

Minutes

UMES Council Meeting 08S-9

2008 November 5

5:30 p.m.

E2-350 EITC

Present: Kathryn Hearson, Megan Lusty, Dave Barchyn, Ryley Davidson, Steve Bohrn, Michael Guberman, Kathryn Marcynuk, Matthew Miller, Bryce Miller, Dave Enns, Robyn Tarrant, Marcelo Dubiel, Keith Edie, Brady Gmiterek, Kathy Fedirchuk, Jared Marr, Simon Cooke, Mark Hearson, Matthew Fair, Derek Neufeld, Romain Coudiere, John Grogan, Kaitlin Fritz, Trevor Gascoyne, Tyler Grant, Ahsun Qureshi, Dr. Jason Morrison, Noelle Vialoux

Absent with Regrets: Ryan Gryba, Burke Libbey, Tim Herd, Britta Borchers, Trevor Price, Brent Malcolm

Absent: Leah Wong, Steve Foubert, Lisa Pohl, Kevin Morgenstern, Brendan Rempel, Bao Nguyen, Nathan Kehler, Matt de Monye, Nikou Jalayeri

I. Call to Order – 5:31 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: VSA

Seconded by: Promos

Motion passed

III. Approval of Minutes from 2008 October 22 (08S-8) meeting

Moved by: ESG1

Seconded by: VSE

Motion passed

IV. Old Business

- No old business

V. New Business

9.1 Spongee Tournament – *Sports*

- Spongee will be on November 22
- It is still in the process of being organized, but the rink is booked (Dakota)
- More information will be sent out closer to the tournament date

9.2 November Beer Bash – *Socials*

- Socials would like to thank everyone for their help on Halloween
- The next beer bash will be on November 28, which is also Matt Fair's birthday
- It will be held in E2-229, which has a 300 person capacity
- Advertising has not started yet, but will start soon, and the beer bash will be advertised within our faculty as well as to the rest of the university

9.3 EngWeek – *EngWeek*

- The schedule for EngWeek has been made, but let Matt Miller know if you have any other ideas
- There will be opening ceremonies on Monday with a speech from the Dean and possibly a cake. Poker night will be that evening
- The pancake breakfasts will start on Tuesday and continue the rest of the week. Tuesday will also be Rumours night, and he is thinking of selling the tickets at cost (\$2) instead of giving them away to encourage people to come
- A tentative Pemby Night has been added on Wednesday, where points will be awarded for coming
- The ski on Thursday has been changed to air bands with karaoke. Thursday is also the deadline for the scavenger hunt
- There is a new competition called "Make Your Mark" in which each team will try to write "EngWeek" somewhere on campus in a creative way (ex. out of snow)
- There is a different point system this year, with points weighted differently for each event. This way events that take more preparation/effort are worth more points
- Geers Take Over Wiseguys will be on Friday, with the closing ceremonies at this time. There will be a new trophy this year. Pubcrawl will also be on Friday night, but the location is still to be determined

9.4 WESST – *VSE*

- Went to the AGM for WESST, where the new executive was elected. She is from UBC and has a lot of leadership experience
- Next year WESST will be hosted by Simon Fraser in BC, so we are looking into travel subsidies since it will be far away again
- U of S was chosen to host WEC in 2011
- There was a trial run of a PD meeting for the WESST executives. The first PD meeting will probably be this spring

9.5 Approval of Financial Statements 07-08 – *VSF*

- UMES Council must pass the financial statements from last year. They show our expenditures and revenues from last year

- The audit passed; it is all balanced
- Motion:
 - Moved by VSF to approve the financial statements for the 2007-2008 school term. Seconded by spirit
 - Motion passed

9.6 Auditor for 08-09 – VSF

- We need to approve BDO as our auditor for this year for our financial statements
- They will be doing all of the student council audits at the U of M
- Motion
 - Moved by VSF to approve BDO as the UMES auditor for the 2008-2009 school term. Seconded by VSI
 - Motion passed

9.7 December 6th Memorial – SS

- The last day of school is December 3, so we will hold the memorial on this day
- Ryan is one of the co-organizers, but he would like some help
- Most of this is planned from last year, but it still needs to be organized for this year. It is a minimal time commitment
- Trevor and Kathy volunteered to help

9.8 Christmas Party – SS

- Potential days were discussed in the last executive meeting. They decided that it would be difficult to fit this in before exams, and came up with three options:
 - Around the end of exams (the 17th or 18th). This could also be difficult because they are weekdays
 - the Saturday before the last week of exams
 - the first weekend in the new year (January 3rd)
- Council took a straw poll and voted to hold the Christmas Party around the end of exams, sometime in December 16th -18th.
- Brady suggested that we hold the party at a restaurant or pub instead of a house, if it is difficult to find someone to host the party on a week night
- Council took a straw poll and voted to hold the party at a house

VI. Reports To Council

EC – nothing to report

Engenda – nothing to report

EngO – Endowment Fund application is submitted

EngWeek – Added that there will be a pancake-eating contest on the Friday. Also, poker will be played with prizes instead of cash

Grad – Steve was trying to get Jaguars nightclub, but we can't book the space on a Friday or Saturday. He is now looking at the Club Regent Hotel, which is bigger but also more expensive. He will be meeting with the Inn at the Forks as well.

Merchandise – Currently going through everything that was left the lockers last over the summer and deciding what to do with it. They are thinking of selling the textbooks. This was discussed in exec meeting, and some people were against the idea of profiting off of other student's textbooks. Council discussed the matter today, and someone suggested creating a resource library in UMES, although it was decided that this would not be feasible. Council decided on two options: selling the textbooks or donating them to the library. A straw poll was inconclusive, so it was decided that the executive council would make the final decision. Lisa will be getting the logo for the brown jacket confirmed soon, and they are putting in another order for clothing. Winter shifts have been assigned and will be sent out in December. The shirt design competition will probably be in January – this could be incorporated with EngWeek

Outreach – The first Outreach day is next Thursday. There are about 60 registrants so far, but more are being allowed to sign up even though the deadline has passed. They are looking for volunteers to be buddy leaders and crewmembers. Kathryn H. suggested that they contact the EngO buddy leaders about this. Britta is organizing the lab tours, and is trying to include all of the departments

PR – The Wine & Cheese event will be on Thursday, November 27th. They are currently in the process of recruiting professionals. There will be 100 tickets for sale, with hopefully a 2/3 professional to student ratio. Tickets will be \$10 for students and \$30 for professionals - let PR know if you know someone who might like an invitation. They have been in contact with CEM to invite professionals from there. If you have ideas to enhance the event, let PR know. One idea is to let companies pay for some time to present. Toastmaster is still open for registration, and meetings are on Monday. They plan is to keep the club as a sub-entity of UMES for this year, but expand it to its own club next

Pi-Throw – nothing to report

Promos – The endowment fund application has been submitted for \$1000 because the physical plant bill charged for 17.25 hours at \$40 an hour plus materials. Will work on a banner for Spongee, or find the banner from last year. Their tape keeps disappearing, so please put it back after you use it. They will hopefully set up a meeting with the Dean to discuss the price for the calendar. Great job on the Halloween Spiderman poster!

Pubs – No prizes have been given away yet, and the next red lion will probably not be out for a while.

Socials – nothing to add to above

Spirit – The jerseys finally came in, although they are not perfect. People are needed to volunteer for the inflatable bouncer at the November beer bash. Drink the Town Dry is November 14th and tickets will probably be on sale by Monday.

Sports – As mentioned above, Spongee is on November 22. Volunteers are needed, and you can sign up to volunteer even if you are playing. Certain volunteer position will require UMSAFE. Ice time starts at 11:00 pm, and the Great Hall will open at 10:00pm. They have been talking to the head of Kinesiology about an inter-faculty dodgeball tournament. The possible date for this is November 19th from 12:00-3:30 in one of the Frank Kennedy gyms. Kinesiology is thinking of having a full 20-person dodgeball court with obstacles, with whoever shows up from each faculty. However, UMES thought it would be a better idea to have engineers sign up to play. They don't think that gym passes will be needed

Yearbook – If you have any pictures of UMES events, or take any such pictures, put them on the UMES Photobucket account. Brent is currently working on the title page for the yearbook; it's due in about a month so if you have any ideas let him know. He has also contacted his frosh intern

Secretary – nothing to report

VSA – Everything is set to go for Bear Pit, and the pizza will be ordered tonight. Scrawl on the Wall is going well, and hasn't needed much censoring. Ryley will talk to classes on Friday about Bear Pit, and encourages other UMES members to announce it to their classes as well. He had a Senate meeting, and found out that two graduate courses are being added to ECE (Broadband and Communication Networks, and Distributed Energy Generation). Travis Friesen brought to Ryley's attention a rumour that university has received funding from the government but engineering did not receive any of this funding. This was later confirmed by Mitch Tripple

VSC – nothing to report

VSE – WEC applications are due this Friday. He is looking to bring as many teams as possible, especially since we are taking a bus. He asked the council whether sending blanket e-mails about conferences a good way to get the information to students. The council felt that e-mails should be sent, but that they should be in conjunction with other advertising. It was also suggested that the e-mails be sent in pdf form by members of student council rather than staff, and that events be posted on the giant calendar

VSF – nothing to add to above

VSI – The photocopier company lost some of the paperwork to pick up the old photocopier, but it should be picked up next week

VSS – Went to UMSU meeting, and learned that they want to change the constitution. He is on the committee in charge of this, and found that the constitution review will be in depth - every line will be read and checked for ambiguities. They also talked about the “alternative spring break” which gives students the option to go to El Salvador and help out people there. There are 2 projects: steps down a mountain, water filtration. This is from February 10th -22nd. UMSU is also talking about changing student parking to be a universal parking pass – which UMES thinks is a bad idea

SS – She will be meeting with the Dean tomorrow, and will set up a meeting with the Dean and Promos probably next week. She reminded directorships to get their Endowment Fund applications in because they are due next Friday. Council photos are before the next meeting starting at 5:00pm so the meeting will start at 6:00pm. The Constitution Committee will probably not meet until next term

Dr. Morrison – Nothing to report

VII. Adjournment – 6:34 p.m.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved by: VSA

Seconded by: VSE

Motion passed