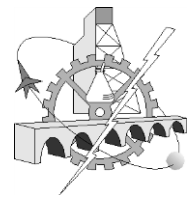


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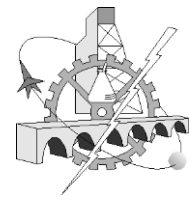
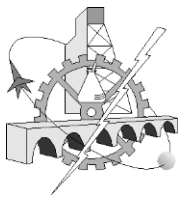


# Agenda IV

## Live Free or Council Hard

S.E.S.S. Council Meeting

November 30th 2015



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### 1. Call to Order

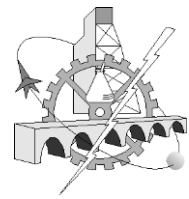
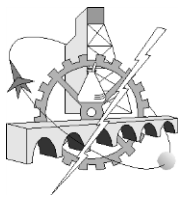
The chair calls the meeting to order at: 19:03

Student groups present: USST, USITE, AERO, Huskie, EWB, SPECTRUM,

Discipline societies present: See tracker.

#### i. Godiva's Hymn

A Usask engineer once found the gates of Hell  
He looked the devil in the eye, and said "You're looking well"  
The devil looked right back at him, and said "Why visit us-  
You've been through Hell already; when you went to U of S!"

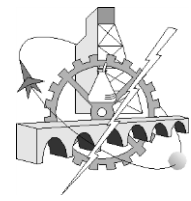
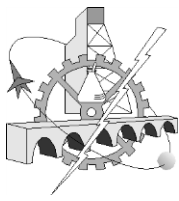


## 2. Adoption of the Agenda

<b>Proposal 01</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	Agenda
<b>Mover:</b>	
<b>Goal:</b>	To establish the order of proceedings for the Council Meeting.
<b>BIRT:</b>	The Agenda be adopted as displayed on screen.
<b>Result:</b>	Passed
<b>For:</b>	23
<b>Against:</b>	0
<b>Abstain:</b>	0

## 3. Approval of Minutes [Last Council Meeting Minutes]

<b>Proposal 02</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	Previous Minutes
<b>Mover:</b>	
<b>Goal:</b>	To officially approve minutes from the previous Council meeting.
<b>BIRT:</b>	The members acknowledge that the minutes are correct as circulated through email and can be officially adopted.
<b>Result:</b>	Passed
<b>For:</b>	23
<b>Against:</b>	0
<b>Abstain:</b>	0



## 4. Updates

### *President*

- Winter formal went well.
- Possible re-structuring of elections.
- Check Eng-Info Reports for more information

### *Student Affairs*

- Finals tutorials being planned. Need tutorials and tutors!
- Georges was off for 6 weeks and needed time off so he retired and will become professor emeritus.
- Phoenix is back in January but Sparling has his job till then and will be dean until he comes back.
- Lengthy search coming up likely.
- FYC: wrapping up for term basically.
- Q: two town halls this term and they have both been less than stellar, is the SESS dealing with them at all?
- A Jeff: the first one was on the same night as events and the second one they didn't like the ideas so they picked their own and then held it at 4:30 on Monday during a math midterm. So it has been difficult to work with them. I'm going to try to take ideas to the student center and Sparling for better turnout.

### *Finances*

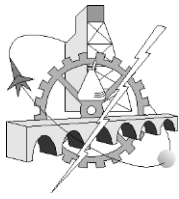
- Dean's funding, still issues but should be going out next week
- New problem paper distributor so we are likely out for this week until next week.
- Out of cheques so we got a bunch but they need to come in.
- Q: email regarding deans funding/
- A: yes as soon as it is figured out I will email
- Can try to reimburse with cash but no guarantees.

### *Logistics*

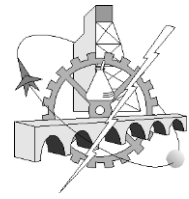
- R&P: stunt with car and stuff, took a few tries but we got it in. we made history. kinda
- Tank was vandalized so if you know anything talk to the SESS. Police report was filed.

### *Admin*

- MSDS sheets have decided to remain paper based.
- Revision to lock down procedure, the yellow boxes will alert people as to what is occurring.
- Student groups can get email addresses from the SESS with @SESS.usask.ca domain names for you.
- Website: Updating calendar with dates and stuff.
- If you want events posted emails [webmaster@sess.usask.ca](mailto:webmaster@sess.usask.ca)
- Also can go on big calendar in lounge.
- Shaun cleaned the lounge this weekend too.
- More photos for year book especially from student groups. Please send to [yearbook@sess.usask.ca](mailto:yearbook@sess.usask.ca)



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- Website gets more posts now and we've gotten twelve to thirteen hundred hits for how long we have been tracking.

### *Corporate Relations*

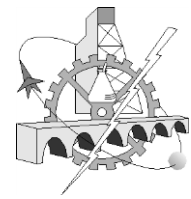
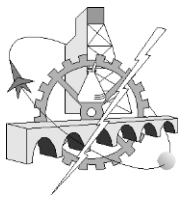
- Winter formal happened and went really well.
- Charity: Movember has gone well and we are still selling shirts
- More Fo' stuff needed.
- Q: email reminders of Fo' articles?
- A: don't want to hassle people with emails or act like their mothers.

### *External*

- APEGS gave everyone a bunch of money and the SESS got 13 grand.
- WESST admin meeting and not much happened other than congress preparation.
- WEC fees are done and everyone should be registered.
- Going to make a bit at Congress to hold WESST EM '17
- If you would like to help or take part talk to Mitch to get info.
- Waiting for cheques for all of our conferences and other people who need them
- Carolling is happening on 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of finals
- Alumni: CJ Mack on 26<sup>th</sup> of January and they want lots of students so they can network and get valuable experience. Also want help getting alumni so if you know any get them to contact the college.
- Q: Tickets to CJ Mack?
- A: 20 dollars and available tomorrow in SESS office.

### *Events*

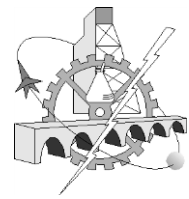
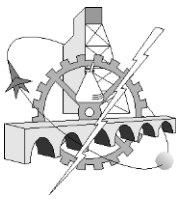
- Lounge pub happened
- Winter formal also happened
- Events are a thing
- Josh studies
- Rec Board: haven't gone to meetings yet.
- Formal apology because I was drinking during formal and was inappropriate during Sports E's, I should learn to handle my liquor better.
- Q: possibility of having a dance in lounge instead of just lounge pub, more activities and less just drinking.
- A: Yaas absolutely.
- Q any days for 40 bxxr?
- A: as soon as I get interest for sure.



## 5. Old Business

<b>Proposal 01</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	Updated Arm Bars
<b>Mover:</b>	Evan Potts, Seconded Emma Greendale
<b>Goal:</b>	To create a new arm bar
<b>Whereas:</b>	There are arm bars lacking from the traditions and traditions manual.
<b>BIRT:</b>	Section 5.4 of the Traditions Manual be updated to include items (uu) <b>M.E.D.S.</b> – Medicine Executive Doing Sex (vv) <b>P.I.L.L.</b> – Pharmacist Intercourse with Loyal Leader
<b>Result:</b>	Passed
<b>For:</b>	24
<b>Against:</b>	0
<b>Abstain:</b>	1

<b>Proposal 2</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	Emergency Vote
<b>Mover:</b>	Executive
<b>Goal:</b>	To create policy for the Board of Directors to vote on a time-sensitive motion without meeting in person
<b>Whereas:</b>	The Board of Directors meets once a month, making it difficult to pass time-sensitive items
<b>Be It Resolved That:</b>	Article VI, Section 7 of the policy manual be created to read:



	<p><b>Section 7 Emergency Vote</b></p> <p>1.1 In the case that there is a time sensitive motion that must be discussed by the Board of Directors, the following can be used as a method to pass or fail a motion without a meeting, assuring that all board members are notified and all respond with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote in order to pass the motion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) an email addressed to the Board Secretary;</li> <li>b) a letter to the Board Secretary;</li> <li>c) a text message to the Board Secretary.</li> </ul> <p>1.3 All emergency votes will be tabulated and recorded, and sufficient evidence of each vote received be attached to the agenda of the next board meeting.</p>
<b>Result:</b>	Passed/Failed
<b>For:</b>	22
<b>Against:</b>	0
<b>Abstain:</b>	2

Q: 2/3rds limit and no time frame? Might catch people off guard.

All results being tabulated at next meeting?

Christian: we do have email or emergency conference calls for another national committee.

Change wording: 14 for 7 abstentions, 2 against.

## Can I Pay with Card Report

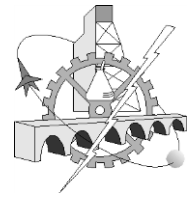
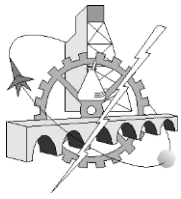
- See Appendix
- Seems good but tabled until next meeting.
- Won't charge more for card if there is a transaction fee.

## Do We Do it Better?

- Update
- Mitch is spearheading this and will have it done on time.

## 6. New Business

- None



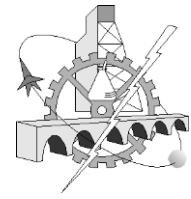
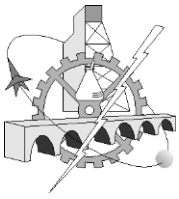
## 7. Discussion

- Shaun: Decorating the lounge?
- We might have some left over from the tank. Lounge budget could be put to that as well.
- Talk to Emma as well.

## 8. Adjournment

At this time, 20:30, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting  
Motioned by Christian Nielsen, seconded by Matt Hill





## Appendix

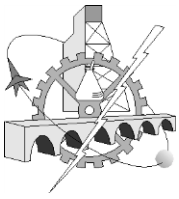
### “Can I Pay With Card” A Look at the Viability of Wireless Transactions

Why do people use debit/credit cards? People tend towards these cash cards because of the fact it is a) easy to do b) it is a secure process, and c) beneficial to the customer. According to Creditcards.com, It is assumed that as of 2014, the average American carries upon them 2.6 credit or debit cards upon them. Taking this into account, we can assume that almost everyone who passes a booth selling tickets could purchase something if cards could be accepted. When looking at the key reasons of why people pay with card, we need to take into effect their consequences when looking at a wireless payment method. On our side however we are not currently in a position we can spend a ton of money on this when we already have one Moneris machine as is. As of such we also need to take into effect how cost effective each operation is. The two major candidates we have to look at are the Square app that allows people to use their cards over a tablet or smartphone, and a Wireless Moneris Machine.

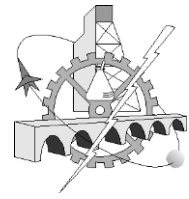
One of the key things that credit companies and bank's market to the world is the easiness of their product. With a Credit/Debit card on hand you need not worry about having to carry a wad of cash wherever you go and you can check and manage your card status online through apps or online websites. Although we can't improve the credit card process we can take into effect the time and ease of use of each process. The wireless Moneris Machine works on the same basis as any store's credit machine and as of such the process required to operate such a machine is hard drilled into any person who has had their card for a while. Square on the other hand takes a different approach and the first time using these machines can have an off feeling. That being said Square is as easy most of the time as just a swipe of the card so the two process are not far off in terms of ease of use.

Security is necessary when it comes to these operations for it is the feeling not just of being safe but actively protected from the evils of the world. Moneris is a company that was formed on the basis of wireless transactions and as of such is a well known and secure enterprise. Square on the other hand is not as well known around and can seem quite questionable to those who don't know what it is. However, that being said Square does take methods to ensure that all transactions are safe and secure with little room of error. The only issues when it comes to deciding the safer alternative is something called perceived security. Although option A and B may hypothetically be just as safe, the well known operation A will be used without a second thought on the customer's part, but new operation B may turn a few people away if only because they are unfamiliar with the process and thus are unsure if it is truly safe or a quick scam. Thus on the basis of a potential risk to sales, Moneris is the winner on notes of security.

Now one of the most important things we are looking for in a transaction process at the moment is cost. Despite the initial cost of buying units, every wireless transaction carries a slight fee on the basis of the Organization running it. For Moneris the fee varies based on what major banking service was used (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, Etc.) and is an overall flat fee, this is in addition to the one-time installation fee (\$75) and monthly fees (\$55). Square on the other hand does not charge installation fees and actually sends a card reader to free to anyone signed up to do business with them. This does not however mean Square does not charge fees, they charge a flat rate of either 2.75% or 3.5% of a transaction. with the



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variable relying on if the card is swiped or just manually punched in. This is great on purchases as it means you never lose money on a debit transaction. However, it does mean that the more expensive the transaction the more money you pay, considering that the main price range the tickets we will sell occupy (\$5-\$40), That is roughly 15 cents to \$1.20 per transaction. In the long run it looks like Square is the winner on the bang to buck ratio.

After taking a look at the two major contenders for wireless transactions it looks like the two sides are quite close with Square being slightly ahead due to the severity of an affordable process. It is for these reasons that I believe (**We will replace this with “We, the SESS” if agreed upon**) that Square is the better operation to proceed with. The process may seem new and odd to some however as is CHES already has switched towards this process and has seen good results from it and if we start using it now it will be no problem in the months to come. The decision mostly came down to the fact that by far it is cheaper then Moneris although I wouldn't yet recommend we switch towards Square on an Engineering store basis until the effectivity of the wireless transactions is seen through with.

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