

WEEF Board of Directors Meeting

March 14, 2005

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Attendance

Katherine Chiang – WEEF A-Soc Director
Karim Lallani – President, Engineering Society B
Matt Paznar – A-Soc Student Representative
Chris Pieneman - B-Soc Student Representative
Bill Pudifin – Executive Assistant to the Dean, WEEF BOD Observer
Adel Sedra – Dean of Engineering
Mike Spendlove – WEEF B-Soc Director (Chair of meeting)
Jeremy Taylor - B-Soc Student Representative
Timo Vainionpaa – Dean Recommended Alumni Representative
Denis Viens – Alumni Representative
Ryan Walker – Former WEEF A-Soc Director and Observer

Absent

Ellen Kaye-Cheveldayoff – A-Soc Student Representative
Nick Lawler – President, Engineering Society A
Matt Stevens – Alumni Representative

Meeting called to order at 4:30 PM

1.1 Approval of Minutes from Jan. 13, 2005 (Special Board Meeting)

Motion proposed by Denis, second by Katherine. Passed unanimously.

2.1 Approval of Agenda

Amendments: Added an item to discuss architecture's move to Engineering.
Motioned by Denis, seconded by Matt. Passed unanimously.

3.1 Review of Winter 2005 Term

3.1.1 Participation Rates

- 4B classes have significantly lower participation rates
- Denis: low participation in ECE possibly linked to Anti-WEEF posters
- Overall participation: almost 70%
- Ryan: Some students going to EngSoc office for refund.

3.1.2 Funding Decision

- Funding Council decision heavily weighted towards student teams likely due to student apathy at funding dept responsibilities.
- Denis: Why did some depts receive a disproportionately amount of funding? E.g. Mech and ECE each received far more than the others. Also, student teams typically purchase consumables; dept tend to purchase longer-lasting tools and equipment.
- Outstanding concern that WEEF is funding dept responsibilities should be addressed with a clear statement/answer.
- Dean Sedra suggested a 50/50 split for each and every proposal. He also said he could provide us with a list to show that the Student teams and depts are still given lots of money from the Faculty.
- Motion to approve funding decision made by Denis, seconded by Matt. Passed unanimously.
- NOTE: Director should inform all 'proposers' (and Mary Bland) of the funding decision.

4.1 Bylaw Ratification

- By laws did not pass at last BOD meeting due to no quorum, also did not pass at funding council due to several reasons. We will have to vote next term to pass the bylaws.

5.1 WEEF Finances

- Financial Summary of WEEF provided by Matt. (Please contact the WEEF Director for the handouts.)
- Average participation rate for past year: 72.4%
- Dept of Finance has recommended 4% expenditure. Recommended spending \$75,000 per term for next three terms.
- No major upcoming admin expenditures.
- Numerous outstanding funding grants of \$70,456.00
 - Bill: Should increase communication with teams to avoid this gap. Also, should enforce the spending deadline. (Already in proposed new by-laws.)

6.1 Other business

- Motion to approve Mary Bland's salary proposed by Matt, seconded by Jeremy. Passed unanimously. Motion to submit a letter to HR regarding Mary's employment by WEEF proposed by Matt, seconded by Mike.
- All info, including admin expenses, will now be cleared through Mary.
- Email will be sent to BOD regarding Frosh Week WEEF promotion.
- Student teams with many members who obtain refunds will be petitioned by WEEF to promote the Foundation.
- Alumni issues: Should we encourage Alumni feedback for proposals? How do we know who is giving to WEEF through UW Development?
- Architecture move to Engineering: A comprehensive document will be circulated within a few weeks. (Contact Matt Paznar or the WEEF director for copies.)

7.1 Adjournment (and hastening to the AGM...)

- Proposed by Denis, seconded by Katherine. Passed unanimously.

8.1 Annual General Meeting

- For details of the slide presentation, please contact Mike Spendlove