

November Council Meeting

University of Windsor Science Society

Tuesday, November 19th, 7 PM - 8 PM

Location: Science Lounge

Attendance: Ishita, Seeret, Lithmi, Anumita, Jeffery, Reese, Olivia, Chloe, Philip, Nikko, Mihir, Aiden, Alexa, Keith. Zaraa, Cassidy, Victoria, Renil, Matteo, Nellie, Maria, Jana, Sophia, Aya, MoeMoe

Absences: Monika, Annice, Caroline

Item	Description	
1	Call to Order	7:14
2	Approval of Agenda	YES
3	Approval of Minutes	YES
4	Chair's Business	NO
5	Introductions	
6	Discussion Items 6.1 Ratification of New Members 6.2 Research Panel 6.3 Bull and Barrel Fundraiser 6.4 Constitution/Policy Edits 6.5 Course Delivery Updates 6.6 Student Survey 6.7 Representative Updates 6.8 Council Member of the Month	
7	Question Period	
8	New Business	
9	Adjournment	8:09 PM

6.1 Ratification of New Members

Nellie: Once elected to council we have to ratify you

- Motion to ratify Filip Botica, Renil Kooplicat as our 1st year rep for the school year 2021-2022

Motion second by Aya

Approved

-Motion to ratify Lithmi Jayasinghe as our Chem & Biochem rep for the school year 2021-2022

Motion second by MoeMoe

Approved

6.2 Meet the Prof night

Mihir: Couple changes, now it will be a research panel, health and safety took too long to respond, it will now be an online event, format will be website format with description for profs and there will be zoom links for students to join it will be Nov 26th 12-2pm, 2-3 days before the event I will hold a meeting with academic committee to moderate each meeting. Event is mandatory so everyone needs to come.

Olivia: How do we participate?

Mihir: You can cycle in and out of meetings with different profs

Aiden: To general volunteers, would you recommend that they stimulate conversation

Mihir: That will be the prof's job as they are the ones recruiting but if it is very quiet you can jump and start conversations

6.3 Bull and Barrel Fundraiser

Cassidy: They reached out to do fundraiser with us, it will be Dec 4th 4-6:30 10% of food sales will go to our elected charity

Nellie: Please come to support you can have dinner there and leave whenever you want, they only ID people at 10

Victoria: I think they do ID

Cassidy: It will be 6:30 so before it turns into a bar they shouldn't ID you

Nellie: Are we still doing country themed?

Cassidy: It is on the graphic but we can change it

6.4 Constitution/Policy Edits

Nellie: Keith and I had a meeting for changes for awards committee policy, we want to diversify the panel that selects the winners

8.3.2.

vi. The Awards Committee shall make a concerted effort to assemble a diverse panel that represents a wide range of races, genders, ethnicities, sexual orientations, and other markers of identity.

vii. The Awards Committee shall make a concerted effort to assemble a panel with equal proportions of different genders; the panel cannot be comprised solely of people who identify with one gender.

viii. The Awards Committee shall make a concerted effort to recruit at least one person with a disability, whether that be visible or invisible.

Motion to approve

Second by

Approved

Nellie: Mihir, MoeMoe and I met with CSS, we wanted to see if we can combine our societies, CSS can't attend our events since they don't pay our levy, we want to make it that they have the option to pay so they can attend our events, that edit will probably happen in Dec.

MoeMoe: In the meantime, we should put it to the site now

6.5 Course Delivery Updates

Nellie: We talked about this at last meeting, the council said Hyflex has been problematic so they will have in person classes it will be 100% on campus, but there is a senate bylaw regarding recording lectures, they will be increasing lab capacity, I emailed Dr. House due to big class sizes it will not be possible for first and second year classes to be in person, he suggests us to make as much in-person events

Senate Policy for Recording Lectures: [*Recording Lectures \(Approved 200214\).pdf](#)

MoeMoe: Recording lectures will be like it was before, where profs can allow it or not

Nellie: You can record as long as you consent to not upload it publicly

Anumita: Do we know how much support we will get to host in-person events?

Nellie: They will support us as much as they can, they will try to push for higher room restrictions,

MoeMoe: They will be loosening the restrictions soon for in-person events

Nikko: First and second year don't have in person classes, are they pushing on loosening restrictions if we are holding in-person events we want to make sure they come

Aiden: Lab spaces are going to increase capacity, if we loosen all other restrictions we can extend our reach

Maria: With chem department they will increase to 75% capacity, they hope to allow this for Jan

Nellie: This room is normally only 40 people but it is not really patrolled, for other more restricted rooms they will change it

MoeMoe: It's 75% or the fire code whichever is less, which is why science lounge max capacity is 30

Anumita: What is the level of support for international students

Nellie: I think they will get the option to stay in their country

Olivia: I am pretty sure all of our lectures, most labs are in person and have one labs online for any accommodations.

MoeMoe: All their labs have at least one online lab

Victoria: Who decides our capacity limits?

Nellie: I asked this on our last meeting, each department decided themselves and came to the dean, there is a council with Dr. Dutton so I think they decide, if we have a problem we have to email them

Maria: Departments are told 75% classes have to be in classes the profs discretion which were online or in-person

Renee: If students ask us with these questions who are we directing them to?

Nellie: Email us and we will compile them and send it to the correct email

Anumita: Moving forward, will profs have option to have online or in-person courses?

MoeMoe: Once the pandemic is officially over they will not have a choice

6.6 Student Survey

Nellie: Usually SciSoc puts out a survey at the end of the year, I want to do bi-weekly survey so we can gauge what students enjoyed for online in-person

Renee: If only a few students come to campus, then in-person might not be a good idea, are you more interested in off-campus events

Anumita: Lots of students more information about course delivery methods, could we make the survey where students can voice their concerns and share their experience

Nellie: So we can phrase it as an open box questions

Anumita: It's up

Aya: We can have students rating 1-10 and then a text box

Aiden: I agree with Aya, with text box we might not get what it is they are actually concerned with

Nellie: Student survey can be catered to what we have done and what they liked and another one for academic concerns open all year round

Renee: It might be beneficial to put a time limit for the textbox

Aya: We can FAQ page on our website, for students to check out if they have questions

Nikko: Sounds like there is a disconnect between faculty and students, maybe we can suggest a Q & A session

Victoria: I can spearhead this

Anumita: Are we pushing for a faculty wide Q & A?

Aiden: I think if we have a zoom call where Dr. Houser is speaking it will be the same, I think we should make it where the students have the floor

MoeMoe: There should be a faculty wide one, I agree that students should be able to voice their concerns

Alexa: Are we doing it where we are sending students to voice their concerns, or are we going to have a rep, I am concerned that if we have do just send bunch of students Dr. Dutton will not appreciate this.

Nikko: This usually falls under the academic committee

Nellie: Raise your hands if you want to be in the committee if you are not in the committee already

Aiden: Maybe we can prepare a 5 person panel to speak on it, so they can see that we have a good representative

MoeMoe: Maybe we can have a moderator, they are pretty receptive to changes, that might be a good way to do it

Victoria: If we have 5-7 represent it might look like only 5-7 people care about it but if we have some stats we can back-up these concerns

Anumita: It sounds like we are trying to hold town hall meeting where students can voice their concerns, usually there is a spreadsheet that is made before the meeting where students can add their questions, etc.

Motion to table the discussion for the committee

Second by MoeMoe

Approved

Maria: I know there is a lots of students who do not care about SciSoc, we need to see who are the students who want to keep up to date with us so we can target our audience, we can ask what platform do you engage with us the most

Nellie: We can ask what post was your favourite?

MoeMoe: Who is in charge?

Nellie: Me and mihir

Anumita: I though Renee and Luke and I have worked on the survey last year

Nellie: Can you send it?

Maria: I think all of our files on our google drive got deleted

MoeMoe: We can still look at them on our google archive

6.7 Representative Updates

Nellie: This will be a recurring agenda item for the reps, if you need to update and present us with any updates, this will also encourage reps to keep in contact with the departments year reps are also included

6.8 Council Member of the Month

Nellie: Every month we do council member of the month, this month it will go to Hannah Drew in our communications team

New business:

Maria: If you haven't taken the new shirts come upstairs to get it