

**April Council Meeting**  
**University of Windsor Science Society**  
**Monday, April 11th, 6PM - 7 PM**  
**Location: Science Lounge**

**Attendance:**

**Absences:**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	
<b>1</b>	Call to Order	6:07 PM
<b>2</b>	Approval of Agenda	YES
<b>3</b>	Approval of Minutes	YES
<b>4</b>	Chair's Business	YES
<b>5</b>	Introductions	YES
<b>6</b>	Discussion Items 6.1 General Election Ratifications 6.2 Policy Manual Amendments 6.3 Council Member of the Month 6.4 Representative Updates 6.5 Gala Debrief 6.6 Finance Update 6.7 Executive Feedback 6.8 Game Night	
<b>7</b>	Question Period	
<b>8</b>	New Business - Farewell and goodluck	
<b>9</b>	Meeting Outcomes -meeting for policy amendments TBD -	
<b>10</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	7:26 PM

Forensics Science Representative

-Kennedy Auger

Biomedical Science Representative

-Grace Querbach

-Lindsey Boshart

-Matteo Frattaroli

-Natasha Sarkis

Economics Representative

-Angelina Kieu

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Representatives

-Renil Kooplicat

-Seeret Banwait

-Filip Botica

Chemistry and Biochemistry Representative

-Kristina Marrocco

General Science Representative

-Jana Faraj

Integrative Biology Representative

-Annice Nguyen

-Anent Grewal

-Melanie Trifan

-Giulia Pelle

Chair's Business

Nikko: Robert's rules explanation.

6.1 General Election Ratification

Nellie: Going to ratify the new members.

Motion to ratify

- Kennedy Auger.
- Aya seconds. Motion passes

- Motion to ratify

- Grace Querbach
- -Lindsey Boshart
- -Matteo Frattaroli
- -Natasha Sarkis
- Aya seconds. Motion passess

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- Angelina Keiu
- Aya seconds. Motion passes.

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- Renil Kooplicat
- Seeret Banwait
- Filip Botica

Aya seconds. Motion passes

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-Kristina Marrocco. Aya seconds. Motion passes

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-Jana Faraj. Aya seconds. Motion passes

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Annice Nguyen

-Anent Grewal

-Melanie Trifan

-Giulia Pelle

- Aya seconds. Motion passes

## 6.2 Policy Manual Amendments

Anumita: Few amendments in the budget section and add a new section in the student opportunity fund. Help clarify how we are doing some of our spending, in the best interest for the students. New statements to be added. We do a lot of charitable work, our expectation is that the fund is going back to the students to hold events that enhance their student experience. It seems that in the past, some of our funds have gone to pay for our charity fundraiser – meaning that those funds aren't accessible to those students. Seems like a forced donation. Having a clarity in how we use our funds and making sure it is used in the best interests of students is something we should do.

Anita: Gala deposit, where does that come from?

Moemoe: the deposit will come out of the service order. However much we make will come out as revenue. We are paying for the venue price, everything else is paid for from the ticket prices.

Anumita: speaking about halloween night, haunted house, skate night, etc.. See these as examples of spending to have an event but also get donations to host the event.

Jaclyn: The levy students pay is only part of science society's total budget. How do we regulate that student's money isn't used for those events.

Renee: do we get money from others?

Moemoe: yes, faculty of science, alumni association, etc.

Anumita: is the dean giving us money for a specific thing? Like merchandise?

Moemoe: they sponsor us for different things – merchandise, gala at the end of the year.

Alexa: you don't want to spend science society's money on the gala?

Anumita: this does include the gala. If we didn't subsidize the gala tickets, would it have been higher?

Jaclyn: same price but donate a lot less for charity.

Anumita: only students that benefit from that spending that put forward money to buy a ticket. Not something that every student can afford – shouldn't be something we put students in a position to do. Shouldn't have to pay this additional fee given the initial student's spending. Putting a burden on students to donate, and using students funds to subsidize charity events doesn't seem right.

Caroline: do you mean all income coming into science society?

Nellie: yes

Anumita: yes, but it sounds like that there is other funding that come from this budget. We can add an edit to this that the budget from the student levy's is untouched.

Alexa: Can we differentiate where this money is going to?

Moemoe: Everything is very malleable. For the gala, if we don't spend the student levy on it then we are making it less accessible because prices will go up. If you don't use any funds on it, the prices will go up.

Olivia: If you don't want students donating but also don't want students paying for this, how can these events be held?

Anumita: the way these things usually work, you have to sell a certain amount to cover the expenses of the event. The ticket prices should include to cover the cost of the event but also give to charity.

Maria: Can we make a definition for fundraising for charity? Quite ambiguous.

Anumita: fundraisers for charity should be hosting an event to raise money for an external organization that is not science society.

Maria: in this definition, it should be specified if gala does fall under this.

Anumita: if gala is raising money for charity, it falls under this previously said definition.

Victoria: how much is the student levy

Moemoe: 10 dollars a semester

Victoria: for other events, like pi day, is that covered by levy? What does it not cover?

Moemoe: skate night, scarehouse event, the gala – covered by the budget, not levy.

Nellie: first amendment is too vague, specify it is for charity. Make another part of our budget that is for charity. In terms of the second amendment, good statement – nothing to change. Third one, discuss in more detail.

Anumita: what edits should we have to make?

Nikko: we will officially pass the edits at the AGM.

Alexa: We are completely in the dark, not fully motioned in, given our detailed outline of our positions. Unfair to us to make these decisions not knowing about our positions.

Renee: if we host a skate night for charity, vs hosting a skate night – two different things. Also goes perfectly with what Nellie was saying about a charity budget in the policy manual. We should specify our budget allocated to charity events and other specified events.

Olivia: don't know the laid out plan on the budget. Better to understand first before we make a decision on that.

Nellie: Moemoe is giving a detailed rundown of the budget at the next meeting (agm). Description of your position is already in the policy manual. Outline is already there – anyone can look at it at any time.

Anumita: Nellie mentioned charity budget – the reason you do a fundraiser is because you don't have funds. Science society already has funds. Need to make sure in being careful how we spend student funds.

Aya: I think that there is unity in coming for a cause. Group of people coming towards a common goal, raising money for charity – very gratifying and unifying. Levy is providing us a lot. Going back to skate night – costs 400 dollars, with a 5 dollar donation.

Moemoe: for our smaller fundraisers, make it more expensive but less accessible. This is why we allocate funds to this, to make it more accessible.

Caroline: third statement is clear, but science society is already doing that.

Nellie: I agree.

Moemoe: no problem with setting a maximum, but calculate it in a better way. We should figure out where the money will disperse to – regarding the conferences from the Student opportunity fund budget.

Victoria: Science society does a good job balancing free events and events that do cost money. SOS is a charity, don't all funds go to them?

Anumita: SOS is a charity, they don't get funds from students to host their charity events. Science society is different, using students money to host charity events.

Olivia: all the events have students putting money into them to host these events. Gala has a price to it – the price of the ticket does cover a lot of the gala costs, so not all events are covered for students even though they host charity initiatives.

Nellie: come back to see refined edits

Moemoe: we should continue talking about this. Full budget overview will happen at the agm. I will send it out 2 days before for you all to look at

Maria: make a comment about 10.1.4. See a problem because there are many people who don't pay our levy but attend our events. Are we excluding them and charging them for our events?

Nellie: we actually are going to be passing for these students, we have an option for them to pay for our levy even if they are not in science.

Maria: how do we monitor that?

Moemoe: WIX pulls out a spreadsheet

Maria: would jeffrey be responsible to everyone running an event now

Moemoe: at each event, have the spreadsheet open for non-science students to monitor them

Anumita: the reason that was put in there to keep that option open. Prioritize levy paying students, and if we want to charge a fee to students who don't pay a levy.

Olivia: would it be possible to make a balance where its not just closed off to conferences but include other events or initiatives so you don't leave students out.

Moemoe: we can definitely add this in the policy manual.

Olivia: Come up with a form, where we can see the students who want to be a part of the initiatives but may not be able to afford it.

Renee: have another meeting to discuss this? Open meeting for anyone to come?

Nellie: have it at our governance policy meeting

Anita: differentiate student budget and levy budget in the policy manual.

Anumita: student opportunity fund needs more policy explanation on that, no rule in how it gets dispersed – leaves it open to get misused. How did skate night go, given that we spent \$400 on it? That could've been spent on something to make it more fun and more engaging.

Aya: It was on a wednesday because it is a wellness wejadnesday. In terms of accessibility, no other skate rink was open or available. Indoor rink was more expensive. Open to letting people to come in. People had a good time.

Nikko: international students came by a bus. Seemed like people enjoyed the event.

Moemoe: for the people who wanted to attend and didn't want to pay, they were allowed to go in anyway. Just say we are requesting a non-obligatory 5 dollar price for them to come.

Olivia: Don't think anyone would have an issue in paying that

Anumita: if people didn't show, it is hard to say if it was the time, the donation, the location for why people didn't show up. If it was originally supposed to be a charity fundraiser, how much did we raise?

Aya: we raised 100 dollars, a bit more. But its not about how much I spent towards the event.

Anumita: it makes us look that we are trying to gauge students for money. Given that we have a large budget but still charging students for this charity event.

Filip: Where does the money go after the event

Aya: The profit all goes towards charity.

Melanie: when you organize an event like that – the whole purpose is for the charity and donate

Moemoe: in terms of accessibility, this isn't so much of a problem. Either way, we can put some edits, but in terms of the prior events, I mentioned a solution. Lets motion to table this discuss Item 6.2. Aya seconds. Motion passes.

## **Article 10: Finances**

Amendments

### **10.1 Event Budgets**

10.1.2 Funds from the Science Society Budget will not be used to cover the cost (total or partial) of fundraisers for charity.

10.1.3 Every effort will be made to spend funds in a manner that is judicious, responsible, and consistent with Science Society's Mission Statement.

10.1.4 Council will strive to host events that are offered at no cost for all levy paying students to attend. Where it is not possible to host the event for free, a ticket may be charged to offset the cost of the event. We will prioritize the accessibility of events.

### **10.4 Student Opportunity Fund**

10.4.1 Each semester half of the funds available in the Student Opportunity Fund may be dispersed.

10.4.2 Each levy paying student is eligible for a maximum funding of \$250 from the fund between May 1 – April 30.

### **6.3 Council Member of the Month**

Nellie: individual is not here – very good job with the elections and on top of his job throughout the year. Winner is keith wong.

### **6.4 Representative Updates**

Monika: ugcc is hiring. Applications are open. Due april 25 at midnight.

Maria: if you are in biomed, biochem, and chem you can apply.

Aya: the reason biomed are allowed to apply is because of the double major.

Jeffrey: mcat week this week.

Anumita: BCNSA executive hiring

Caroline: physics club has their applications open

## 6.5 Gala Debrief

Jaclyn: gala went really well. Complimented by st clair on how council worked to organize the event.

Moemoe: need to make an effort to have people quiet down during the charity speech. Have execs stationed around the tables to get people to pay attention.

Nellie: bars need to shut down at this time

Jaclyn: next year for the agenda of the gala – do speeches before the food.

Maria: need to have a set plan to handle refunds.

Seerat: slideshow showing what is being presented. Hard to tell what was happening up in the front.

Olivia: what was the refunds for?

Maria: people needed refunds because they had covid. They are actually non-refundable.

## 6.6 Finance Update

Moemoe: Total revenue is \$31815, total costs \$24,600. We have 7200 dollars in profit. Have reimbursements for others.

Aya: if you have any award winners to pick up their awards, they are in the sci soc office.

Moemoe: completed budget has to be done by the AGM. Will be done 2 days before.

Anumita: how does the rollover fund work?

Moemoe: it will be a written thing that can be requested.

Anumita: funds can keep rolling over indefinitely

Moemoe: it's not supposed to. Any final purchases should be sent to moemoe by friday – last call before he is able to send it in. Get it in by friday if you can.

## 6.7. Executive Feedback

- form for feedback regarding the executive roles.

## 6.8 Game Night

Renil: 4 people signed up. We have to p

Maria: post a blackboard notification about it. More people who up who don't sign up.

Anumita: are we doing pizza?

Renil: yes

Anumita: promote that there is food.

Mihir: get the entire team to come?

Anita: have a projector out, play something on it for people to watch and listen to

Question Period:

When is the AGM meeting? April 30<sup>th</sup>. Different from the transition meeting.

Anumita: Incentive for AGM? Gift cards from starbucks.

Olivia: is it possible to have it as early as possible?