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Name	Role	Present
Saaim Intikhab	Chairperson of the Board	х
Rohit Sengupta	Secretary of the Board	х
Elsa Younes	President	х
Tharushi Rathnayaka	Vice-President of Academic Affairs	х
Aditya Shah	Vice-President of Sports and Competitions	х
Marissa Profetto	Vice-President of External Affairs	х
Mohamed Bedair	Vice-President of Financial Affairs	х
Seif Bedair	Vice-President of Internal Affairs	х
Chloe Law	Vice-President of Marketing & Communications	
Shannon King-Richards	Vice-President of Social Affairs	x
Cyrian Kedowade	Building, Civil and Environmental Engineering (BCEE) Representative	x
Jainam Shah	Computer Science & Software Engineering (CSSE) Representative	
Ahmad Obeid	Electrical & Computer Engineering (ECE) Representative	x
Mohamed Saad	Mechanical & Industrial Engineering (MIAE) Representative	
Maria Fernanda	Independent Representative	х
Chelsea Wan	Independent Representative	х
Sierra Campbell	Sage	x



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2. SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

Motion	Motion	Result
20231001-1	Elsa seconded by Ahmed motion to approve Saaim as the Chair	Passed in unanimity
20231001-2	Seif seconded by Ahmed motion to approve Rohit as the Secretary	Passed in unanimity
20231001-3	Seif seconded by Ahmed motion to approve the agenda	Passed in unanimity
20231001-4	Seif seconded by Mohamed motion to table the previous BOD minutes	Passed in unanimity
20231001-5	Seif seconded by Marissa motion to appoint Khyati as the CEO and receive \$325 and have the AEO receives \$100	Passed in unanimity
20231001-6	Tharushi seconded by Seif motions to approve the Iron ring budget	Passed in unanimity
20231001-7	Aditya seconded by Seif motion to approve Maxime as Director Competitions	Passed in unanimity
20231001-8	Sierra seconded by Mohamed motion to have this on the ballot "Space concordia is a student led initiative which includes divisions in robotics, rocketry, spacecraft and space health. In order to finance their operations the group is seeking a new fee levy to Gina Cody school undergraduate students. Do you agree to to implement the opt outable Space Concordia fee levy \$0.50/credit which is to be adjusted yearly by the 2% or rate of inflation according to the CPI whichever is higher"	Passed in unanimity



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20231001-9	Sierra seconded by Marissa motion to have this on the ballot "The society of SAE at Concordia is a student let initiative which includes division of Formula racing, Baja and aerodesign, their mission is to foster innovation in these areas, to aid in the financing of these operations the group is seeking a new fee levy to Gina Cody school undergraduate student. Do you agree to to implement the opt outable SAE students at Concordia fee levy \$0.50/credit which is to be adjusted yearly by the 2% or rate of inflation according to the CPI whichever is higher"	Passed in unanimity
20231001-10	Marissa seconded Seif motion amend the agenda from Abolition of Conference Selection Policy to Update the Conference Selection Policy	Passed in unanimity
20231001-11	Marissa seconded by Seif motions to approve these changes to the policy	Passed in unanimity
20231001-12	Marissa seconded by Ahmed motions to abolish the Sponsorship Committee Policy	Passed in unanimity
20231001-13	Mohamed seconded by Seif motions to appoint Chelsea as the second Director of Finance	Passed in unanimity
20231001-14	Elsa seconded by Sierra motions to appoint Ziad from SAE, Rav from Hack, Ben Enggames to the DTFC committee	Passed in unanimity
20231001-15	Elsa seconded by Mohamed motion to appoint Laura from hack, Esinti from Troitsky and Linh from WIE to the CFC committee	Passed in unanimity
20231001-16	Elsa seconded Seif motion to appoint Ben from enggames to Policy committee	Passed in unanimity
20231001-17	Elsa seconded Ahmed motion to appoint Nora from CUBES, Sonia from WIE, Ivan from IEEE to the New Society Committee Appointment	Passed in unanimity



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20231001-18	Elsa seconded by Sierra motions to put the following on the ballot "The ECA fee levy currently \$2/credit has not observed an increase since 1996 financial demands of hosting events, competitions and supporting its member associations have grown significantly. A fee levy increase would be distributed proportionally across ECA affairs to ensure high quality services are provided to its membership as well this increase would serve to invest in necessary upgrades to undergraduate student spaces. Do you agree to to an increase to ECA fee levy to \$2.50/credit to be adjusted yearly by the 2% or rate of inflation according to the CPI whichever is higher"	Passed in unanimity
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3. PROCEDURES

3.1. Opening of the meeting

Meeting opened at 1:30 PM

3.2. Approval of the Chair

Elsa seconded by Ahmed motions to approve Saaim as Chair for this meeting of the Board of Directors.

20231001-1 Passed in unanimity

3.3. Approval of the Secretary

Seif seconded by Ahmed motions to approve Rohit as the secretary for this meeting of the Board of Directors.

20231001-2 Passed in unanimity

3.4. Approval of the Agenda

Seif seconded by Ahmed motions to approve the agenda

20231001-3 Passed in unanimity

3.5. Approval of Previous BOD's Minutes

Seif seconded by Mohamed motions to table approval of previous BOD minutes

20231001-4 Passed in unanimity



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4. EXTERNAL PRESENTATION

4.1 Interview of Esinti Baskak

Elsa: So we are going to have to ask you to introduce yourself as you go, talk about your experience and why you are a good fit for the role.

Esinti: Sorry for not being in person, I have covid so I am stuck at home. Before we start, can I actually quickly ask an important question about the role to confirm my eligibility. So I was going through the bylaws and I saw that executives of member associations are not allowed to be CEO but I am not sure if that applies to by-elections or just General Elections. So before we start can we confirm that I am eligible.

Elsa: I am just going to recheck. I did think it was a conflict of interest but if it's already in the bylaws, okay so it does say in section E.54 that executives are not qualified to be election officers. So really sorry for wasting your time with this but as you mentioned it is in the bylaws in the disqualification section.

Esinti: Even though I am not eligible for the next year I had a suggestion, I know it didn't happen last year but it happened two years ago, I know how important this specific election is so I really suggest having the CUTV thing again like from two years ago just a suggestion and thank you very much for taking the time. See you guys later.

4.2 Interview of Christian Taboada

Christian Taboada: Hi everyone I am Christian Taboada and I am in the running for election officer. A little bit about myself, I am a political science student. I have done other positions like this one before. I was the CEO for the ASFA last year and I was the CEO for the ECA last year. I had a lot of fun with the last team and so I am very excited to work with this team as well if the possibility arises. I have very general knowledge of what it's like to apply for elections, how to get the numbers and how to work the system. So I am very glad to have this knowledge that I can apply for this coming election. The only difference between this one and the other one is that it's a by-election, however that is something I did with ASFA last year so I have this kind of knowledge already. So that's a little bit of my background, my past experience, how many hours



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I can dedicate to this. So I last year worked about 15 hours a week during the period of elections because of a lot of like back end stuff or communication through e-mail and I think communicated very well with our students regarding elections that provided a lot of general information to a really good thing about me is that I have this knowledge and I know the bylaws already that are in place when it comes to election posturing systems and the use of simply voting platform. So I intend on bringing this to the table, how I intend to help the voter turnout. So last year we had the biggest voter turnout in the history of the ECA, so that is something I'm very proud of. I intend to higher those numbers so that this will become a personal goal for me. So yeah, last year I organized a MA fair, a member association fair for the ASFA for the first time during the by elections and I really helped her numbers because it is not something that was previously done and it kind of brought the idea of elections to people's minds. I also have created over the past year a large network of students which I can talk to and encourage to participate in elections, and because they're student leaders as well. They get the word out to their executives or their membership. So that's how I intend to get the word out that the ECA has elections. In other words as well, kind of my knowledge on fee levies and bylaw changes, I got the opportunity to work with Sierra last year where we got a lot of the guestions passed. However, for the fee levies unfortunately were not passed, but my knowledge extends to putting them on the ballot and getting the word out there. So, I think that is a really good fit. Something I do also bring in, but I'm a political science student, so I will provide the most unbiased opinion when it comes to engineering elections. I think this is something that I can really bring to the table because I don't have previous experience with or any personal experiences with people on this Board or this membership. So I have nothing to gain so it really gives an objective view of what is to happen for the ECA. I'm looking forward to working collaboratively with all of you. A past experience where I had to follow the policy, and even though sometimes the policy is gray, had to put aside my personal opinion, so last year there was a group on campus that wanted to posters past the deadline or a group that also wanted to keep their posters up past the deadline was very clear that even though the policy doesn't state that you shouldn't do that, as it gives an advantage to someone else if you were to keep your posturing up or keep an Instagram post up and so that was something you have to be very clear on. And I think that even though it's a grey area on the policy and it's something that should naturally be implemented, and it was because luckily there's a policy that says that the Chief electoral officer can have final say on most stuff as long as they communicate with the President. Thank you so much for your time. Again, I'm so sorry that I could not be there, and I look forward to working with all of you. Thank you.



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4.3 Interview of Khyati

Elsa: So tell us a little about yourself and why you think you are a good fit for this role

Khyati: So I am Bias Khyati, I am from India and I am doing my bachelors in computer science at Concordia university. I think this role is about being transparent and being good at communication skills because it requires more than just being a member of it you have to have more team spirit and have communication between your members also this role needs you to be more transparent because this role has some responsibilities.

Elsa: How many hours per week can you give for this position

Khyati: Depends on my schedule but the minimum I can do is 10 hours a week.

Elsa: How'd you plan on engaging the student body for a higher voter turnout and making sure that as many people as possible are voting in the elections.

Khyati: So nowadays students use more newsletters so being promoted through newsletters and being promoted through posters.

Elsa: Are you part of any societies in the ECA

Khyati: No.

Elsa: So how you will have to deal with gray areas between candidates

Khyati: So being in elections you have to keep your opinions aside, so I have studied about elections in my country and being elected means the one who is responsible for the position so as a member I have to be more impartial towards both or however many candidates there are so being impartial with those people would make sense because it is not about biasness.

Elsa: Lastly how familiar are you with the ECA bylaws and fee levies



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Khyati: I am not that familiar with the ECA bylaws but I do know about most of the common laws, I am not that deep into it but I can try.

Elsa: Any questions from the board?

Mohamed: So I actually have a question. For the CEO role you have to come to the office a few times during the day so what does your class schedule look like? Do you think you could dedicate a few hours from 9-5?

Khyati: So my class schedule is more early morning because I wake up very early. So it's like 8-10.

Mohamed: So my question is basically you would have some time between 9-5?

Khyati: Yes.

Elsa: Do you have any questions for us?

Khyati: So this is a volunteer role right?

Elsa: So this is on an honorarium basis so a sum is given at the end of the role.

Mohamed: So it's not salary but not a volunteer role either so you can classify it as an extracurricular.

Elsa: Okay so thank you so much for coming we will follow-up via email.

Khyati: Okay thank you.

4.4 Interview of Kaoutar El Azzab

Elsa: So hello, welcome we are gonna start with a little introduction so you can tell us about yourself and why you think you are a good fit for the position.



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Kaoutar: Hi I'm Kaoutar, I am an undergraduate software engineering student. I have been applying to multiple positions however I wasn't selected into any position so this is the first one I was selected in. I have been part of an organization before and I was the mentor not the CEO and I enjoy being a part of an organization because I like communication and meeting people and here in montreal I live alone so sometimes I need to keep in touch with people and practice my social skills. And the reason I am a good fit is because I am flexible, organized and I have good interpersonal communication skills and I am a good problem solver.

Elsa: And how many hours do you think you will be able to give to the position

Kaoutar: So this semester I only have 4 classes so I have a lot of free hours and I have stopped working. I was working before part time so now I have more time.

Elsa: So there is a chance for extending the contract to the general elections that are in march so By-Elections now and then General elections. So how do you plan on engaging the student body for higher voter turn out.

Kaoutar: By creating a campaign and really getting students to understand every part.

Elsa: So you will also need to handle gray areas with candidates when they run for the elections. So can you describe a situation where you needed to put your opinion aside to deal with gray areas.

Kaoutar: I am pretty objective so I don't put my emotions and feelings in stuff like this, so I would explain in general terms and try to be transparent.

Elsa: And how familiar are you with the fee levies and the bylaws of the ECA

Kaoutar: Honestly I started reading them this week as I was not aware of them before and I understand some of it.

Elsa: So that's all I have are there any questions from the board? Guess not okay so did you have any questions for us?

Kaoutar: Yeah so how does this work?



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Elsa: So for the role of the CEO we need to set up the Simply voting platform first so all the members of the ECA can vote online. So setting up all of that. If there are candidates we ask them to upload forms and have their bio picture and they will have to do their own campaign. We will also have to check all their instagram posts and approve, we also at the end do a report to summarize all of the election results.

Elsa: Okay amazing thank you so much for coming.

Kaoutar: Thank you so much for your time and thank you for having me.

Mohamed seconded by Seif motions to close the session

Seif seconded by Marissa motion to appoint Khyati as the CEO and receive \$325 and have the AEO receives \$100

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Mohamed seconded by Seif motions to open the session

Mohamed: In close session we discussed the honorarium and the appointment of the CEO

5. RETURNING BUSINESS

N/A



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6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Iron Ring guests

Tharushi: So this was last year we spent 29k for fall iron ring but we didn't have any guests for iron ring and this is for the current one we are spending the same but with guests so I don't think there is a question of having guests in the ceremony you could just go with guests since I am not spending more because of them. So the venue they said it would be \$5500 in sheraton, security they siad they have people of their own but I would have to get one more person from Sheraton so \$45 an hour so \$315. The food and beverage is going to go to \$17,000. It could go up to \$20,000 but I think \$17,000 is a good amount. We will have around 350 to 400 people. Name tags and printing is \$50, Photography is going to be around \$1900, Alcohol is included and it's \$24/person, flowers we will have to provide our own so \$200 like every year, DJ I put my budget as \$2000, furniture nothing, volunteers dinner same as last year. No rentals no drink tickets, they dont have to pay for the ceremony or anything because it is included in the venue just the cocktail venue, the wrist bands we are going to have to buy them, and the tickets it's \$23 with tax they increased it to \$23/person so it's \$2300 for I think 100 students. So the total is 29k or so it could be more like 35k but I know we increased the iron ring budget to 60k and I have money coming from the DOS and other places so it's okay.

Mohamed: I don't mind the jump to 35k but why the extra 5k.

Tharushi: Just student beverage because usually we go for like 8 canopy pieces per person but this time I told her like 6 just in case we will have to go with more

Mohamed: Go more for food? Also could you explain how the sheraton will work in terms of food and beverage?

Tharushi: So it's a cocktail like as usual a cocktail like Plaza and then we get two drink coupons per person



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Mohamed: So if it's two drink coupons per person and if we know the number of people attending then why the extra?

Tharushi: Because when we go to the Plaza they give us like this is the amount you pay but with Sheraton we have to pay a minimum for food and beverage.

Mohamed: So what I'm asking is if that minimum is more then what we need or less?

Tharushi: I think it's exactly what we need

Mohamed: Then why the extra 5k

Tharushi: I am not saying we will go to 35k, it's more for just in case. The amount is going to be \$29,000

Mohamed: Okay, because amount is very specific so I was wondering if had anything in mind for it, but yeah that's okay

Tharushi: So for mentors I never charge but we could charge it's up to the BOD, and guest it's \$20 for the ceremony we could make it \$15 but that's up to the BOD as well

Mohamed: What's the difference between a mentor and a guest and how will we differentiate between them? Because originally mentors were the people going to the Iron ring but now we can have guests so how are we going to differentiate between mentors and guests?

Tharushi: So we can have different tickets for different people .



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Mohamed: So what I am asking is what makes a person a mentor and not a guest

Tharushi: They have to have a ring

Mohamed: Okay but the mentor ticket doesn't make sense anymore because guests can attend the ceremony too now.

Tharushi: Yeah but before they enter we verify it though

Seif: Tharushi the problem isn't the validation process the problem is the process itself is unnecessary it should all be guests.

Tharushi seconded by Seif motions to approve the Iron ring budget

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6.2 Iron Ring budget

Was discussed and approved during the discussion for Iron Ring guests

6.3 Approve Maxime Douangpanya as Director Competitions.

Aditya: So I met Maxime in frosh and he seemed very interested in becoming a Director of Competitions. So he has done a lot of activities in CEGEP and he seems very interested and he knows about engolympics, engweek and whatnot so we kind of had a good talk and he seemed like a nice guy for the team and with EngOlympics coming soon it would be nice to have the a Director.

Aditya seconded by Seif motion to approve Maxime as Director Competitions

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6.4 Appointment of Chief Elections Officer

Was appointed during closed session



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6.5 Appointment of 2nd Director of Finance

Mohamed: So Chelsea messaged me and she said she has to leave as an Independent representative.

Chelsea: So I want to resign because when you are in the BOD you cannot join into a society as an executive.

Seif: Okay so send us an email and after Elsa receives it we can appoint you as a director. But make it professional because we have to read it at the advisory council as well.

Chelsea: Okay so I will send an email now and then come up with something professional in a bit.

Marissa: Just send an email now and tonight or tomorrow when you have time to write something professional write it and send it so we can read it at the next advisory council meeting

6.6 Advisory Council - Space Concordia Fee Levy Fall 2023

Sierra seconded by Mohamed motion to have this on the ballot "Space concordia is a student led initiative which includes divisions in robotics, rocketry, spacecraft and space health. In order to finance their operations the group is seeking a new fee levy to Gina Cody school undergraduate students. Do you agree to to implement the opt outable Space Concordia fee levy \$0.50/credit which is to be adjusted yearly by the 2% or rate of inflation according to the CPI whichever is higher"

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Seif: So this is the wording of what they want in the election?

Sierra: Yeah



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6.7 Advisory Council - SAE Fee Levy Fall 2023

Sierra seconded by Marissa motion to have this on the ballot "The society of SAE at Concordia is a student let initiative which includes division of Formula racing, Baja and aerodesign, their mission is to foster innovation in these areas, to aid in the financing of these operations the group is seeking a new fee levy to Gina Cody school undergraduate student. Do you agree to to implement the opt outable SAE students at Concordia fee levy \$0.50/credit which is to be adjusted yearly by the 2% or rate of inflation according to the CPI whichever is higher"

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Marissa seconded Seif motion amend the agenda from Abolition of Conference Selection Policy to Update the Conference Selection Policy

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6.8 Update the Conference Selection Policy

Marissa: So in the application part instead of VP external shall have the delegate application form completed at least 6 weeks before the end of the conference registration period I changed that to 4 weeks. At Least 1 week before the delegate application closes the VP external shall hold a info session about the conference, I wanted to change that to a minimum of one info session must be hosted by the VP external about CFES and its conferences. Info session shall explain the application process for each conference. More info sessions can be held for each event at the discretion of the VP External. So I combined it into one session but left it open ended if the next VP external wanted to do four sessions. Next the VP external shall form a selection committee consisting of the elected BOD. I wanted to change this by making Independent Representatives mandatory members. Also any additional BOD members may elect themselves into the committee, finally non-BOD members may be elected by VP External to sit on the committee with approval of BOD. Part D no.2 Members who attended the CFES Presidents meeting will have priority to be on this committee. This is just me and the president so remove. Part E point 1 so this was made before the first selection committee meeting. Basically before the first committee meeting she wanted the committee to go through each of the applications on their own and say they are the strongest and they are the weakest. I would rather have discussions on the candidates. Point 4 should be completely removed because it



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says applicants must be chosen at least one week before the end of the registration period.

Seif: Why?

Marissa: Well in this case they won't be chosen a week before because we started everything late.

Seif: Selection goes through the BOD so one week is the minimum.

Marissa: So in the best case BOD would have to be right after. But I think point 6 means it has to be 3 days after the BOD.

Seif: I mean if you want to remove this I guess the deadline isn't necessary because you have to present it to the BOD.

Marissa: Next the VP external shall hold the first meeting for all delegates selected at most 1 week after receiving the official delegate package or equivalent information package. I think we should change it to 2 weeks because I think it's fine if we wait two weeks before having a meeting. Next in part H point 2.2 these reports shall be presented to the BOD and reviewed at their discretion. I think we should remove that. I don't know if it's necessary for you guys to review this.

Marissa seconded by Seif motions to approve these changes to the policy

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6.9 Abolition of Sponsorship Committee Policy

Marissa: Personally this is in my mandate already so I dont think a sponsorship committee is really necessary.

Sierra: We had a lot of issues with getting sponsorships and this was something both the VP finance and VP external at the time of last year, initiatives they were both interested in and it obviously varies year to year and if we need to adjust it to make it work for this year then sure, I



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am always all for having more team members so I don't see any negative consequences of having more directors on board. But certainly affects the structure.

Marissa: I mean our VP finance is at all interested.

Mohamed: So I think this only exists because Remi wanted to make it so that if you bring sponsorships you get a percentage kind of deal.

Marissa: Because I think we did that for enggames.

Marissa seconded by Ahmed motions to abolish the Sponsorship Committee Policy

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Saaim: Before we move on to the next point Chelsea sent us the resignation letter

Mohamed seconded by Seif motions to appoint Chelsea as the second Director of Finance

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6.10 Dtfc Approval

Elsa seconded by Sierra motions to appoint Ziad from SAE, Rav from Hack, Ben Enggames to the DTFC committee

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6.11 CFC Approval

Elsa seconded by Mohamed motion to appoint Laura from hack, Esinti from Troitksy and Linh from WIE to the CFC committee

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6.12 Policy Committee Appointment

Elsa seconded Seif motion to appoint Ben from enggames to Policy committee

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6.13 New Society Committee Appointment

Elsa seconded Ahmed motion to appoint Nora from CUBES, Sonia from WIE, Ivan from IEEE to the New Society Committee Appointment

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6.14 ECA Fee Levy

Elsa seconded by Sierra motions to put the following on the ballot "The ECA fee levy currently \$2/credit has not observed an increase since 1996 financial demands of hosting events, competitions and supporting its member associations have grown significantly. A fee levy increase would be distributed proportionally across ECA affairs to ensure high quality services are provided to its membership as well this increase would serve to invest in necessary upgrades to undergraduate student spaces. Do you agree to to an increase to ECA fee levy to \$2.50/credit to be adjusted yearly by the 2% or rate of inflation according to the CPI whichever is higher"

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Saaim Intikhab: The zoom links are usually in the google invite email so if you are in a rush just try to look for the google invite with the subject BOD and the link should be there. Also I know not everyone can make it in person but try your best and if you are not in person please keep your videos on.

Rohit Kinkor Sengupta: No announcements

Elsa Younes: In attendance too we restarted the biweekly meeting yesterday morning we had very few people attend so please attend the biweekly meetings or at least please fill your slides. Other than that we have the blood drive coming up so make sure to take your appointment and donate.

Tharushi Rathnayaka: No announcements

Aditya Shah: So we have the pre CQI and yeah if you can help me with that or with the room booking or the social event it would be great

Marissa Profetto: So applications are out for CGE so if you know people that are interested, applications are due Friday at midnight.

Mohamed Bedair: Nothing new just working on procedure with Christina supposed to meet her on monday, bunch of meetings with Christina, Ziad and going to have to have a meeting with Sharon to discuss budgets, that's it.

Seif Bedair: Clean ups please guys and we are going to start selling good stuff at the B-Annex.

Shannon King-Richards: So frosh happened a month ago and we are doing a post mortem and so it's gonna be on Tuesday at 6 pm and attend if you can

Cyrian Kedowide: No announcement



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Jainam Shah: No announcements

Ahmad Obeid: No announcements

Mohamed Saad: No announcements

Maria Fernanda Amezquita Moreno: Please answer the poll on messenger for team bonding

Sierra Campbell: No announcements

8. ADJOURNMENT

Sierra, seconded by Mohamed, motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm