



## June Board of Directors Meeting

1. **Adoption of the Agenda**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. June Board of Directors Meeting: June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013
  - b. Officer Meeting: July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013
  - c. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes: July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013
3. **Officer Reports**
  - a. President – Mauricio Curbelo
  - b. VP Finance – Gordon Tattle
  - c. VP Communications – Thomas Santerre
  - d. VP Academic – Vacant
  - e. VP Student Life – Gabriel Stavros
4. **MOTION by Mauricio Curbelo to ratify the results of the 2013 By-Election for Vice-President Academic**
5. **Oath of Office Speaker of the Engineering Society 2013-2014**
6. **Oath of Office Board of Directors 2013-2014**
7. **Oath of Office of the Vice-President Academic 2013-2014**
8. **Presentation by Mauricio Curbelo on Engineering Society governance**
9. **MOTION by Gabriel Stavros to affiliate new clubs with the Engineering Society**

**WHEREAS** the club affiliation process was advertised to all students, especially affiliated clubs from the previous year; and

**WHEREAS** all the applications were reviewed by the President and VP Student Life to determine which clubs genuinely benefit the student body; and

**WHEREAS** only new clubs require approval from the Board of Directors to receive official Engineering Club status;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that new student clubs (highlighted in bold) be affiliated with the Engineering Society for the 2013-2014 year.

10. **MOTION by Gordon Tattle to approve changes to the Cannon Guard Budget for the 1T3-1T4 Skule Year**



**WHEREAS** the budget of the Cannon Guard was referred to the Finance Committee at the June 27<sup>th</sup> 2013 Meeting of the Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS** the Finance Committee has reassessed the proposed Cannon Guard budget; and

**WHEREAS** any changes to the budget of the Cannon Guard require an amendment to the Operating Budget for the same year;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the proposed budget for the Cannon Guard be approved; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Operating Budget be amended to reflect the approved Cannon Guard budget.

**11. MOTION by Pierre Harfouche to request that regular updates be given to the Board on the cost of legal counsel.**

**WHEREAS** the Board of Directors retained Heenan Blaikie through the authorization of a retainer deposit for legal counsel in a special meeting of the Board of Directors in March 2013; and

**WHEREAS** the Board of Directors is required by policy to authorize any and all expenditures over \$500; and

**WHEREAS** the Board of Directors has not been asked to authorize any amount spent over the original retainer deposit; and

**WHEREAS** money has been spent without the information or approval of the Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS** authorization of extending legal services, payment of invoices, and other account-related matters is included in the mandate of the Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS** the Board of Directors should be updated regularly on the current state of the account held with Heenan Blaikie;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** an account statement of services paid to Heenan Blaikie be provided to all Board Members on the 1st of every month, outside of regular Meetings of the Board of Directors. The statement shall include a summary of all billable hours. The statement shall be made available, only in person at the Engineering Society office to members of the Board of Directors; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** any failure to update or authorize expenditures through the Board of Directors be considered an act in contempt of the Board.

**12. MOTION by Mauricio Curbelo to execute the Site 10 Gift Agreement**



**WHEREAS** the Faculty intends to construct a new building adjacent to Simcoe Hall; and

**WHEREAS** the Engineering Society has been offered an opportunity to contribute to the construction costs of the building; and

**WHEREAS** this contribution would allow the Engineering Society to name the student club space in the basement of the building;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board authorize the Officers to carry out the Agreement, with the understanding that funds will be provided from the Skule Endowment Fund

**13. MOTION by Mauricio Curbelo to authorize payment to Heenan Blaikie LLP**

**WHEREAS** the Society must pay an invoice for professional services rendered by Heenan Blaikie LLP; and

**WHEREAS** the allocation of funds for this purpose requires authorization from the Board;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board allocate \$15,000 for the purpose of legal representation and costs.

**14. MOTION by Pierre Harfouche to authorize the release a letter to the Engineering Society Project Directors on behalf of the Board of Directors**

**WHEREAS** the Project Directors of the Engineering Society execute many of the services of the Engineering Society; and

**WHEREAS** the Engineering Society has always encouraged discussion among directors; and

**WHEREAS** for 20 years, the Society was governing by those very same directors who voluntarily chose to revoke their decision making powers to focus on the better provision of services; and

**WHEREAS** in a recent email chain, the Hi-Skule Director attempted to gauge support from other directors on a particular issue of importance to the Society; and

**WHEREAS** the Director was swiftly discredited by the President of the Engineering Society, accusing her of inappropriate conduct; and

**WHEREAS** the email chain may have antagonized other directors, which may prevent them from starting discussions and project proposals on their own; and

**WHEREAS** this could negatively impact our volunteers and their likely hood of returning year over year to improve student life; and

**WHEREAS** the Engineering Society cannot operate without volunteerism; and



**WHEREAS** the email chain has been attached for reference in Appendix A; and

**WHEREAS** the Board oversees the welfare of the Engineering Society and should seek to foster collaboration among students and volunteers and resolve situations which could create long term problems for the Engineering Society;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board sends a letter to the Directors which encourages them to continue inter-director discussion to propose new ideas and improve the Engineering Society; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the letter drafted by Pierre, herein attached, be revised by the Speaker upon approval before being sent out on behalf of the Engineering Society Board of Directors.

**15. MOTION by Gordon Tattle to allocate additional funds for the purposes of club funding allocation**

**WHEREAS** the Finance Committee has solicited club funding applications from affiliated clubs; and

**WHEREAS** clubs have been interviewed to discuss their plans and budget for the upcoming year; and

**WHEREAS** the Finance Committee has met and deliberated the amounts; and

**WHEREAS** the Finance Committee is confident that the allocations made that this point will allow for further rounds of club funding for clubs that have yet to apply;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board allocate \$7,750 of the 2013-2014 operating budget for Affiliate Club Funding, as per the funding amounts attached; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Operating Budget be amended to reflect the change.

**16. OTHER BUSINESS** *for discussion*

**17. ADJOURNMENT**



## Attendance

<b>Officers</b>		
President	Mauricio Curbelo	
VP Finance	Gordon Tattle	
VP Communication	Thomas Santerre	
VP Academic	<i>Vacant</i>	
VP Student Life	Gabriel Stavros	
<b>Directors of the Board</b>		
At-Large	Yerusha Nuh	
At-Large	<i>Vacant</i>	
At-Large	Praneet Bagga	
At-Large	Stephanie Gaglione	
Chemical Representative	<i>Vacant</i>	
Civil Representative	Evan Ma	
Computer Representative	Kimberley Shen	
Electrical Representative	Allan Wang	
Engineering Science Representative	Pierre Harfouche	
Industrial Representative	Alexandra Szatan	
Materials Science Representative	Vinson Quoc Truong	
Mechanical Representative	Evan Boyce	
Mineral Representative	<i>Vacant</i>	
First Year	Vuk Svilaric	
First Year	Stephanie Gaglione	
First Year	Shubham Manchanda	
<b>Non-Voting Members</b>		
Speaker	Matthew Lattavo	
CRO	Laura Shen	

**A – Absent    R – Regrets    P – Proxy**