

CONCORDIA ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting #7

Date: Monday, November 10th, 2014
EV 2.184, 1515 Ste-Catherine Ouest, 8:30 pm

Agenda (as amended)

1. [Call to order](#)
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3. [Appointment of Secretary](#)
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 - a. [2nd Annual Student Congress](#)
 - b. [Minors for Engineers](#)
 - c. [Lizard Lounge](#)

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- d. [Approval of Council 2014-10-20 \(#6\) Minutes](#)
- 10. [Announcements](#)
- 11. [Adjournment](#)

Minutes

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 8:43PM.

2. Roll Call

In Attendance

Executives

President, Emma Saboureau
VP Academic, Katherine Kokmanian
VP External, Kyle Arseneau
VP Finance, Dante Trunzo
VP Internal, Michael Davila
VP Marketing, Vlad Nekrashevych
VP Social, Amal Bouanani
VP Sports and Competitions, Kim Yeung

Representatives

MIE, Dilani Abeywickrama
ECE, Ramez Al Aghbar
BCEE, Melissa Nielsen
CSE, Sam Assaf

Societies

CASI, represented by Paul Vajdva
CSCE, represented by Chris Morin
CUBES, represented by Meaghan Mueller
EngGames, represented by James Fradette
IEEE, represented by Gordon Bailey
NSBE, represented by Oreluwa Ajayi
SAE, represented by Hubert Berezowski
SCS, represented by Geneviève Chafouleas
SEC, represented by Michael Banks
Space Concordia, represented by Mehdi Sabzalian

Absent

Societies

ASHRAE
CSME
EWB
IIE
WIE

3. Appointment of Secretary

BIRT Chuck Wilson is appointed as the Secretary of Council for the academic year. (President, VP Finance)

Motion passes

4. Approval of Agenda

BIRT the agenda is approved as amended. (President, BCEE)

Motion passes

5. Consent Agenda

The following items were approved by consent.

- a. Approval of Council 2014-10-06 (#5) Minutes

6. External Presentations and Guest Speakers

- a. Bryan Gingras - VP Communications of CRÉIQ

Purpose of CRÉIQ

CRÉIQ has existed in various legal forms since 1975, having been destroyed and reconstructed several times. In 1990, EngGames was created as a part of CoFIQ, the precursor to CRÉIQ that existed at that time. In 1992, it was restructured such that EngGames became its own organization.

CRÉIQ's mission is to gather 14 engineering student societies across the province of Quebec, and to protect, promote and defend the interests, accomplishments, and development of those member societies. It also promotes engineering to the general public.

CRÉIQ is given mandates through their four congresses that happen throughout the year.

Some of their major accomplishments

The memorandum on engineering ethics. They did surveys asking students whether they thought that education actually prepared them for ethics in the real world. The answer was no. So, they wrote up a document with recommendations and presented it to the Charbonneau commission.

They also sought a legal opinion on how the Canadian Anti-Spam Law, which recently came into effect, applies to engineering student societies.

Recently, ECA has been spearheading bilingualism and inclusivity efforts within CRÉIQ.

Members duties within CRÉIQ:

- To be present during congresses
- To poll their student bodies on different topics of discussion at CRÉIQ
- To get involved with various CRÉIQ initiatives
- To generally give advice n' stuff

CRÉIQ's duties to its member societies:

- Facilitate communications between member societies
- Promote mutual aid and members' shared interests
- Represent all CRÉIQ member societies when mandated to do so

7. Appointments

There were no appointments to be made at the meeting.

8. Returning Business

There was no returning business at the meeting.

9. New Business**a. 2nd Annual Student Congress**

The first Concordia Student Congress (CSC) was held last March, and the current VP Academic of CSU will be holding a second one on November 20th. It is an assembly of all Concordia departmental associations which allows them to forge common visions related to student governance. Each departmental association receives one vote. (Since ENCS does not have departmental associations, the ECA essentially receives one vote for each department.) For a motion to pass, a 90% majority approval must be reached. Also, if all present representatives from a single faculty oppose a motion, it will not pass. Essentially, it is designed to seek mandates common to all students, rather than having the balance of power held by arts and science students, as is the case with CSU council.

President mentioned the IP policy motion which passed at last year's CSC and originated at ECA Council. That gave rise to a working group which drafted a new IP policy, which has just been approved at ENCS Faculty Council. ECA already has a list of motions prepared for the upcoming congress.

Information regarding CSC will be distributed to Councillors via email. If anyone is interested in attending or representing the ECA, contact President or VP Academic.

b. Minors for Engineers

BCEE talked about how engineering students can't take minors. There appears to be no justification for this being the case, other than administrative complication. Most other schools in Canada allow their engineering students to pursue minors, and all other faculties at Concordia allow it, so it's kind of stupid that Concordia does not.

EngGames noted that, while it is against official rules to do a minor, the department itself can be approached directly. BCEE countered that some students have already attempted that and have been flat out rejected. She would like it to be brought to CSC and future ENCS Faculty Council meetings.

CSE noted that CS students can, and sometimes must, take minors. He stated that the problem with minors in engineering is the credit load of the degree, and that he believes it is possible to pursue a minor in engineering, but one must have very good grades.

SAE asked if there were any known reasons for disallowing minors other than credit-load or time-to-graduation concerns. EngGames said it is also a fiscal issue, in that it costs the University money to have students studying. And as the courses involved in a minor would not be part of CEAB¹ requirements, they don't see it as being an investment in their own students.

CSE noted that for most degrees in the humanities, a major consists of 45 core credits and 45 elective credits, where the elective credits can be chosen such that it fulfils the requirements for a particular minor. Such a system is obviously not the case for engineering degrees.

BCEE reiterated that most other Canadian universities allow engineers to pursue minors, so it's odd that Concordia would be financially strained by engineering minors. She also noted that a united voice of ENCS students requesting minors is more likely to enact change in Faculty administration than single individuals approaching them.

NSBE raised the point that international and out-of-province students have to take extra credits as part of their degree, so the financial argument is logically inconsistent.

IEEE agreed with BCEE that there should be a push for minors -- to replace the regulations currently in place with ones that work for all ENCS students. She noted how she specifically chose to not pursue a degree in engineering for a while specifically because she couldn't do a minor.

VP External said he would discuss this matter at the next CREIQ meeting, and poll the schools in attendance on whether they allow minors in engineering. The information will be brought forward for the Council meeting of 2014-12-01.

¹ The CEAB is the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board, the body that accredits all engineering programs in Canada. One can not practice engineering without a degree from a Board-approved program. See: <http://www.engineerscanada.ca/accreditation>

President noted that we don't have an official response from the ENCS Faculty on why they disallow minors, which should motivate the ECA to pursue this issue with a common front.

CSE suggested that students take the classes required for a minor regardless of whether the University recognizes it beforehand. He feels that they will recognize the minor if all of the courses have been taken. He also asked why double majors were not considered as well.

BIRT the ECA recommends that the ENCS Faculty implement minors for students enrolled in Engineering programs. (President, EngGames)

Motion passes

c. Lizard Lounge

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(President, SCS)

VP Social noted that she sent an email to all societies stating that ice must be picked up by the society hosting the Lizard Lounge and delivered to the B-annex by 2PM the day of the Lizard Lounge. While not a part of the motion, she expects societies to comply.

CSCE asked whether the ice comes out of the \$150 allocated to each society for their Lizard Lounge, the answer to which being yes.

IEEE asked whether it was just alcohol that will be served in the pink cups, or if all drinks must have their own container. The answer was that all drinks must be served in a container, and that attendees from other schools may have their own cups.

Motion passes (VP Social abstains)

d. Approval of Council 2014-10-20 (#6) Minutes

BIRT the minutes from the 2014-10-20 Council meeting are approved with the following amendments:

- *Sam Assad is changed to Sam Assaf*
- *The speaker noted as WIE is changed to MIE*

(SCS, CUBES)

Motion Passes

10. Announcements

EngGames

The delegation is chosen.

CSE

There are incoming curriculum changes for CSE. The department is seeking feedback on any and all matters regarding undergraduate curriculum.

Space Concordia

Two weeks ago, the president of the Canadian Space Agency came to Concordia and hung out with Space Concordia members. It was pretty cool, but he's now no longer the president of the CSA, so that sucks.

VP External

ECCC wants contact information for student associations in engineering and commerce across Canada. If you know of any, please send their contact information to VP External. Patches are done and shipped and on the way. Some will be given away to competing teams, others will be sold for \$2. When stock is low, more will be ordered.

President

ECA is still waiting for documents from some societies relating to Equipment Fund. Dr. Akgunduz, the associate dean for academic programs, has said the Faculty is trying to figure out the process for funding societies. He says that often the requests are not as complete as they want them to be. President asked that all societies send such requests to the ECA before sending them to the faculty, so that the ECA can go over them.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:37PM. (President, CSCE)

Motion passes

Summary of Important Motions

Item 3:

BIRT Chuck Wilson is appointed as the Secretary of Council for the academic year.

Item 9b:

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Item 9c:

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