

The Engineers' Council : MINUTES

MEETING FOR 17 APRIL 2006

DH HOUSE, 609 21ST STREET N.W.

MODERATING:

JOHN FARRELL, President
ROCHELLE REARDON, Vice President
MIKE FARRELL, Treasurer

MINUTES BY:

MATTHEW KNOUSE, Secretary

THOSE PRESENT:

E-Council Executive Board, student organisation representatives, and guests.

1. **Welcome!** -*John Farrell*

1.1) Welcome to Arti, Sophomore representative

2. **Old Business:** - *John Farrell*

2.1) Last meeting: We are distributing a survey to all groups for feedback about ecouncil this year. Please put all surveys in the survey drop box outside tompkins 207. They were not ready last meeting, so members were to up copies for each of their members. They are geared more towards undergraduates, sorry, but it would be great if all applicable grads could fill it out as well. They are due ASAP.

3. **New Business:** - *John Farrell*

3.1) Recruitment of Freshmen into Groups: Students are not getting involved enough!
Suggestions: Get the word out at CI. John has spoken with Howard David and hopefully we can get folks involved in these groups or at least exposed at this event.
Suggestions: Get the word out at the Getaway, pending what is planned for events.

NOTE: John would like groups to check their members' availabilities so that they can come along and get the word out for each of these student organisations, if possible, at these respective events.

3.2) Remodelling the Ecouncil office: We will be remodelling the office to make it functional for office hours starting next year. This will involve the purchase of a new computer, as well as general renovations such as cleaning and painting.

4. **Other Business:**

From Rochelle Reardon, Vice President

4.1) Stress Free Event: There will be a BBQ and activities gathering held, from the proposed hours of 5:30 to 8:30, as students are able to make it. We want to sponsor some sort of activity, like a dunk tank, slip-n-slide, etc, as well as a DJ for kids to do stuff. May 4th is the tentative date for this event.

NOTE: We need people to help set up and take down the event. Please look into your schedules to volunteer.

4.2) Foggy Bottom Cleanup: There is an event for foggy bottom cleanup. The form to enter is due by Friday, and there will be free pizza on Cogan Plaza. If you need additional information please contact Rochelle, via email, etc.

From Mike Farrell, Treasurer

4.3) Reimbursements: SEAS will take back our money on June 30th. All reimbursements must be in by then, preferably by May 14th, when Mike leaves for home.

4.4) Available Funds: There is plenty of money so organisations need not worry about going over budget. Additional funding beyond what is already allocated is available, but the date for usage is approaching. Thus, organisations need to have their sheets in for requests ASAP.

4.5) Funding Allocation: The Engineering Council's voting members decided to donate the amount of \$500.00 to defray costs of student led charity fundraiser.

From John Farrell, President

4.6) Welcome to Vishal Aswani: Vishal will be here to facilitate our connection with the SA. He informs us that there will be several changes to the process, such as budgeting will be due earlier, we will be under more scrutiny. He is here to lobby for our needs, is currently working on the 4th floor lab being open 24hours. Is lobbying for funds to facilitate this.

5. Attendance & Group Reports: - John Farrell

NOTE: John noted that attendance is low, and those not present will be contacted. Those who do not attend may have funding revocation issues next year.

From IEEE

NEWS: Had competitions last week. Had winners in the ethics category. Entered into the robots competition, three robots. There is also the CHEM event, won an event and received honours in other categories.

EVENT: Having a social for the ECE department. Will be a luncheon from around 12-3 on April 28th. All are welcome. Seeking speakers (alumni are being found for public speaking.)

NOTE: Holding elections in the near future.

From NSBE

NEWS: Holding elections next week.

From SWE

NEWS: Holding tours for the incoming freshmen.

EVENT: Having end of month movie night, will be announced via email.

EVENT: Tea is held from 2-4pm each Wednesday.

From Tau Beta Pi

NEWS: Had conference, and GW was represented at this event. Went well and was very informative.

NEWS: Will hold elections probably this weekend. Also initiation will occur at this time.

