that Societies are supposed to get half of Fee Levy but nothing is written in the bylaws so maybe we can pass this as a motion so that it is clear how much societies should get.

Julia (ECA Sage): The fee levy increase is to account for the years of inflation that the fee levy did not increase. The money would be distributed accordingly (everywhere) evenly.

Seavage (SAE President): If it's a policy that approximates I would like to pass a motion that 45-55% of Fee levy must go to member societies



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Kim (ECA VP Internal): This is a possible motion.

Sevage (SAE President): I know I could motion it but I want the BODs opinion because I don't want to motion something that will get rejected by BOD. So BOD members please give your feedback.

Hanna (ECA VP Finance): I think it's a viable option. For exceptional circumstances BOD can have a vote against that in the future.

Ariane (ECA VP Marketing and Communications): We should bring this to the committee. We should NOT go directly to BOD → confused.

Sevage (SAE President): Who will be on this policy committee?

Julia (ECA Sage): Anyone, even you!

David (ECA President): Do NOT use 50% because it has never been that much. The percentage can be reviewed later to represent past years. If the Fee Levy increases, this percentage should be updated. We suggest against putting a specific percentage right now as we don't know what the new budget will be used for yet. The Policy Committee is composed of one student at large. You can apply to be on this committee that makes suggestions to the BOD for policy.

Sevage (SAE President): Is the percentage above 40% that goes to societies?

David (ECA President): No, lower than 40%. They do receive ALL (or almost all) of the equipment fund though. They receive money from Fee Levy and equipment funds. The fee levy goes towards the liquid events that the ECA hosts yearly for the benefit of all students

Sevage (SAE President): Can we say at least 40% then or we don't have a percentage?

David (ECA President): Internally there should be a range but we don't know percentages yet and we can't guarantee that 40% would be passed.

Hanna (ECA VP Finance): It's important to have a percentage since we will be advertising that the Fee Levy is used for societies. As mentioned, societies having events gives students in Concordia to go to these events and get involved in student life.

Ariane (ECA VP Marketing and Communications): You guys should motion for a fixed percentage that will be adjusted later on

Pascal (UAV President): Hanna please repeat.

Hanna (ECA VP Finance): It's important that we do that so that the society gets an amount every year.



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Pierre-Lucas (UAV VP): (To David) You mentioned calculations based on previous years, why are these numbers not published?

David (ECA President): VP finance within past mandates have not completed their mandate properly and provided this information as per their role. In datasheets of the past but not published but this year we hope to get these publicised.

Courtney (CSCE): It makes no sense to make a fixed percentage. I don't see the problem with putting a minimum.

Julia (ECA Sage): I agree with the minimum percentage. I think 20 or 30% is fine. I don't know the existing fees.

Pascal (UAV President): We are asking for a minimum number so we can expect a budget so that we know how much to direct our yearly budget towards events, comps, etc...

Sevage (SAE President): Yes yay percentage because funding is an issue for a lot of societies (ex: in 2017 SAE was thinking of a fee levy group for themselves then that conversation tuned into lets work with ECA to increase the entire fee levy). If we can increase equipment funds instead that would also be interesting but currently we can increase fee levy so lets work on that. We need to know our income for the rest of the semesters.

David (ECA President): I am not arguing against the percentage, I just don't want to give false hopes and look to the long term.

Isabelle (ECA VP External): This is getting circular, so can someone motion to look into an appropriate percentage. You guys are our biggest expense, so if we get more money you will get more money.

Kim (ECA VP Internal): I'm not against a percentage, considering that fee levy goes for frosh, cqi, iron ring, banquet etc... also housing societies and b-annex, so if we say 40% and we want to have these large events, not all students are a part of societies so would it be fair to give such a high percentage to you all when there are other students to consider.

Pierre-Lucas (UAV VP): Follow up to David, it is hard to suggest when we don't have the percentage from the previous years ECA fee levy. How much percent do the societies get normally?

Sevage (SAE President): If the motion is approved, do we have to wait for BOD to get the answer? Can we say by a deadline this week (saturday night).



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Hanna (ECA VP Finance): (In response to Kim) we have a lot of events, but from what I see, it has not been followed that societies get 50%, even if we do these big events, people still need to pay to attend them so ECA should try to make these events within funds available to make sure that societies get at least half.

Kayla (ECA VP Sports and Competition): Half of ECA budget is NOT what we are talking about, it is the Fee Levy that we are talking about. Ex: if $\frac{2}{3}$ shares comes from fee levy and $\frac{1}{3}$ comes from equipment fund, you guys would get $\frac{1}{2}$ of the total shares.

David (ECA President): What you are asking is fair. The VP finance is in charge of these numbers at the end of the day to ask for it. You may ask for your financial statements and we may ask for yours.

Pierre-Lucas (UAV VP): Is Hanna allowed to release the ECA's budget to anyone?

David (ECA President): Must be in ENCS member, I think that it is in the bylaws.

Julia (ECA Sage): Suggestion: low-ball a percentage so that it will most likely pass in BOD then the new policy committee can look at numbers and adjust accordingly. Set values you're comfortable with.

Courtney (CSCE): Why can we not see the numbers +-5%

David (ECA President): Ask Finance

Hanna (ECA VP Finance): I am missing information because of last year's VP finance.

Savage (SAE President): Can you give us a history of the past 5 years of how much so that we can pass something in the near future. By this Saturday. Do the research then give us an approximation.

David (ECA President): It's in VP Finance's mandate. Ask her please.

Savage (SAE President): Can you give us a history in the past 5 years of what % we got from the fee levy?

Hanna (ECA VP Finance): I could do it within the next two weeks because of midterms and work. I've asked societies for their numbers because we are missing some. There are discrepancies within current files so I need the time.

Savage (SAE President): 2 weeks is too long. Can any of us help you to speed it up?

Hanna (ECA VP Finance): You can help by sending me your records from previous years so that I can compare to the numbers available to us in our files.



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Savage (SAE President): The previous VP finance did not document this? You sent us a spreadsheet with money allocated to us therefore Rabby must have done something similar. I know for a fact that Rabby did it last year.

Hanna (ECA VP Finance): There are 7 different versions with different numbers so I don't know which one is the correct one. So I have requested that the societies send me the previous years so I know the correct one. Equipment fund goes to Troitsky and englympics as well doesn't ALL go to societies. You mentioned it's important to have this info before elections so i will try my best for next week. Send me your docs from previous years (2-3 years) to help me out.

Savage (SAE President): Possible to get it to us by Feb 28th? Would member associations be okay to send Hanna by the end of this weekend? We need to agree on a timeline.

Hanna (ECA VP Finance): I think it's feasible for me to try for the 28th.

Savage (SAE President): This will include how much of equipment fund was allocated to societies and how much fee levy was allocated to societies ?

Hanna (ECA VP Finance): Yeah.

Savage (SAE President): DEAR SOCIETIES PLS SEND IT. SAE will send our stuff by this weekend. Post on slack. Is this good for everyone? If you can send us approximations that would be cool.

Hanna (ECA VP Finance): I calculated in October similar numbers but I will try to get this done asap.

David (ECA President): From the sheet directly approximately:

Summer 2017-18 fee levy 36000

Fall - 118000

Winter fee level 112 000

Equipment fund 100 k returned from it

If we say the student society budget was 136 000 and we assume the equipment fund was 100 000

~12-15% of fee levy was for student societies

~25% total budget eca goes to society

Kayla (ECA VP Sports and Competition): of all this money, approximately over half goes to departments, ECA only gets 50% of total then societies get half of this



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Sevage (SAE President): I don't get it

David (ECA President): Equipment fund: 100k goes to eca, 200k goes to departments, then fee levy all comes to ECA and we split it amongst us and you.

Hanna (ECA VP Finance): Societies get $\frac{1}{4}$ of ECA budget

Julia (ECA Sage): This money distribution has been in place for over 10 years, the school doesn't give us anything for the events which is why the fee levy is so important for ECA as well as societies. In comparison to other schools

David (ECA President): Fee Levy would help both ECA and societies. So benefits for all of us (including the general student body) therefore incentive for all of us.

Savage (SAE President): If the distribution was agreed upon so long ago it's so unfair for the school to give us this amount of money

David (ECA President): The school tells us we are only allowed to increase fee levy through online. We can only do something about fee levy which hasn't been changed in a decade vs the equipment fund is what you were concerned about which is what the school gives us and is shared with faculty and comes from tuition.

Savage (SAE President): Thanks my dude.

Felix (SCS): Some of us want to use a fee levy election to negotiate an increase in society percentage to help advertise. Right?

Savage (SAE President): We never knew how much we actually got, we always assumed we got half of money so now this conversation changes the dialogue.

Courtney (CSCE): I don't see a point in advertising if we will not be promised a certain amount.

Felix (SCS): Can we motion we want minimum of previous years then see in the future to negotiate

Sevage (SAE President): No point in petting ECA for number now since we don't have approximate numbers. I agree, let's motion for a minimum. We really need to discuss ways to better fund our societies. Not all ECAs fault, also on department heads.

20210217-02: Courtney (CSME), seconded by Felix (SCS), motions to request that at least the average of the past five years' percentage of the fee levy be allocated to the MAs with the goal of implementing such a percentage into the ECA bylaws. MAs do not see incentive to promote the fee levy increase if an allocated amount of this



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increase is not hereby defined.

Motion 20210217-02 is passed in unanimity

Julia (ECA Sage): If students read these minutes students are gonna know yall dont care about regular school shit and only care about society things.

Kim (ECA VP Internal): We keep saying for the students but at the end of the day we are all students. I don't see why Julia said we don't care about the students when we are a part of the students we shouldn't keep separating the two.

Courtney (CSCE): I agree with Kim. We represent the students, we participate and the money going to students is false, frosh is 1st years, iron ring for graduating students. Fee levy goes to those events for specific groups of students so I want this money to go to our specific groups of students. Not everyone participates in these events so what's the difference between choosing to participate through ECA events vs through societies. We are large groups of the students body and we want to make sure the money goes to us and not ECA parties.

Savage (SAE President): School doesn't care about our level of funding. At other schools, the faculty is directly involved with getting funding for societies whereas at Concordia they take away.

Benjamin (EngGames President): (To Julia) Yeah we want money to be used for ourselves. Societies are a HUGE part of ECA, we are so involved with ECAs events and have a big part in getting students to go.

Manon (ECA MIE Representative): I agree EngGmaes is a big patriot but also its a way bigger commitment then Troitsky or Frosh. Students go one time and enggames isn't as accessible to all students. Events are not necessarily comparable.

Courtney (CSCE): Point is all these societies are struggling to get the funding, so if ECA is planning to use this fee levy to get more alcohol for frosh or for iron ring before coming to us for our actual needs, I don't want to advertise that.

Sara (CSME President): You aren't paying just for alcohol you pay for venue, caterer, etc... The venue last year was not good, after being a part of both eca and society, and speaking on ECAs behalf, these events need money to improve the overall experience. I would like more money for my society as well as I see the value in both sides.

Savage (SAE President): We want money, ECA wants money, why don't we go to the school and show them how much we are struggling and how we compare to other



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schools in terms of funding. Is it greedy to want more than the bare minimum? If this is so controversial, then help us go to school and get more money from faculty.

David (ECA President): School has internal funding. Faculty wants to help but ultimately ECA fee levies are for ALL students in the ENCS community not just societies.

Kim (ECA VP Internal): Do you know how much other schools get? Maybe we can have a discussion with our faculty to compare.

Savage (SAE President): They get more money directly from school. I don't know the specific numbers, but I don't think they get from fee levy, the faculty believes in the associations. Ali gives us a couple thousand which is less than our sponsors.

Kim (ECA VP Internal): Yeah please find numbers and how much these students pay in tuition.

Felix (SCS): Can we move on, we passed the motion.

4.3. Discussion of Motion 20210124-06 and 20210124-01

Pierre-Lucas (UAV VP) was upset that Julia (ECA Sage) was confused about Societies being upset that BOD was asking questions.

Julia (ECA Sage) acknowledged that Council was not upset by this.

Discussion of Motion 20210124-01

Kayla (ECA VP Sports and Competition): For 20210124-01, VP Finance should ask her questions about budget before, should know answers before BOD instead of inviting a bunch of finances to our BOD to answer our questions when they could be discussed beforehand. Also, finance should be in charge.

David (ECA President): Vote was close, look for what I said in meeting minutes

Courtney (CSCE): *From Google Meet chat box:* It's impossible for Finance to know all the ins and outs of competitions, that is VP competitions to tell Finance what must be handled/specifics.

Kim (ECA VP Internal): It's late, but let's finish this discussion. It's important.



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Savage (SAE President): Even if VP finance does everything they should do, there are still things that she can't know. Which is fine, it's not her job to know everything. My issue is that this motion was harmless. I don't understand why you rejected it.

Julia (ECA Sage): It wasn't harmless, you can't infringe on the autonomy and independence of the members you voted on. The execs this year are very inexperienced and they get a lot of push back. It's their mandate to know everything going on with the budget, to have other people come in to argue points on their behalf is not necessary, it's her job to do that.

Hanna (ECA VP Finance): I agree I should look over budget lines as requested, this is something I did thoroughly and have met with finances from other societies, but the issue in BOD is the fact that I did not get the chance to defend why I allocated the money, but when Rabby was there, he said it was too much, and I wasn't given a chance to explain why I made it this way. There was discrimination within the team, I feel that in the future to have people within the societies come to BOD as I can not know the finances of every society by heart. Having them there would ensure that they can verify the things that I'm saying and explain why they need more in addition to me explaining.

Courtney (CSCE):

1. (To Kayla) I'm tired of ECA blaming finance and using this to reject motions
2. We want to make Finance's job easier, answer questions you have and being part of the discussion instead of organizing our budgets for months then just getting rejected.
3. There was no competition so we did NOT vote for these members, (David, Hanna), not enough people ran for us to actually have a VOTE for people we trust to be in these positions.

David (ECA President): VP finance is hard, communication is key, we are not trying to throw her under the bus, but that is what the role is. VP finance of SAE was at last BOD so we will be able to have observers at BOD and we will be able to have observers in the future for BODs that are dedicated to the budget approval process. They cannot necessarily participate unless asked.

Savage (SAE President): I don't think this infringes the rights that are given the VP finance of next election. Finance clearly has too much to do, so let's decentralize the process, BOD can directly ask questions to our VP finances. Next execs teams NEED to put this in writing as a motion. This simple thing can solve a lot of issues.



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David (ECA President): It's possible to pass this in the future. It was not officially brought up as it is now. You will be able to account for my words in the future with these meeting minutes.

Savage (SAE President): This no way guarantees that VP finances can answer questions, we need a right for observers to be there and be able to answer questions.

David (SAE President): Observers will be dealt with by chair

Pascal (UAV President): (Julia) even though these positions are voted for doesn't mean we should not talk about them not doing their mandates properly. As for not approving the motion, I feel as though you are hiding behind bureaucracy, why can't we be there to talk about these. We just want to be present to clarify the budget lines we propose. We wish we knew you were working on a motion to have observers present, but how is this different from the current motion?

David (ECA President): Was not approved within context of that day but would be approved in the future likely. This is How BOD has always worked.

Pascal (UAV President): Why is this considered more difficult than Hanna having these meetings scheduled with individual societies beforehand? You are adding these layers that we did not need there.

Savage (SAE President): We saw problems, we tried to fix it, you guys have not given us a real solution. You have not properly addressed the issue at hand. It's impossible for VP finance to do everything.

Kim (ECA VP Internal): If they want to have the option to speak or explain their case, do they have to get permission from Luca or do we have to pass a motion?

David (ECA President): They can ask Luca. If BOD has a direct question, they can ask the observer to speak.

Kim (ECA VP Internal): Can someone re-motion this so that we can possibly vote differently.

Courtney (CSCE): We are not asking to state our case, we just want to be able to clarify things, and I'm down to motion for BOD to look at this again. I wanna know if this discussion has changed the BODs mind or if they will reject again.

David (ECA President): I already said it was possible. BOD does not have to vote yes on things you want.

Kim (ECA VP Internal): Someone please motion these words to the bylaws. Can I see the next motion we talked about? (20210104-03)



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Courtney (CSCE): I don't understand please explain again.

David (ECA President): If it is a need expressed by societies the person in charge of BODs can make sure that they are invited. In my understanding, it is already possible. You can motion that they are forced to be invited for that meeting specifically.

Kayla (ECA VP Sports and Competition): (To Courtney) "If BOD would find it interesting to re-motion" I think it has to be in writing, so we should push again and again so we hear that you want the change and will more likely vote yes.

Savage (SAE President): So now you want us to resubmit the motion?

Kayla (ECA VP Sports and Competition): Pros and cons. Put it in writing and we will review it and I think we are more likely to vote in your favour.

Savage (SAE President): Should we submit the same one or change it?

Kayla (ECA VP Sports and Competition): Make it a policy.

Savage (SAE President): What's the difference between passing a motion and a policy.

David (ECA President): This makes more sense as policy, bylaw is legally binding, policy is a rule followed by the orgn.

Isabelle (ECA VP External): (To Courtney) would want to avoid all this from happening next year and therefore I would vote yes on this motion.

Savage (SAE President): If someone breaks a bylaw they could be sued but if they break a policy nothing happens? What is the difference in enforcement of these two?

David (ECA President): Policy makes more sense if you compare to other schools policies. Bylaw is point form, policy has more details fleshed out. Other details needed to add to this policy.

Sevage (SAE President): Ok cool policy down.

Courtney (CSCE): Policy.

20210217-03: Courtney (CSME), seconded by Pascal (UAV), motions to have motion 20210124-01 be reviewed and re-voted by the BOD with the amendment that a policy be created for VP Finances be systematically invited to the annual MA budget discussion BOD meeting.

Motion 20210217-03 is passed in unanimity



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Discussion of Motion 20210124-06

Sevage (SAE President): This was a harmless motion to give us the BODs minutes 2 weeks after those. You didn't give us because we are not as important as other students so we have to wait like regular students to get it. You suggested specifically that we motion to get a BOD agenda before the BOD. We did and that got rejected. We should know why our proposed motions are getting rejected, and at the very least, we should get the agenda of your BOD.

Savage (SAE President): Even if this motion passes we have to wait for next BOD meeting to know the discussion of our motions.

Kim (ECA VP Internal): Can we have an emergency BOD and emergency Council so that we can update you all?

David (ECA President): I want our next BOD to be February 25th or later cause we have stuff to do (elections) 2-3 weeks.

Ariane (ECA VP Marketing and Communications): To David, can we have BOD discussing only urgent things then have BOD to discuss other things (elections and stuff).

David (ECA President): Yeah.

Kayla (ECA VP Sports and Competition): We should reconsider this motion. I can't remember why we were opposed. Agenda is approved at the beginning of BOD and before that. Gist of it was harassment. I don't remember though.

Sevage (SAE President): Harassment? I think you are referring to Council slack, if proper shit was taken care of, this wouldn't happen. We would not get frustrated if you gave us actual answers or at least tell us when we will get answers. There will be no spamming if we know this.

Kim (ECA VP Internal): In response to "drinking gas" on Slack.

Pierre-Lucas (UAV VP): Adding gas to a situation, I feel the email david said was adding gas to the situation NO DRINKING OF GAS

Pascal (UAV President): Up for discussion, if the entire BOD agenda is not what you want, at least tell us the motions that we proposed so we know what will be discussed pertaining to us. We still want to know why you are rejecting our motions though. This is independent of that.

Sevage (SAE President): Weren't the first memes made after the email.



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Isabelle (ECA VP External): I made the first meme because of a funny robert's rule thing about Savage then it got crazy.

20210117-04: Courtney(CSCE), seconded by Benjamin(EngGames), motions for motion 20210124-06 to be reviewed and re-voted by the BOD.

Motion 20210217-04 is passed in unanimity

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS & VERBAL REPORTS

Matthew (EngGames VP Internal): No EngGames 2021, but we have a lunch and learn tomorrow at noon!

6. ADJOURNMENT

Courtney(CSCE), seconded by Savage (SAE), motions to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM