Chemical Engineering Students' Society uOttawa

1. Call To Order

Date: 08/29/2026
Location – Lieu: TEAMS

The meeting was called to order at 11:03am with Yasmine Kamal as Chair.

2. Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe Nation. For generations, they have been the stewards of this land, and their deep connection to it continues to this day. We recognize the enduring presence and contributions of the Algonquin people to this region. We also acknowledge the painful history of colonization and the displacement of Indigenous communities from their ancestral lands. We commit ourselves to learning, understanding, and honoring the Algonquin Nation's history and culture. We recognize the importance of working collaboratively to create a more just and equitable future for all who call this land home.

3. Roll Call

Executives:

President: Anjali Kurien, Ryanne Butler
VP Academic: Sofia Loulou
VP Communications: Anne Gallien
VP Equity: Yasmine Kamal
VP Finance: Nathan Goodhope
VP Internal: Ruby Arno Roberts
VP Social: Rita Roustom

Directors: TBD

4. Executive Updates

Co-Presidents:

- For 101 Week, the club will run a table at the club fair on Tuesday, September 8th, with Anjali attending with two other volunteering VPs to answer chess-related questions and showcase merchandise.
- The executive team will encourage students to sign up for directorships, host a mingle session with mini games and compete alongside other sub-associations.
- A department meeting took place in May with professors to discuss planning for the academic year and rebuilding the faculty relationship after a previous falling out.
- Activities ideas aiming for one event per month, which are now available on the shared Google Drive. Planned events include one professor-attended event per semester, a Research Night in January, and a Quebec competition in March featuring tasks and prizes.
- A second department meeting focused on finances is currently being planned for September.
- Building on last year's success in securing a few sponsors, the goal this year is to obtain more for general activities.
- The association received around $200 in summer funding, which will be used to help fund an upcoming event.
- The directorship application form, complete with QR codes, is being finalized for the October meeting to fill in the positions opening this year.
- A board of directors meeting was successfully held with the ESS.

VP Academics:

- Discussions are currently ongoing regarding the organization and scheduling of upcoming student study sessions, resume reviews and conferences.

VP Communications:

- The communications team will create and publish weekly social media posts to consistently boost student engagement.
- A "Meet the VPs" intro post is scheduled to be published in September.
- The association's Linktree profile will be completely redesigned and updated.
- A monthly chemical engineering newsletter will be launched to engage the student body, with a similar format used by the ESS.
- Anjali suggested creating a supplementary newsletter specifically designed for parents.
- The official website will be updated to reflect all information for the new academic year.

VP Equity:

- VP Equity will send the meeting minutes to VP Internal, who will then publish them directly on the association's website.
- Work is underway to update the official constitution for the 2026–2027 academic year.
- Will continue monitoring the social medias account for any equality.

VP Finance:

- The budget has been updated with estimations for activities based on restaurant menus and past student fees, establishing a standard $10 entry fee for attendees.
- Account balances will be updated at the end of each month.
- First time participating at the Quebec competition, which is projected to be less expensive than the annual Canadian conference, taking place in Edmonton this year.
- Merchandise sales are ideally priced to generate a $10 to $15 profit per item sold.

VP Internal:

- Brainstormed potential design ideas for this year's merchandise lineup.
- Printing more than one color on hoodies is expensive, so VP Internal will collaborate with VP Communications to create a student poll to finalize a cost-effective design.
- The association will use Print Parrot, a Toronto-based printing company, for merchandise production because they offer better customer service regarding refunds.
- Discussions are ongoing regarding the idea of creating an official mascot to strengthen the association's brand identity.
- Custom keychains are currently being considered as an additional merchandise option.
- To improve targeted marketing, the team will map out the locations of chemical engineering classes and place promotional materials specifically in those high-traffic areas.
- The association has secured permission to post flyers in the CBY and STEM buildings but needs to provide all the posters to receive an official stamp of approval to prevent them from being torn down.

VP Social:

- The VP Social has reached out to professors regarding an upcoming pool event, noting that a successful event will require a minimum of 35 attendees or the rental of about five pool tables at a rate of $12 per hour.
- The team is considering booking Midway for their half-price hourly rates, or McLaren.
- The pool event should be scheduled to start at 6:00 PM, and VP Social will look into happy hour discounts.
- A Lettuce Meet scheduling link was sent to the professors, which got various availability times. Around six professors are expected to attend, and they will be emailed directly to lock in a confirmed date.
- For winter events, an ice-skating outing on the Rideau Canal could be scheduled for February.

Meeting adjourned at 12:13pm, duration of meeting: 1h10