

Council

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Original agenda: [W24-03-06 Council Meeting Agenda](#)

Speaker	Awab Qureshi
Secretary	Alex Zhao
Attendees (Voting)	<p>Executive Officers: Logan Batson (President), Zev Friedman (VPA), Terry Kuang (VPF), Callum Brown (VPI), Kevin Yuan (VPO), Marcus Luong (VPC)</p> <p>Actuarial Science Representatives:</p> <p>Statistics Representatives:</p> <p>Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, and Combinatorics and Optimization Representatives: Samantha Pater</p> <p>Computer Science Representatives: Daniel Wang, Grace Feng, Sarah Wilson, Awab Qureshi, Aryan Patel</p> <p>Business Representatives: Pranav Bedi</p> <p>Computing and Financial Management Representatives:</p> <p>Software Engineering Representatives: Aayush Patel, Trinity Yip</p> <p>Teaching Representatives:</p> <p>Mathematical Studies and Other Representatives:</p> <p>At-Large Representatives: Asia Mitchell, Remington Zhi, E-Therng Lee, Nazar Viznytsya, Avish Kathpal, Priyanshu Ghosh, Binder Nie</p> <p>First Year Representatives: Fahmi Omer, Cristian Moretto, Vincent Chen, Danny Liu</p>
(Non-Voting)	Rose Penner (Business Manager); Jackie Jones (Dean’s Delegate); Cooper Stone (Chair); math NEWS
Expected Absences	Aayush Patel, Priyanshu Ghosh, Binder Nie
Unexpected Absences	

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1 Welcome and Opening Remarks

1.1 Call to Order

Note that quorum for council meetings is $\frac{2}{3}$ of voting members.

The speaker calls the meeting to order at 6:04 ET.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

The speaker assumes the agenda.

1.3 Territorial Acknowledgement

The Mathematics Society of the University of Waterloo acknowledges:

“The University of Waterloo is on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples. The University of Waterloo is situated on the Haldimand Tract, land promised to the Six Nations, which includes six miles on each side of the Grand River.”

1.4 Oral Conflict of Interest Declaration

“In relation to any of the items of business on the agenda for this meeting, does any councillor have an actual, perceived, or potential conflict of interest?”

1.5 Reference of Relevant Rules

MathSoc follows a modified version of Robert’s Rules to help keep our meetings orderly. They prevent us from talking over each other. Please wait to be acknowledged before speaking. For each speaking turn focus on a single point. Everyone has the right to speak. For a motion to be discussed it needs a “mover” and a “seconder”.

If you wish to:

- Make a new point → 1
- Reply as part of the ongoing conversation → 2
- Ask information about the speaking order, or relevant bylaws, or policies → POI (Point of Inquiry)
- When you see someone else not following the speaking order → POO (Point of Order)
- If you couldn’t hear or need to take a break, etc. → POP (Point of Personal Privilege)

Most motions at Council aren’t controversial, so we generally use a method of voting where you only need to explicitly vote if you wish to vote against a motion or abstain from voting. You can ask to have your vote noted in the minutes. We can also use roll-call voting or ballot box voting if $\frac{2}{3}$ of Council agrees to it.

2 Consent Agenda – President Batson, VP Yuan

If anyone objects to any item on the consent agenda, they can ask it be moved to the general orders.

2.1 Approval of Council Minutes

Be it resolved that Council approves the minutes from the February 8th regular meeting as presented: [W24-02-08 Council Meeting Minutes](#) .

2.2 Updating Board Procedure 14.1

Whereas Board Procedure 14.1, MathSoc's Marketing Policy, contains references to the VP, Internal being in charge of postings:

~~The Marketing Directors and the Vice President Internal are responsible for all notices posted on MathSoc bulletin boards. All notices must be brought to the Society Office and must be approved by the Vice President Internal or a marketing director.~~

Whereas postings now fall under the Vice President, Communications' responsibilities;

Be it resolved that the above line in Board Policy 14.1 is changed to:

~~The Marketing Directors and the Vice President Communications are responsible for all notices posted on MathSoc bulletin boards. All notices must be brought to the Society Office and must be approved by the Vice President Communications or a marketing director.~~

2.3 Modification to Spring 2024 VPC Executive Appointment Committee Away Vote Ratification

Note: Ratification is not withheld unless there is a concern where due process was not followed. Ratification must not be withheld solely due to distaste with the outcome of a vote.

Whereas the following motion was passed unanimously by an away vote on February 27th at 10:14 PM:

Modification to Spring 2024 VPC Executive Appointment Committee – President Batson, Councillor Liu

Whereas Councillor Remington Zhi has resigned from the Spring 2024 VPC EAC as they are running for MathSoc President and are thus ineligible; and

Whereas Avish Kathpal has expressed interest in sitting on this committee; then

Be it resolved that Avish Kathpal is appointed to the Spring 2024 Vice President, Communications Executive Appointment Committee;

Whereas results of the vote can be seen here [S24 VPC EAC Modification vote \(Responses\)](#) ;

Be it resolved that Council ratifies the motion.

2.4 Modification to Winter 2024 Elections Committee Away Vote Ratification

Note: Ratification is not withheld unless there is a concern where due process was not followed. Ratification must not be withheld solely due to distaste with the outcome of a vote.

Whereas the following motion was passed unanimously with one abstention by an away vote on February 29th at 12:15 PM:

Modification to Spring 2024 Elections Committee – Councillor Qureshi, Councillor Feng

Whereas Councillor Qureshi resigned from the Winter 2024 Elections Committee to support a presidential candidate; and

Whereas Councillor Pater has expressed interest in sitting on this committee; then

Be it resolved that Councillor Pater is appointed to the Winter 2024 Elections Committee;

Whereas results of the vote can be seen here [📄 W24 EC Modification \(Responses\)](#) ;

Be it resolved that Council ratifies the motion.

3 Special Orders

3.1 General Election Disqualification Appeal – Councillor Pater, President Batson

Note: This motion shall be chaired by Cooper Stone, the Chair of MathSoc Board.

Councillor Pater shall speak for 2 minutes first on behalf of the EC, then the candidate, Julien Liang, will be given a speaking turn for 2 minutes. Discussion will then start.

By policy 1.6.2.3e, Council may decide to uphold the original decision, alter the penalty of the original decision, or overturn the decision and present an alternate ruling.

Whereas the EC has issued 17 demerit points to CS Rep Candidate Julien Liang based on the following infractions as per policy 1.6.2 §5:

- Minor contravention of Article 2 of the Bylaws, Object (6 points).
- Lying to, or intentionally misleading the EC or its agents regarding matters pertaining to their role(s) or allegations and appeals (11 points).

Whereas the Election Committee's case is outlined with the following document:

[📄 EC Report on CS Candidate Julien Liang.docx](#) ;

Whereas the candidate has appealed the decision;

Whereas the candidate's conversation with EC can be seen here [📄 Julien_Email_Chain.pdf](#) alongside his appeal, which is available here [📄 Appeal Winter 2024 Julien.pdf](#) (with relevant attachments here [📁 Email Attachments](#));

Whereas the Elections Committee has ruled to uphold the original decision;

Be it resolved that Council upholds the minor contravention of Article 2 of the Bylaws, Object, but strikes the Lying to, or intentionally misleading the EC or its agents regarding matters pertaining to their role(s) or allegations and appeals for a total of 6 demerit points.

3.2 General Election Disqualification Appeal of Daniel Wang – Councillor Moretto, VP Yuan

Note: This motion shall be chaired by Cooper Stone, the Chair of MathSoc Board.

Councillor Moretto shall speak for 2 minutes first on behalf of the EC, then the candidate, Daniel Wang, will be given a speaking turn for 2 minutes. Discussion will then start.

By policy 1.6.2.3e, Council may decide to uphold the original decision, alter the penalty of the original decision, or overturn the decision and present an alternate ruling.

Whereas the Elections Committee has issued 22 demerit points to Daniel Wang, a candidate in the Spring 2024 election who withdrew their candidacy, based on the following infractions as per policy 1.6.2 §5:

- Major contravention of Policy 1.6.1 and Policy 1.4.3 (11 points),
- Lying to, or intentionally misleading the EC or its agents regarding matters pertaining to their role(s) or allegations and appeals (11 points);

Whereas the following documents are associated with the appeal:

■ EC Report on Daniel Wang.docx.pdf [Special Constable Footage] (confidential document: shall be presented in meeting);

Whereas the former candidate has appealed the decision: ■ Daniel Wang Email Chain.pdf

■ MathSoc Daniel Wang Allegation Defence.pdf ■ Daniel Wang Council Appeal.pdf ;

Whereas the Elections Committee has ruled to uphold the original decision;

Be it resolved that Council upholds the major contravention of Policy 1.6.1 and Policy 1.4.3, however reduces the demerit points to 8 points, and strikes the Lying to, or intentionally misleading the EC or its agents regarding matters pertaining to their role(s) or allegations and appeals, for a total of 8 demerit points.

4 Reports

Each executive report shall be considered for a maximum of 2 minutes.

4.1 Executive Reports

President's Report: ≡ President Council Report #3

VPF's Report: ≡ VPF Council Report #3 - W24

VPO's Report: ≡ VPO Council Report #3 - W24

VPI's Report: [VPI: Council Meeting March 6th Report](#)

VPA's Report: [VPA Council Report March 6, 2024](#)

VPC's Report: [VPC Council Report #3 W24](#)

4.2 Other Reports

Each of these reports shall be considered for a maximum of 2 minutes.

Business Manager's Report:

Chair's Report: *Oral Report*

CRO's Report: [2024-03-06 EC Report](#)

5 General Orders

5.1 Club Teambuilding Expense Policy – VP Kuang, President Batson

Note: Discussion time for this motion is capped to 15 minutes.

Whereas club executives are key players in ensuring the growth of the Mathematics Society and ensuring proper operations of their clubs;

Whereas a teambuilding expense will enable club executives to use a precalculated amount of club membership fees and MathSoc funding to host a single event for teambuilding and morale purposes;

Whereas the VPF has prepared the following document:

[MathSoc_Teambuilding_Expense_Proposal \(2\).docx](#) regarding the proposed policy update

Be it resolved that Council approves the amendment of Policy 6.3.1 as per the given proposal.

5.2 Executive Teambuilding Expense Policy – VP Kuang, ___

Note: Discussion time for this motion is capped to 15 minutes.

Whereas MathSoc executives are key players in ensuring the growth of the Mathematics Society and serve as the governing body of the society;

Whereas a teambuilding expense will enable executives to use a precalculated amount of membership fees to host a single event for teambuilding and morale purposes;

Whereas the VPF has prepared the following document:

[MathSoc_Teambuilding_Expense_Proposal \(2\).docx](#) regarding the proposed new policy

Be it resolved ____.

5.3 MathSoc Fee Increase – President Batson, ___

Note: The discussion time for this motion is capped to 15 minutes. The proposed increase can change, if there are objections to any given part of the increase in particular, by amending the motion.

Whereas President Batson, alongside the executive team and support of the business manager, has developed a report on expenditures of the Society here: [☰ Fee increase report](#)

Whereas with the report, MathSoc has seen a significant increase in expenditures across all aspects of the Society over the past year, with a 32% increase amongst clubs, an approximate 50% increase for executives and an 11% increase for MathSoc Council and Board;

Whereas with the report, the average revenue of the Society over the past year and a half has been approximately \$370 a term;

Whereas a modest fee increase will help offset the increased cost of living, along with supporting the longevity of the Society due to the increase in expenditures over time;

Whereas the executive team with support of the business manager has provided a clear and transparent use of such additional revenue;

Be it resolved that the MathSoc fee is increased from \$18.05 to \$19.46;

Be it further resolved that alongside the \$0.63 increase from the Fall 2023 GM, the additional \$1.41 in revenue is used as outlined in the following fee increase proposal:

[☰ Fee increase proposal](#) ;

Be it further resolved that if the fee increase motion passes at the upcoming General Meeting, the executive team works on adding or updating relevant policies and procedures to ensure the proposal is followed.

5.4 CSC x Companies Budget Request – VP Kuang, ___

Discussion time for this motion is capped to 6 minutes.

Whereas CSC is running a joint event in collaboration with EngSoc and Wealthsimple on March 20th;

Whereas CSC is planning to contribute pizzas to the event and EngSoc will be funding the rest of the snacks for the event;

Whereas the quote for 6 XL pizzas is 88.06 not including tip and CSC is requesting \$100 for the budget line item;

Be it resolved that council approves ___ for line 80 - CSC x Companies Events.

5.5 Canned Food Drive Budget Reallocation – VP Brown, ___

Discussion time for this motion is capped to 6 minutes.

Whereas MathSoc is running a Canned Food Drive event with EngSoc;

Whereas EngSoc has received \$650 from the Engineering Faculty to buy canned good supplies;

Whereas MathSoc is also expected to contribute to the event;

Whereas the VPI is requesting a reallocation of \$500 to the Collaborative events budget line 51 from the Easter budget line 66 for the purchase of canned goods;

Be it resolved that ___ is reallocated from line 66 to line 51.

5.6 Therapy Animals Budget Reallocation – VP Brown, ___

Discussion time for this motion is capped to 6 minutes.

Whereas MathSoc is planning on running several therapy animals events during the rest of the term;

Whereas the cost of these events has been more than anticipated by roughly \$200;

Whereas the VPI is requesting a reallocation of \$350 to the VPI budget line 38 Midterm de-stress from the pi day budget line 27;

Be it resolved that ___ is reallocated from line 27 to line 38.

5.7 EngSoc, MathSoc Hockey Game Budget Reallocation – VP Brown, ___

Discussion time for this motion is capped to 6 minutes.

Whereas MathSoc is participating in a hockey game with EngSoc;

Whereas the CIF arena will be rented out for the game and there will also be costs for refereeing the game.

Whereas MathSoc is expected to split the cost of the event with EngSoc;

Whereas the VPI is requesting a reallocation of \$300 to line 51 - VPI collaborative events budget from line 65 - St. Patrick's day budget;

Be it resolved that ___ is reallocated from line 65 to line 51.

5.8 PMC Office Budget Increase – VP Kuang, ___

Whereas PMC requires a new keyboard for their office and has quoted \$112 for the replacement they would like;

Whereas PMC currently has insufficient budget in office supplies line 26;

Be it resolved that Council approves an additional ___ for line 26.

6 New Business

Motions that were submitted to the agenda after the deadline. Council must vote to take up new business if it wishes. This vote is commonly performed on all items at once, but Council can motion to vote item by item. If not taken up at this meeting, motions can be resubmitted for next meeting.

6.1 CSC x Cooking Club Collab Budget Requests – VP Kuang, ___

Whereas CSC is running a collab with the UW Cooking Club on March 23rd and the cooking club rents out a kitchen for \$575;

Whereas CSC would like to contribute half of the rental fees for the collab to be mutually beneficial (\$287.50);

Be it resolved that Council approves ___ to line 108 - Cooking Club Collab.

6.2 DDC Budget Reallocation Request – VP Kuang, ___

Whereas DDC intended to host a Math 136 review session and had \$400 budgeted for this event;

Whereas DDC cancelled the event due to conflict with Mathsoc's own Math 136 review;

Whereas DDC has proposed to reallocate the \$400 as follows:

- (line 82* new line) CS 116 & 136 Review Session: \$400 to cover 2 events (one for 116 and another for 136),
- \$300 to cover snacks, drinks and food across 2 events,
- \$50 for potential software needs and competition setup,
- \$50 for rewards for winners (not gift cards),
- Event slated to take place at the end of March;

Be it resolved that Council approves the reallocation of ___ from line 62 to a new budget line item: CS 116 & 136 Review Session (line 82).

6.3 ActSci Budget Reallocation Request – VP Kuang, ___

Whereas ActSci would like to move funds from 2 academic events they have planned to 2 new academic events;

Whereas ActSci has requested to move \$340 from line 56 CAS Networking Event to a new event (line 87) CA Exam Tutorial;

Whereas ActSci has requested to move \$200 from line 65 R tutorial to a new event (line 88) OCCA Scholarship info Session;

Whereas ActSci has requested to move \$50 from line 83 CAS Panel to a new event (line 88) OCCA Scholarship info Session;

Whereas ActSci has requested to move \$10 from line 56 CAS Networking Event to a new event (line 88) OCCA Scholarship info Session;

Be it resolved that Council approves the above reallocations into new events.

6.4 Removal of Disqualification for Julian Liang -- President Batson,

Whereas with the passing of Special Order 3.1, Candidate Julian Liang has no longer received enough demerit points to count as a disqualification;

Whereas Candidate Julian Liang has still been disqualified for not submitting an expense report;

Whereas there is confusion on whether or not an expense report still needs to be submitted for a currently disqualified candidate as Policy 1.6.2.4(b) indicates that a candidate who is disqualified "[forfeits] 100% of their potential reimbursement for incurred campaign expenses";

Whereas the Candidate has expressed confusion regarding the disqualification given the ruling of Special Order 3.1;

Be it resolved that ____.

7 Announcements

- Applications for VPF, VPC, VPI, VPO are open! See mass email for details.
- Run for VPA for next term!
- General meeting :0
- Two directors will be appointed for S24-W25. Fill out the form in the mass email or come to GM to nominate yourself!

8 Adjournment

The meeting is scheduled to be adjourned at **11:00 PM** ET.