

Minutes
UMES Council Meeting 07R-12
2007 January 11
5:30 p.m.

Dean's Conference Room (E2-361 EITC)

Present: Elise Dyck, Ariel Braweman, Jessica McCombe, Mathew Brotherston, Dave White, Nhi Le, Chris Nichols, Dario Schor, Daryl Godkin, Phil Dompierre, Eric Wickstrom, Garrett Keith, Matt Jones, Victor Lam, Gwen Nedohin, Adam Coolidge, Steve Woodrow, Megan Lusty, Amy Meacham, James McKee, Tyler Shipman, Kathryn Hearson

Absent with Regrets: Rohan Lall, Jane MacAngus, Scott Hammond, Kelli Goldstone

Absent: Janet Young, Daisy Yee, Jenelle Salanguit, Matt Jones, Doug Read, Leah Wong, James Marsh, Romain Coudiere, Nathan Jolly, Marc Seewald, Nemish Budhia, Katie Szilagyi

I. Call to Order – 5:34 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda

Moved by: Socials

Seconded by: Treasurer

Motion Passed

III. Approval of Minutes from 2006 November 22 (07R-10) meeting

Motion to approve minutes

Moved by: Socials

Seconded by: UMSU Rep

Motion Passed

IV. Approval of Minutes from 2006 December 4 (07R-11) meeting

Motion to approve minutes

Moved by: UMSU Senator

Seconded by: VSE

Motion Passed

V. Old Business

No old business

VI. New Business

12.1 GNCTR Volunteering Presentation – GNCTR Host Committee

- January 31st to February 4th

- 20 team participating

- need volunteers for Thursday (activity day); spongee and dodgeball at Highlander, during the day

- need volunteers for Friday (tech-ex day); need 1 volunteer for every 1 or 2 teams, from 9-3ish
- sign up sheet in window or E1-508
- social at Assiniboine Downs on Friday, February 2nd; UMES has 250 tickets to sell

12.2 Faculty of Engineering Finances Update – Senior Stick

- in the past the university has allowed the faculty to run a deficit; this is no longer allowed
- Dean wants to raise engineering tuition cost; there are 5 criterion for this (including a student referendum)
- meeting 2:30-3:30 on Monday; Dean will explain the situation and allow for questions (an email was sent out to all students)
- there will be a forum with engineering students; only support raising tuition freeze if 100% of difference of money will go back to faculty; need to know what other students think
- how will it help this year's problem? It wouldn't help this year, but would be more of a long term thing and would help with accreditation
- tuition freeze puts pressure on the government; it was started to make university more assessable
- details still need to be worked out (international students fees, etc.)
- would be helpful to strengthen bursary program or scholarships so there is more financial help

12.3 Pi-Throw Volunteers – Pi-Throw Chair

- sign-up sheet passed around
- February 5th – 9th
- selling pies for the first 2 days (in uc, atrium, drake, arms), delivering pies on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
- will email time table to sign up for particular slots
- charity: Career Trek

12.4 EC Budget Amendment – EC

- changing toner line of \$127 and changing to \$90
- adding new section: Networking, domain name umes.net.ca: \$25
Networking: \$50
- extra \$35 moved to computer parts

All in favour

12.5 EngWeek – EngWeek Chair

- next week
- volunteer sheet being passed around
- can still submit EngWeek teams
- beer and skits: each team will put together a skit and present it at the beer bash
- beer bash volunteer sign up on social's office door

- EngWeek is being ran earlier so hopefully more people will participate

12.6 CE Course Update – Senior Stick

- we are the only CE course in Canada this year
- CFES wants to make the course bigger (40 or 50 people)
- we have not yet signed the contract
- sponsorship: \$2500 from Manitoba hydro, \$2000 from endowment fund, may get up to \$5000 from CCPE
- Simon Fraiser and UofT have agreed to help out with things that don't need to be done in Winnipeg
- still need volunteers
- August 18th-27th

12.7 Council Position Resignations – Senior Stick

- Matt Brotherston and James Marsh are resigning because they are going on exchanges
- Leah Wong is resigning from promotions due to health issues
- Garrett Keith is joining sports
- Dario and Daryl will be helping with promotions
- if there is someone wishing to apply for these positions let Steve know

12.8 Lounge Keyholders – Senior Stick

- Gwen and Daryl are available to open the lounge
- it may be possible to leave a key in the UMES office so the first person in the office for the day can open the lounge
- Adam will look into putting the key on a chain long enough to open the lounge door

12.9 UMES Council: Looking forward to Term 2 – Senior Stick

- Good from the First Term:
 - spongee (except for the incident; brought a lot of students out)
 - toast to Trim
 - orientation
 - EC doing a great job this year, helping out with a lot of other things
 - merch has done really well, especially with the added sale of food
- Needs Improvement:
 - communication (a bunch of separate groups are asking Steve questions; it is good to help people out so when you need help they'll help you back)
 - scrawl on the wall was well attended, but had a disappointing outcome
 - not enough window volunteers
 - we don't have any frosh involved (we need to plan for the future and get younger students involved)

- promotions: a lot of posters got out, but they weren't out far enough in advance; hopefully there can be 2 weeks to advertise events
- people are doing their job, but they should work closer together
- UMES council should be more fun (ideas: bring beer to council meetings, bring food)
- council used to be all friends so they hung out more together; we're now more open to other students, but council isn't as tight as a group
- we never ended having a social event for teambuilding last term (ideas: put in a freeze your ass off hockey tournament team; everyone participating/volunteering for EngWeek events)
 - exec has been talking about restructuring UMES
 - the tuition freeze issue coming up
 - may not be able to do everything we want to do this year we can set it up better next year
 - Questions to answer:
 - 1) How do we make UMES more fun?
 - 2) How do we get everyone involved/how do we get frosh involved?
 - 3) How do we make UMES experience as a council member better?
 - 4) How do we make UMES work better for students?
 - may have an unofficial meeting to talk about this

VII. Reports To Council

Merch: winning t-shirt design picked; if you haven't volunteer for window shifts do it

EC: got graphic computer over the holidays, almost set up; website updates; working on pi-throw online

Grad: looking at hosting dinner/dance at the Inn at the Forks

Outreach: starting on outreach day 2, there are a few things to fix

PR: APEGM dinner next Thursday, tickets selling a bit slow, at the Delta; trying to find sponsorship for pi-throw; starting on wine and cheese

Promos: Daryl and Dario handling promos

Pubs: Deadline for "Redloin" submissions is January 20th

Socials: sell tickets/advertise for GNCTR social February 2nd

Spirit: running beer and skits; may have special event next week; received \$400 from endowment fund for engineering band to get new jerseys, music, maybe auxiliary instruments (kazoo, triangle, tambourine); want to build an instrument around the "mystery mouthpiece" in February

Sports: Jane is working on a location for spongee; organizing dodgeball tournament on Wednesday

Yearbook: cover is done (looks like the front of physics notebook); Jenelle is going through all the pictures and putting in black and white; grad photos next week (will have a chance for re-takes, November picture session went well); Nhi is working on general layout

Secretary: just got back from Congress

UMSU Senate: motion on Day of Action (engineering supports Day of Action in wanting more money from the government, but does not support the tuition freeze)

Treasurer: got audit back, nothing was wrong; made deposit today (got first half of UMSU student fees)

VSE: also at Congress, voted on bigger issues affecting all of Canada; WEC flights were much less expensive than originally thought; leaving for WEC on January 24th

VSA: answered a few questions from students about term 1 grades

Senior Stick: was at Congress; UMES held exam cram, but didn't have enough volunteers; Welcoming and Supporting Task Force Committee – talked a lot about drinking events, problems with aurora, difficulty to run events on campus, orientation, more community building; talk to Steve if you have any other comments

VIII. Adjournment – 6:46 p.m.

Motion to adjourn

Moved by: Spirit

Seconded by: PR

Motion passed