

Minutes
UMES Council Meeting 07R-17
2007 March 21
5:30 p.m.
Location E2-223

Present: Daryl Godkin, Dario Schor, Nhi Le, Phil Dompierre, Victor Lam, Gwen Nedohin, Kathryn Hearson, Matt Jones, Elise Dyck, Megan Lusty, Steve Woodrow, Janet Young

Absent with Regrets: Jessica McCombe, Eric Wickstrom, Ariel Brawerman

Absent: Dave White, Chris Nichols, Garrett Keith, Amy Meacham, James McKee, Tyler Shipman, Jane MacAngus, Scott Hammond, Kelli Goldstone, Daisy Yee, Jenelle Salanguit, Doug Read, Romain Coudiere, Nathan Jolly, Marc Seewald, Katie Szilagyi

I. Call to Order – 5:35 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda

Moved by: Treasure

Seconded by: EC

Motion Passed

III. Approval of Minutes from 2007 February 21 (07R-15) meeting

Motion to approve minutes

Moved by: Promos

Seconded by: PR

Motion Passed

IV. Tabled/Old Business

14.1 Getting involved in UMES next year – Senior Stick

- exec elections already took place
- application package and forms available for next year; due March 28th at 5:30 p.m.

14.2 CFES Congress 2007 Report – Members of CFES Congress Delegation

- Montreal, 5 delegates
- workshops about benefits councils can provide, mandates of CFES
- Daisy talked about CE course
- Steve presented workshop on Engendas, everyone really like them
- long plenary, motions on what everyone would like CFES to do
- next year Congress is in Edmonton
- delegates learned a lot, met other students and see how things are done in other councils, increases interest in student government
- Senior Stick and VSE should be sent; send new young members of UMES (not just council); possibly bid on future events (CEC, President's meeting, CFES)
- expensive but beneficial to UMES council

- CELF program: Canadian engineering leadership forum; discuss where engineering stands and its future; one of the big projects of CFES

14.3 WEC 2007 Report – Members of WEC Delegation

- Vancouver, 13 delegates
- Katie won first place in debate with partner from U of C; went to CEC
- none of the other teams placed in the top 3
- good conference; good place for engineering students to see what conferences are about, meet new people, get contacts
- UMEC good for selection process
- look at ways to check how many students that have gone to WEC have gone before, don't always want to send the same people
- consider bidding for WEC 2009

V. New Business

17.1 UMES Executive Election Results – Senior Stick

- results posted on UMES website
- Senior Stick: Phil Dompier
- VSA: Gwen Nedohin
- VSE: Megan Lusty
- Senator: Adam Coolidge
- UMSU Reps: Kathryn Hearson, Travis Friesen

17.2 Transition Reports – Senior Stick

- reports on how to do your job; last year's reports will be sent back to you and can be updated; include what you learnt
- will be given to next year's council for easier transition

17.3 Post-referendum Rally to Government – UMES Executive

- Thursday, March 29th
- have everything sorted out, just need people to help
- speakers: president of APEGM, consulting engineers of MB, Steve Woodrow, someone from UMSU, need a faculty member, contacted government to see if they want a speaker
- need building permit for red lion
- making signs next week: cover with paper and paint on them next Tuesday and Wednesday at noon
- making class presentations next week
- need help with presentations, making signs, getting word out
- motion on table with faculty council tomorrow about class absences
- transportation is being looked at
- next rally meeting is 10:30 a.m. on March 23rd

17.4 Budget Amendment for Rally – Executive

- Motion: supporting feed the lion
- despite initial budget, we have enough money to support the rally

- tech socs and UMSU also supporting; sending email out to professionals for monetary support

Motion to add a budget line to the VSE budget for the amount of \$1000 for legislature demonstration supplies and logistics

Motion Passed Unanimously

17.5 Student Involvement Credit Forms – Senior Stick

- fill out forms, Steve will approve it, there will be a not on your transcript saying you were involved in UMES this year

- forms will be in office, folder on corkboard

17.6 Looking forward to a new UMES Council – Senior Stick

- exec was working on this before the referendum, but did not have chance to implement before the election; looking at how UMES can be improved

- “new” UMES council: regroup directorships, add team leaders, other minor tweaks (structure ‘bubbles’ presented)

- current selection process is inefficient/time consuming; have rigorous selection process for team leaders, then team leader participates in picking groups

- Discussion:

Trevor Friesen: *Can chair position be incorporated into other parts?* Chair positions work well for getting that specific task done; different types of people are interested in these positions

Daryl Godkin: *Communications team should have main person in charge of passwords/website so there aren't security issues.* Need someone formally responsible, arrangements will need to be worked out between leader and group

Janet Young: *Sprit chair should be somehow connected to events.* Can work with events, but also works with tech socs and the band (groups that don't really follow with what we do)

Trevor Friesen: *Is the academic advisor an appointed or elected member of exec?* Appointed

Dario Schor: *How are votes split? Does every member on council have a vote?* Issue needed to be worked out; doesn't work if exec has more votes than rest of council if only one vote per directorship; need to make sure one directorship cannot take over; possibly 2/3 votes per directorship

Dario Schor: *Can chairs vote?* Probably a good idea; encourage involvement in meetings and make them more part of council

- group leaders good idea, allow for accountability

- directorships “loose” in the way that we don't need to do every job under their directorship; easier to do new things/not do things if we don't have enough people

- may be a problem with finding team leaders each year; natural team leaders usually form; some may be harder to fill (ie. Events where there is one per month)

- passing idea on to new exec to do what they want with

- Steve's new office/lounge plan:
 - would be possible to book large lounge for parties/beer bashes; put photocopier in UMES office; if nothing valuable in lounge it could be kept open all night
 - door between lounge and office would keep office more open to lounge
 - give up E3 basement space for Dean's conference room
 - new storage room twice as big

VI. Reports To Council

- *CE course*: still need more volunteers; CFES not getting back in terms of money, meeting soon; may have to defer to next year
- *EC*: keep passwords protected; website updated
- *Promos*: put up posters from recent events
- *Engenda*: created open-source engenda website with information/formulas (after Steve's presentation at CFES)
- *Grad*: iron ring ceremony was last night; grad dinner/dance on March 31st at Inn at the Forks, tickets at window
- *Outreach*: March 2nd outreach day, went really well
- *PR*: waiting on cheque from career fair
- *Pubs*: Redlion sent for printing; 'redloin' edition will be out soon
- *Spirit*: band playing at rally
- *Sports*: last spongee went well
- *Yearbook*: last year's yearbook is in
- *Senator*: done on senate, except for appeals committee
- *VSA*: scrawl on wall/bearpit last week; scrawl went well, near bathrooms, works better without markers, cut down on badmouthing; bearpit last Wednesday, few people came with comments
- *Senior Stick*: last council meeting of the year on April 4th, transition council meeting, Phil will chair, bring people selected/wanting to be on council; UMES year end party at Steve's house, will send out information soon; having exam cram again, will need volunteers

VII. Adjournment – 6:57 p.m.

Motion to adjourn

Moved by: VSE

Seconded by: Treasurer

Motion passed