



Motion: WESST-2008-01

Moved By: WESST Executive

Seconded By: UBC

Whereas: The WESST AGM on October 25th, 2008, requires a chairperson to maintain meeting flow and order.

Be It Resolved That: Keith Kuspira be appointed Chairperson of the 2008 Annual General Meeting of the Western Engineering Students' Societies Team.

Result:Passed

For:9

Against:0

Abstain:1 (UVic A)



Motion Name: WESST-2008-02

Moved By: WESST Executive
Seconded By: U of C

Whereas: The WESST AGM requires a secretary to maintain minutes of the meeting.

Be It Resolved That: Shahrzad Pedram be appointed Secretary of the 2008 Annual General Meeting of the Western Engineering Students' Societies Team.

Result:Passed

For:10

Against:0

Abstain:0



Motion Name: WESST-2008-03

Change of Fees Collection Schedule

Moved By: The WESST Executive

Seconded By: U of A

Goal: To more effectively collect membership fees

Whereas: The CFES regularly releases the undergraduate attendance numbers too late for effective fees invoicing by WESST Retreat.

Be It Resolved That: Article 7 of the constitution be modified from

All member societies will pay student fees to WESST, due annually **at the WESST Retreat**. Membership fees for WESST are set at \$0.25 per undergraduate engineering student registered full-time in a member schools' university. The number of students used in determining the membership fee is that which is reported at the last CFES Congress. The membership is good for one year. Use of these fees is outlined in the Article 6 of the Policy Manual.

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Be It Further Resolved That: Article 6.1 of the Policy Manual be modified from

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Result: Passed

For: 10

Against:0

Abstain:0



Motion Name: WESST-2008-04

Aligning WESST President Replacement Procedures

Moved By: The WESST Executive

Seconded By: U of R

Goal: To clarify the procedures regarding the replacement of the President of WESST

Whereas: Article 7.3.5 contradicts Article 5.2.2 as installed in 2007 at the WESST AGM

5.2.2 Executive Seniority with Regards to Mid-Term Dismissal

The seniority of executive offices in regards to mid-term vacancies only in descending order is as follows, President, VP Communication, VP Finance.

Be It Resolved That:

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Result: Passed

For:10

Against:0

Abstain:0



Motion Name: WESST-2008-05

Travel Algorithm

Moved By: The WESST Executive

Seconded By:

Goal:

Whereas:

Be It Resolved That:

9.1 To minimize the cost of travel for all of the delegates, a cost-sharing algorithm has been created so that each school will have reduced travel costs for up to three delegates for Retreat and four for Olympics. After the max number of delegates, the cost of travel is not covered under the cost-sharing algorithm, and delegates must pay their full cost of travel.

Result: withdrawn

For:

Against:

Abstain:



Motion Name: WESST-2008-06

Moved By: The WESST Executive

Seconded By: U of C

Goal: To remove limitation on the possibilities of first year sessions at WESST retreat

Whereas: WESST can provide useful information on more than just leadership and teamwork.

Be It Resolved That:

8.3.4 Workshops

The workshops in the Retreat portion of the event should be divided into two streams. The first stream should include a number of workshops, discussion groups, roundtables and speeches on topics that are relevant to senior attendees of WESST. The second stream should include presentations and workshops geared towards building **teamwork and leadership** skills for first year students.

Be changed to

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Result:Passed

For: 10

Against:0

Abstain:0



Motion Name: WESST-2008-07

Moved By: The WESST Executive

Seconded By: U of A

Goal: To present the budget at a time reasonable for debate by the members

Whereas: The current budget approval system does not allow member schools sufficient time to provide input on the finance of the organization

Be It Resolved That:

8.3.5 Plenary

The plenary session for WESST shall be held during the Retreat portion of the event following the Workshops. The plenary session shall include the reports of the outgoing executive, **approval of a budget**, elections of the new executive, bidding for the hosting of WEC, bidding for the WESST Retreat/Olympics, and the presentation of motions.

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During the annual CFES Congress, held every January, the western region of the CFES, which is identical to WESST, is given the opportunity to meet and share ideas. These sessions will be used primarily for brainstorming, thinking of further ideas and initiatives for WESST, and talking about the plans for the year. It will also give the WESST executive a chance to meet with many other people involved with WESST, WESST member societies, and the CFES. These sessions **can** also be utilized by the Administrative Council to **vote on** the proposed budget, in addition to discussing CFES, WESST, and any other issues/business that arises.

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Result: Passed

For: 10

Against:0

Abstain:0



Motion: WESST-2008-08

Moved By: University of Alberta

Seconded By: University of Victoria B

Whereas: The implementation of an Executives' Meeting allows for training of current and prospective ESS senior executives such as President and Vice-Presidents. The meeting will focus on professional development workshops to prepare participants for their upcoming term.

Be It Resolved That: The WESST 2009 executive is mandated to assist the University of Alberta in the setup and execution of the first WESST Executives' Meeting in June of 2009.

B.I.F.R.T., The ideal conference will be a two day event, the first day focusing on executive development, and the second consisting of industry presentations on professional development.

B.I.F.R.T, A vote will occur to determine if the Executives' Meeting was useful directly following the first Executives' meeting, during a special plenary session. If a 2/3rds majority is not present to vote on this issue the vote must take place at the next meeting where a 2/3rds majority is present.

B.I.F.R.T, The host school of the following year's Executives' Meeting will be voted upon following the approval vote.

Result:

For:

Against:

Abstain:



Motion: WESST-2008-09

Moved By: University of Saskatchewan

Seconded By:

Whereas: The host of W.E.C. 2011 needs to be selected.

Be It Resolved That: The University of Saskatchewan be chosen to host W.E.C. 2011.

Result: withdrawn

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Discussion:

Should be brought up during bidding period.



Motion: WESST-2008-10

Moved By: University of Calgary

Seconded By: UBC

Whereas: The Great Northern Concrete Toboggan Race will be celebrating its 35th anniversary this year in Red Deer, Alberta. The University of Yukon deserves an opportunity to be represented, and has as of yet not decided upon a theme for their Toboggan team.

Be It Resolved That: The University of Yukon will be in attendance at GNCTR in as great a capacity as they are capable, unofficially if necessary.

Be It Further Resolved That: The University of Yukon will name its Toboggan Team “Night of the Living Sled”.

Result: Passed

For:5

Against:0

Abstain:5

Discussion:

It is during the 2nd week of February.



Motion: WESST-2008-11

Moved By: University of Calgary

Seconded By: University of British Columbia

Whereas:

The current voting structure of WESST does not accurately represent the population distribution of engineering students in Western Canada.

Be It Resolved That:

The WESST membership fee be based on the following formula:

$$Fee = \frac{25\% \text{ of } \textit{Operating Budget}}{\textit{Number of Member Schools}} + \frac{75\% \text{ of } \textit{Operating Budget}}{\textit{Number of Students in WESST}}$$

BIFRT:

U of A, U of C, and UBC be granted 2 votes each in order to better represent the 67% of current total WESST students, while maintaining majority vote within smaller schools. The remaining schools will continue to have 1 vote each, for a total of 7 out of the 13 total votes.

Result: Failed

For:3 (UBC, UC, UA)

Against:6

Abstain:1

Discussion:

U of C: wanted to put motion forward to put our method out there. Not wanting to stump smaller schools, just want to fairly represent our schools

UBC: based off of method 2 of fees report but switched 50-50 to 25-75

Will: clarification on “operating budget”

UVic B: motion to be amended and brought up later in plenary.

Results: unanimous, tabled until later



Motion: WESST-2008-12

Moved By: University of Manitoba

Seconded By: University of British Columbia

Whereas:

The WESST policy manual is unclear with regards to the cost sharing algorithm for travel subsidy.

Furthermore whereas:

WESST represents the largest region of Canada geographically and schools frequently are required to travel long distances for WESST Retreat.

Be It Resolved That:

A committee be established of the 2009 WESST Executive and interested parties to research the feasibility of providing travel subsidies.

BIFRT:

The committee present their findings in a report presented at WESST Retreat 2009 with their proposed changes to the policy manual.

Result: Passed

For:9

Against:0

Abstain:1

Discussion:

There is a clause in the Constitution for an algorithm for travel subsidies

U of A amendment: change 'WESST Executive' to 'WESST 2009 Executive'.



Motion Name: WESST-2008-13

Moved By: WESST Executive
Seconded By: U of C

Whereas: A new President of WESST is required for the 2009-2010 term.

Be It Resolved That: Shahrzad Pedram be elected President of WESST for the 2009-2010 term.

Result:Passed

For:10

Against:0

Abstain:0



Motion Name: WESST-2008-14

Moved By: WESST Executive

Seconded By: UNBC

Whereas: A new Vice President Finance of WESST is required for the 2009-2010 term.

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Be It Resolved That: Morgan Tien be elected Vice President Finance of WESST for the 2009-2010 term.

Result:Passed

For:10

Against:0

Abstain:0



Motion Name: WESST-2008-15

Moved By: WESST Executive

Seconded By: U of C

Whereas: A new Vice President Communications for WESST is required for the 2009-2010 term.

Be It Resolved That: Jordan Stosky be elected Vice President Communications of WESST for the 2009-2010 term.

Result:Passed

For:10

Against:0

Abstain:0

Travel Subsidy Committee

Daniel Naaykens

Joel Mertens

Dave Barchyn

Kathryn Hearson

Tagg Jefferson