



November 2013 Board of Directors Meeting

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. October Board of Directors Session - October 26, 2013
 - i. Meeting 1
 - ii. Meeting 2
- b. Officer Meeting: November 8, 2013
- c. Finance Committee Meeting: November 11, 2013
- d. Finance Committee Meeting: November 25, 2013 (*To be provided*)

3. Officer Reports

- a. President – Mauricio Curbelo
- b. VP Finance – Gordon Tattle
- c. VP Communications – Thomas Santerre
- d. VP Academic – Fady Soliman
- e. VP Student Life – Gabriel Stavros

4. MOTION by Laura Shen to strike the Election Rules Committee

WHEREAS Bylaw 3, Chapter 8 specifies an Elections Rules Committee consisting of the President, the CRO, the Speaker of the Board of Directors, and two members of the Board of Directors shall report to the Board in January; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Election Rules Committee be struck pursuant to Bylaw 3; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board immediately fill the committee's vacancies.

There will be a call for two (2) volunteers from the Board of Directors to the Election Rules Committee immediately following success of this motion.

5. MOTION by Gabriel Stavros to affiliate a new club with the Engineering Society

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; and

BE IT RESOLVED that new student club 'Building Design Club' be affiliated with the Engineering Society for the 2013-2014 year.



6. MOTION by the Gordon Tattle to allocate Special Projects Funding to Iron Dragons

WHEREAS the Finance Committee has received a special projects request from Iron Dragons for the purchase of two erg machines for their use; and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee is in favour of allocating money to fund the purchase of one erg machine and a storage container (\$3,800)

WHEREAS at the time of consideration the space to store this equipment had not been confirmed in writing; and

WHEREAS at the time of consideration it was also not clear where Iron Dragons would use the equipment; and

WHEREAS the piece of equipment is too expensive to purchase without a confirmed location;

WHEREAS UTRA already builds several different types of robots for competition; and

WHEREAS the executive overlap and similar nature of the two organizations call into question the eligibility of RSX to receive affiliated club funding and exist separately from UTRA; and

BE IT RESOLVED that \$3,800.00 from special projects be held for the purpose of purchasing one erg machine and a storage container; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the \$3,800.00 be released by the Officers upon receipt of written confirmation of storage and usage space for the equipment or acceptable equivalent.

7. SPECIAL MOTION by Gordon Tattle to remove the requirement for Council Meetings from Bylaw 1

WHEREAS this part of the Bylaw has not been followed for the past two years; and

WHEREAS the Officers do not believe that these meetings are valuable;

BE IT RESOLVED Section 5.1 be removed entirely from Bylaw 1 and all other sections be renumbered accordingly.

8. SPECIAL MOTION by Gordon Tattle to amend a numbering issue in Bylaw 1

WHEREAS Bylaw 1 section 7.1.3 currently does not make sense;

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw 1 section 7.1.3 be changed to read:

- 7.1.3. In the case of 7.1.2.b), such amendment must be ratified by a two-thirds vote at:*
a. A General Meeting called for that purpose; or
b. The next Annual General Meeting.

9. MOTION by Gordon Tattle to allocate Special Projects Funding to the Cannon Newspaper



WHEREAS the Cannon wishes to publish two newspapers in the winter term; and

WHEREAS their budget does not currently allow them to do so;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Special Projects budget be reduced by \$1,600.00 and the Cannon Newspaper budget be increased by the same amount.

10. Motion by Gordon Tattle to authorize the Finance Committee to make deductions from the final amounts given to each department from the Levy Fund

WHEREAS after receiving project updates from the departments it is clear that in some cases departments have not completed projects and overestimated project cost;

WHEREAS the Levy Fund does not operate on a cheque requisition basis; and

WHEREAS it is not clear that the Finance Committee currently has the authority to make reductions in cases where the Levy Fund is being taken advantage of;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Finance Committee may chose to reduce the final amount given to each department in cases where project costs from previous years were overestimated or projects were canceled; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such decisions shall be subject to approval by the Officers.

11. MOTION by Anamjit Singh Sivia to allocate additional funds to Social Spark – Toronto Hub from the Affiliated Club Funding Pool

WHEREAS Social Spark – Toronto Hub is a student run club at the University of Toronto that works to educate students about social entrepreneurship and provide opportunities for growth; and

WHEREAS Social Spark applied to the Engineering Society's Fall Club Funding round and \$150 in funding was approved by the Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS with the club's primary source of funding (\$1,000), the Munk School of Global Affairs, having rescinded its commitment, presents a major change in financial circumstances; and

WHEREAS in wake of this change, budget cuts have been made to compensate; however, further cuts will severely reduce the amount of services offered and additional funding is required to sustain services; and

WHEREAS a majority of Social Spark's participation comes from undergraduate engineering students with a high level of satisfaction; and

WHEREAS the time period for appeals to the Finance Committee has now passed;

BE IT RESOLVED that Social Spark Toronto Hub be allocated an additional \$500 from the Affiliated Club Funding Pool.



12. SPECIAL MOTION by Mauricio Curbelo to limit the membership of the Engineering Society to the St. George campus

WHEREAS a proposal has been made before Faculty Council to create an engineering undergraduate degree pathway whereby students would be required to complete 2 years of study at the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM), followed by 3 years of study at the St. George campus; and

WHEREAS it is not feasible for the Engineering Society to provide services and representation to students at a distant campus; and

WHEREAS the Society believes that the consultative process undertaken by the Faculty to determine the feasibility of implementing such a program was deeply flawed, and posed misleading questions to too small a sample of students in order to indicate false support for this program; and

WHEREAS students enrolled in an engineering program at a distant campus will have severely reduced access to the Society's 80+ Affiliated Clubs during their two years at UTM; and

WHEREAS it has been proposed that this program would necessarily result in the reduction of TrackOne spaces at the St. George campus;

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw 1, Sections 1.1.1 and 1.1.2 be amended as follows:

1.1.1 Full Time Members must be students enrolled in full time undergraduate studies as defined by the Faculty, at the St. George campus

1.1.2 Part Time Members must be students enrolled in part time undergraduate studies as defined by the Faculty, at the St. George campus

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bylaw 1, Section 1.2.1, be amended as follows:

1.2.1 The Membership Fee shall be \$47.04 for Full Time Members and \$44.22 for Part Time Members in the year 2012-2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the Officers, Discipline Clubs, Faculty Council Standing Committee student representatives, and Class Representatives to oppose the creation of any Faculty program which would require engineering students to complete courses at UTM.

13. SPECIAL MOTION by Gordon Tattle to update the section on fees in Bylaw 1

WHEREAS our fees have been increased due to a cost of living adjustment

BE IT RESOLVED Bylaw 1 section 1.2.1 be changed to read:

1.2.1. The Membership Fee shall be \$47.42 for full-time students and \$44.58 for part-time students in the year 2013-2014.

14. MOTION by Mauricio Curbelo to formalize Discipline Club election procedures



WHEREAS Discipline Clubs play a key role in the academic advocacy process by representing students to Departments; and

WHEREAS Discipline Clubs are annually allocated approximately the same amount of funding as the total amount distributed to all our Affiliated Clubs; and

WHEREAS the Society's bylaws currently do not specify a process for the election of Discipline Club executives, and the process for electing Class Representatives does not mention important details such as the length of a nomination or voting period; and

WHEREAS Discipline Club elections should be held to the same standard of democratic fairness and procedural rigor as all other Engineering Society elections; and

WHEREAS synchronizing Board and Discipline Club elections will reduce voter fatigue and likely increase turnout; and

WHEREAS it is within the jurisdiction of the Board to determine Discipline Club election procedures, since Discipline Clubs are part of the Engineering Society;

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw 3, Chapter 6 be eliminated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a new Chapter 6 be added to Bylaw 3 as follows:

Chapter 6 – Discipline Clubs

6.0 Discipline Club Executives

6.0.1 The nomination and voting periods, and campaigning rules, shall be the same as those for the Board of Directors election.

6.0.2 The constitution of each Discipline Club shall determine the composition of each Discipline Club executive.

6.0.3 Discipline Club executives shall be elected by a single transferrable vote system, with elections taking place electronically on a voting system of the Society's choosing.

6.1 Class Representatives

6.1.1 Class Representatives shall be elected by a vote of the Members of each Constituency

6.1.2 First and second year Class Representative elections shall take place electronically during the first two full weeks of classes in September, with nomination and voting periods to be determined by the Chief Returning Officer, but to be no less than three (3) days in either case.

6.1.3 Discipline Clubs may opt to elect third and fourth year Class Representatives in the fall term, with the same nomination and voting period as first and second year representatives, or in the winter term concurrent with the Board of Directors election.

6.1.5 The job description for Class Representatives shall be determined by each Discipline Club, but must make mention of Faculty Council membership as a key aspect of the role.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bylaw 7, Section 1.0.3.d be added as follows:

1.0.3. d. The club has not run elections in compliance with the Society's bylaws.



**University of Toronto Engineering Society
November 2013 Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**

*Nov 30th, 2013
2:00pm
GB202*

- 15. Item for Information submitted by Gordon Tattle - Policy on Awarding Society Awards - as approved at a meeting of the Officers on November 8, 2013.**
- 16. Other Business**
- 17. ADJOURNMENT**



Attendance

Officers		
President	Mauricio Curbelo	
VP Finance	Gordon Tattle	
VP Communication	Thomas Santerre	
VP Academic	Fady Soliman	AwR
VP Student Life	Gabriel Stavros	
Directors of the Board		
At-Large	Yerusha Nuh	
At-Large	Tabish Gilani	
At-Large	Praneet Bagga	
At-Large	Stephanie Gaglione	
Chemical Representative	Sean Hunt	
Civil Representative	Evan Ma	
Computer Representative	Kimberly Shen	
Electrical Representative	Allan Wang	
Engineering Science Representative	Pierre Harfouche	
Industrial Representative	Alexandra Szatan	
Materials Science Representative	Vinson Truong	
Mechanical Representative	Evan Boyce	
<i>Mineral Representative</i>	Ivan Zdravkovic	
First Year	Reza Boushehri	
First Year	Dareen Kutob	
First Year	Marissa Zhang	

A – Absent

AwR – Absent with Regrets

P – Proxy