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This summary version contains all motions and the results of the votes on them, but none of the discussion about their merits (please see the unabridged version for the discussion). It also includes amendments which were accepted, but does not cover amendments which failed. The text of motions voted on (after any friendly amendments) is in purple, so you can easily scan for the motions which the Council voted on.

Preliminary Matters

Voters present before substantive matters began:

- Countries: Australia, Bangladesh, Botswana, Canada, China, England, Germany, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Malaysia, Russia, South Africa, USA, Croatia, Pakistan, Philippines, Scotland, Singapore, Jamaica, Mexico, Netherlands, Romania, Serbia, Thailand, Venezuela, Austria, France, Slovenia, Wales, Kazakhstan (observer), Zimbabwe
- Regions: Latin America, IONA, Europe, North America, Asia

North America moves to approve the agenda. Scotland seconds. *Passes by unanimous voice vote.*

North America moves to approve the registrar's list of countries' voting status. Zimbabwe seconds. *Passes by unanimous voice vote.*

North America moves to approve the Berlin council meeting minutes. England seconds. *Passes by unanimous voice vote.*

North America moves to express council's appreciation for Berlin. Israel seconds. *Passes by unanimous voice vote.*

Reports from the Chennai Org Comm and Adj Team

There were few motions during this questioning, but a full description of the questions and answers is available in the unabridged minutes.

Women's Officer makes a motion to thank the adj team. North America seconds. *Passes by unanimous voice vote.*

Report from the Malaysia bid

After a representative of the Malaysia bid answered questions, **the regional representatives voted to ratify the bid:**

- Africa: yes
- Asia: yes
- Europe: yes
- IONA: yes

- Latin America: yes
- Australasia, New Zealand, and Oceania: yes
- North America: abstain

Registration Policies

Europe's motion: Council advises all future worlds to adopt the same registration system used at Chennai. This motion is advisory, not a constitutional change.

Sweden seconds. *Passes by unanimous voice vote.*

As described by the Council president to the body, Chennai's policy was: First everyone got one team. Then everyone who had broken any teams in the last three years got a second team. And then schools that had an average over 1.5 got a third team. Then teams who had not broken any teams in the last three years got a second team. This means functionally that no one can get a third team unless they have an average over 1.5, because they are behind all teams getting a second team.

Gender Preferences in Rooming

At pre-council, the Council passed the motion: Future WUDC shall inform all participants about number of people to rooms. Equally there should be an option for female only rooms and the ability to separate faculty, staff, and students.

At Council, **the Women's Officer moves to amend the motion to read:** Future WUDC shall inform all participants about number of people to rooms. Equally there should be an option for female-only and male-only rooms and the ability to separate faculty, staff, and students.

New Zealand seconds. *Passes by unanimous voice vote.*

Language Status

Germany's motion:

Austria seconds. *Germany withdraws the motion in order to break it into separate parts for discussion.*

Germany's 2nd motion:

c) The number of elimination rounds for ESL and EFL category shall be determined based on the number of teams entering the competition in the respective category, as follows:

1-29 teams: the top 4 teams shall break to the Final of their language category.

30-59 teams: the top 8 teams shall break to the Semi-Finals of their language category.

60-119 teams: the top 16 teams shall break to the Quarter-Finals of their language category.

120-200 teams: the top 32 teams shall break to the Octo-Finals of their language category.

More than 200 teams: the provision for the open category shall apply.

The Adjudication Team shall have discretion over these brackets to the extent of 10 teams.

Any EFL team ranked high enough after the preliminary rounds to participate in the ESL elimination rounds shall only compete in the ESL elimination rounds.

Sweden seconds. *The motion fails the requirement of getting the approval of 2/3 of the Status A nations present:*

	STATUS	aye	nay	Abstain
Australia	A		1	
Bangladesh	A		1	
Canada	A			1
China	A			1
England	A			1
Germany	A	1		
Hong Kong	A			1
Indonesia	A	1		
Ireland	A			1
Israel	A		1	
Japan	A		1	
Korea, Republic of	A			1
Malaysia	A			1
New Zealand	A		1	
Qatar	A			1
Russia	A		1	
South Africa	A			1
USA	A		1	

Germany's 3rd motion:

e) Any ESL or EFL team ranked high enough after the preliminary rounds to participate in the open category elimination rounds shall only compete in the open category elimination rounds.

Scotland seconds. *The motion passes by unanimous voice vote.*

[Proposals for Audits](#)

Germany's motion: Require each host to be audited by two or three persons between two and three months prior to the tournament. These auditors shall be appointed by the council one year prior to the tournament and shall not be affiliated with the host. The appointment of some or all auditors can be delegated to the committee to be done later. The audit covers the readiness of the host to successfully run the tournament, focusing on finances, logistics, volunteer structure, debate venues, accommodation, registration system, and other relevant issues. An audit report will be produced by the auditors and published. All reasonable expenses (especially travel and accommodation costs) of the auditors have to be paid by the host.

Austria seconds.

Sweden offers an amendment, accepted as friendly by Germany, changing the motion to: Require each host to be audited by two or three persons between two and three months prior to the tournament. These auditors shall be appointed by the council one year prior to the tournament and shall not be affiliated with the host. The appointment of some or all auditors can be delegated to the committee to be done later. The audit covers the readiness of the host to successfully run the tournament, focusing on finances, logistics, volunteer structure, debate venues, accommodation, registration system, and other relevant issues. An audit report will be produced by the auditors and published no more than two weeks after the audit. All reasonable expenses (especially travel and accommodation costs) of the auditors have to be paid by the host.

The Philippines offers an amendment, accepted as friendly by Germany, changing the motion to: *Require each host to be audited by two or three persons between three and six months prior to the tournament.* These auditors shall be appointed by the council one year prior to the tournament and shall not be affiliated with the host. The appointment of some or all auditors can be delegated to the committee to be done later. The audit covers the readiness of the host to successfully run the tournament, focusing on finances, logistics, volunteer structure, debate venues, accommodation, registration system, and other relevant issues. An audit report will be produced by the auditors and published no more than two weeks after the audit. All reasonable expenses (especially travel and accommodation costs) of the auditors have to be paid by the host.

A voice vote is inconclusive, so the motion goes to a roll call vote. *The motion fails the requirement of getting the approval of 2/3 of the Status A nations present:*

	STATUS	aye	nay	Abstain
Australia	A		1	
Bangladesh	A	1		
Canada	A		1	
China	A	1		
England	A		1	
Germany	A	1		
Hong Kong	A	1		
Indonesia	A	1		
Ireland	A		1	
Israel	A		1	
Japan	A	1		
Korea, Republic of	A	1		
Malaysia	A			1
New Zealand	A		1	
Qatar	A			
Russia	A	1		
South Africa	A	1		

USA	A		1	
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Germany offers a modified version of the motion:

THW require each host to be audited by two or three persons between three and six months prior to the tournament.

These auditors shall be appointed by the Council Executive prior to the tournament and shall not be affiliated with the host.

The audit shall cover the readiness of the host to successfully run the tournament, focusing on finances, logistics, volunteer structure, debate venues, accommodation, registration system and other relevant issues.

An audit report will be produced by the auditors and published no more than two weeks after the audit visit.

All reasonable expenses (esp. travel and accommodation costs) of the auditors have to be paid by the host.

A preliminary audit report shall be produced based on documents provided by the host. If the committee is completely satisfied with all documents and the preliminary audit report, it has the discretion to omit the necessity of a physical site visit.

Sweden seconds. *The motion passes by a unanimous voice vote.*

England offers a motion with a similar proposal: Require WUDC bids to have a comply-or-defend requirement, to have in the org comm a financial officer with professional accreditation in the country hosting WUDC. The responsibility of this officer is at least to communicate budgetary difficulties and to ensure that accounting practices are consistent with English law.

Ireland seconds.

England accepts a friendly amendment, changing the motion to: require WUDC bids to have a comply-or-defend requirement, to have in the org comm a financial officer with professional accreditation in the country hosting WUDC. The responsibility of this officer is at least to communicate budgetary difficulties and to ensure that accounting practices are consistent with English law insofar as those laws are applicable to the host country.

England amends its motion to: Require WUDC bids to have a comply-or-defend requirement at ratification, to have in the org comm a financial officer with professional accreditation in the country hosting WUDC. The responsibility of this officer is at least to communicate budgetary difficulties and to ensure that accounting practices are consistent with English law insofar as those laws are applicable to the host country.

The motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Formation of an Office of the WUDC

Malaysia offers a motion: To engage in a pilot project in setting up an office for the WUDC council in Kuala Lumpur, to provide clerical and administrative support for any programs deemed necessary by the WUDC council for the benefit of the WUDC community. The findings of the pilot project shall be presented for the council's deliberation on the next council meeting in 2015. For the purpose of continuity, the Office of the WUDC would undertake the following sustainability initiatives:

1. Establish and manage an official WUDC website that encompasses the following components:
 - a. An archive of historical information (Council minutes, previous bid documents, tournament history, etc.)
 - b. Copies of the Constitution and Rules
 - c. Training resources
 - d. News portal
 - e. Forum
 2. Develop and manage an international alumni network for WUDC by undertaking the following activities:
 - a. Establishment of a voluntary alumni advisory board to identify alumni members, from the foundation of the tournament in 1981 onwards;
 - b. Explore the potential for government and corporate support for WUDC through alumni connections;
 - c. Identify activities and opportunities to involve alumni in WUDC and specific alumni events;
 3. Any other reasonable requests made by Council that would assist it in the performance of its duties.
- * Subject to meeting the governance and reporting conditions.

The First Chief Executive of the office for the WUDC council in Kuala Lumpur shall be a member of the Executive Committee of the WUDC council and the remuneration of the Chief Executive for this role shall be determined by mutual consent between the Orator Foundation and the WUDC Council.

The financial provision for this pilot project shall be provided by Yayasan Orator (Orator Foundation) at the mutual consent between the Orator Foundation and the Executive Committee of the WUDC Council and the funding provision so provided shall be audited by PriceWaterHouseCoopers (Malaysia) for the benefit of the Orator Foundation and the WUDC Council. The auditing costs shall be borne by the Orator Foundation.

Sweden seconds. *In a roll call vote, the motion fails the requirement of getting the approval of 2/3 of the Status A nations present:*

	STATUS	aye	nay	Abstain
Australia	A		1	
Bangladesh	A		1	
Canada	A		1	
China	A		1	
England	A	1		

Germany	A		1	
Hong Kong	A		1	
Indonesia	A		1	
Ireland	A	1		
Israel	A		1	
Japan	A		1	
Korea, Republic of	A	1		
Malaysia	A	1		
New Zealand	A		1	
Qatar	A			
Russia	A		1	
South Africa	A	1		
USA	A		1	

Israel's Voting and Registration Status

Israel's motion: The attendance or lack thereof of Israeli institutions at Malaysia WUDC in 2015 shall not be factored into the status of Israel at council and the rank of Israeli institutions on the registration prioritization list.

North America seconds. *The motion passes by unanimous voice vote.*

Electronic Devices

President's motion: Remove the sentence "The use of electronic equipment is prohibited during preparation and in the debate" from the rules.

Sweden seconds. *The motion fails by a voice vote.*

Spanish Debating Endorsements

Latin America's motion: Endorse the Campeonato Mundial Universitario de Debate en Espanol (WUDC in Spanish language) that will be held in Mexico, from July 26th to August 4th, 2014. Also endorse the Pan-American Universities Debating Championship (PAUDC) 2014 that will be held in Miami, Florida from January 24th to January 26th.

Venezuela seconds. *The motion passes by unanimous voice vote.*

Association with the Orator Foundation

Korea's motion:

That Council;

a. appoint a review body to consider the proposal presented in council by the Orator Foundation on 1st January 2014 for the establishment of a permanent WUDC office in Kuala Lumpur, said body to be composed of delegates appointed by Council, to include both current and former members of the debating community;

b. that the review body will discuss the possibilities for such an office, including clearer identifications of its proposed duties and functions, satisfying itself as to the provenance and conditions of the proposed funding, and such further details as may be felt desirable;

c. that the review body will consider, as part of its discussions, alternative options for improving the permanent governance of WUDC and ensuring the financial sustainability of any potential office or secretariat; and

d. that the review body will report back to Council at WUDC in January 2015 with recommendations on this matter.

England seconds. *The motion passes by unanimous voice vote.*

Payment of the Adj and Tab Teams

North America's motion: Council demands that the Chennai org comm fully honor all reimbursements promised to all members of the tab team, adj core, and external members of org comm before January 4th in Euros.

Venezuela seconds. *The motion passes by unanimous voice vote.*

Classification of University Status

India's motion:

Classification of university status at worlds

That a university that can participate at worlds must

1. Have students enrolled in a graduate or post graduate programme for higher studies.
2. Have a single debating entity that functions at debate tournaments and is recognised by council.
3. Registration by other entities will be dealt with directly by council.

Pakistan seconds. *The motion fails by unanimous voice vote.*

India later introduces another motion on this topic:

That council will work on determination of university status at Worlds before pre-council at Kuala Lumpur by either a committee or members appointed for the same by the executive and present a report at the next council for consideration and decision.

In the interim, all decisions on registration of university bodies for the next Worlds will be taken by the council chair in consultation with the adjudication core and other members of the debating community that he/she sees fit.

Scotland seconds. *The motion fails by a voice vote.*

Visa Issues

Latin America's motion: All bids, in order to be approved, will require a letter from the ministry of foreign affairs of the host countries stating that participants in the WUDC will get preferences and easiness in order to get their visa, at least for enough time to be able to participate in the event.

Failing to get a second, the motion does not advance for consideration.

Bids for 2017 Worlds

Greece wins over South Africa by a 76 to 37 vote. The countries voted as follows:

	STATU S	SA	Greec e	Abstai n
Australia	A		1	
Bangladesh	A		1	
Canada	A	1		
China	A		1	
England	A	1		
Germany	A	1		
Hong Kong	A		1	
Indonesia	A		1	
Ireland	A		1	
Israel	A		1	
Japan	A		1	
Korea, Republic of	A		1	
Malaysia	A	1		
New Zealand	A		1	
Qatar	A		1	
Russia	A		1	
South Africa	A	1		
USA	A	1		
Croatia	B		1	
India	B		1	
Pakistan	B		1	
Philippines	B	1		
Scotland	B	1		
Singapore	B		1	
Jamaica	C	1		
Mexico	C		1	
Netherlands	C		1	
Romania	C		1	
Serbia	C		1	

Thailand	C		1	
Turkey	C			
Venezuela	C	1		
Afghanistan	D			
Austria	D		1	
Botswana	D	1		
France	D		1	
Macau	D		1	
Poland	D		1	
Portugal	D			
Slovenia	D		1	
Spain	D			
Sri Lanka	D			
Sweden	D	1		
Ukraine	D			
Vietnam	D			
Wales	D	1		
Zimbabwe	D		1	
Finland	Obs			
Kazakhstan	Obs			
UAE	Obs			
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Elections

The new leaders of Worlds Council are:

- President: Monica Ferris, running unopposed
- Registrar: Andrew Connery, running unopposed
- Secretary: Jamie Mighti, running unopposed
- Equity: John McKee, by a 38 to 31 vote over Roger Bent