



## May 2014 Board of Directors Meeting

### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

### 2. Approval of Minutes

- a. March Board of Directors Meeting: March 29, 2014
- b. April Board of Directors Meeting: April 5, 2014
- c. Officer Meeting: May 5, 2014

### 3. Officer Reports

- a. President – Teresa Nguyen
- b. VP Finance – Mehran Hydary
- c. VP Communications – Karan Shukla
- d. VP Academic – Ryan Gomes
- e. VP Student Life – Cory Sulpizi

### 4. Project Director By-Elections and Oath of Office for the 1T4-1T5 Skule™ Year

### 5. Election and Oath of Office of the Speaker of Council for the 1T4-1T5 Skule™ Year

### 6. Motion by Yerusha Nuh to oppose the restructuring of the UTSU Board of Directors as outlined in Motion 5 of the UTSU Policy & Procedures Committee meeting on April 9 and 10 of 2014, and included in the Appendix:

**WHEREAS** the motion seeks to remove the seats of all College and Faculty directors, including those of the Faculty of Engineering Directors; and

**WHEREAS** the motion does not specify any alternative means of representation for Engineering students; and

**WHEREAS** no stakeholders, including the incoming UTSU Board of Directors and representatives or leaders of colleges and faculties, were consulted by the mover(s); and

**WHEREAS** seats not being allocated in proportion to the size of constituencies would result in an imbalance distribution of power; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed change would result in a body whose members may not fairly represent the diverse interest of UTSU members of all College and Faculty constituencies, effectively making the UTSU's highest body of decision-making undemocratic;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the University of Toronto Engineering Society oppose any restructuring of the UTSU Board of Directors that follows or adheres to the spirit of the aforementioned proposal; and



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the University of Toronto Engineering Society instruct the Faculty of Engineering Directors to voice this opposition to the UTSU Board of Directors whenever necessary.

**7. Motion by Ryan Gomes to define the position of the Engineering Society on the Student Societies Summit Report:**

**WHEREAS** the Student Societies Summit was called to address certain grievances with the UTSU, brought on by many colleges and the University of Toronto Engineering Society; and

**WHEREAS** the administration acted, in good faith, to craft a solution for many problems outlined by student societies; and

**WHEREAS** any solution proposed would inevitably have some recommendations that the University of Toronto Engineering Society could not support; and

**WHEREAS** the final report has produced a divisive response from student societies, requiring a clear clarification of the University of Toronto Engineering Society's position;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the University of Toronto Engineering Society support the creation of an overseeing appeals board, headed by an impartial individual, to bring greater oversight into the elections process;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the University of Toronto Engineering Society oppose the suggested changes towards the CRO position while still acknowledging its positive intentions;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the University of Toronto Engineering Society support the suggested investigation into creating guidelines that increase accountability and a proper definition for operating in an "open, accessible and democratic fashion", with binding consequences attached to societies that do not meet them;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the University of Toronto Engineering Society oppose any additional attempts, beyond the supported provisions above, to encroach on the autonomy of student societies;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the University of Toronto Engineering Society advocate for the swift implementation of the supported provisions and support the overall spirit of the Student Societies Summit Report.

**8. MOTION by Cory Sulpizi to amend the Policy on Club Affiliation**

**WHEREAS** the current club affiliation process is not thorough enough; and

**WHEREAS** there were reported incidents of illegitimate clubs becoming affiliated last year; and

**WHEREAS** clause 2.6 of the Policy on Club Affiliation is largely ignored;



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**BE IT RESOLVED** that Policy on Club Affiliation Section 1.7, which reads:

*1.7. For clubs that have not previously received recognition in the past academic year, Official Engineering Club recognition is granted only after the approval of the Board of Directors.*

Be amended to read:

*1.7. For clubs that have not previously received recognition in the past academic year:*  
*a. The affiliation review process will include an interview with the VP Student Life and / or appointees to verify legitimacy.*  
*b. Official Engineering Club recognition is granted only after the approval of the Board of Directors.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Policy on Club Affiliation Section 2.6, which reads:

*2.6. The club must attend an Engineering Society Affiliated Clubs Orientation Session at least once per fiscal year, run twice a semester.*

Be amended to read:

*2.6. The club may be asked to attend an interview with the VP Student Life and / or appointees to verify legitimacy, at the discretion of the VP Student Life or President.*

**9. Motion by Teresa Nguyen to create the Alumni Outreach Director position:**

**WHEREAS** Bylaw 2 Section 1.20.1 of the Engineering Society stipulates that a Temporary Internal Director may be created by a motion of the Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS** the Engineering Alumni Office has been looking for student involvement and volunteering for several years now; and

**WHEREAS** the Engineering Alumni Association has recently become extremely active from new membership and seeks out involvement from students; and

**WHEREAS** the Engineering Society already has existing opportunities to engage our Alumni such as through Hi-Skule, UTEK, Alumni Suds, submissions for our Archivist; and

**WHEREAS** current members of the Engineering Society are future Alumni and this opportunity space is underplayed;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the board creates the new position of Alumni Outreach Director as a Temporary Internal Director as per bylaw 2, Section 1.20.1;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alumni Outreach Director is overseen by the President;



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the candidates will go through an interviewing process with at minimum, the President and Sonia de Buglio, Director of Alumni Relations from the Engineering Alumni Office;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that applications for the position will be sent out within the next 5 business days;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the new Alumni Outreach Director be elected at the June 2014 Board Meeting;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this position is discussed at the February 2015 Board Meeting for consideration as a permanent Project Directorship.

**10. MOTION by Mehran Hydari to grant the Engineering Science Levy Fund appeal:**

**WHEREAS** at the February Board of Directors meeting, project NSCI11 (InPlane Shearing Test) was not approved; and

**WHEREAS** the Division of Engineering Science disagrees with the Finance Committee recommendation regarding that project and wishes that the project be funded; and

**WHEREAS** there are still sufficient funds in the Levy Fund account;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that \$9,793.33 is allocated to the Division of Engineering Science from the levy fund pool for project NSCI11.

**11. MOTION by Mehran Hydari regarding the Bahen Centre for Information Technology Student Study Space**

**WHEREAS** the University of Toronto Facilities & Infrastructure Planning Director has requested \$101,000 to provide additional study space in the Bahen Centre hallways, including fixed counters and stools, and convenient electrical receptacles; and

**WHEREAS** The Finance Committee did not feel that there was enough information on January 31, 2014 to make an informed decision; and

**WHEREAS** The University of Toronto has provided estimates from the contractors who will conduct the work for the space; and

**WHEREAS** there are still sufficient funds in the Levy Fund account;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that \$101,000 be allocated to the University of Toronto from the levy fund pool for the Bahen Centre Study Space

**12. MOTION by Mehran Hydari to strike the 2014-2015 Finance Committee**



**WHEREAS** club funding and conference funding allocations benefit from the presence of the Finance Committee; and

**WHEREAS** the VP Finance is in need of a network of individuals to help him in determining allocations and courses of action throughout the year; and

**WHEREAS** a finance committee is a good practice according to the Policy on Finances; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Finance Committee, a Standing Committee of the Board, be created; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Finance Committee be composed of the VP Finance, the VP Student Life, three (3) members at large and two (2) appointed Directors of the Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Finance Committee shall have a term that begins immediately upon appointment and ends at the Joint Council Meeting 2015; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors direct the Speaker to conduct the nominations and election process for the two (2) Board of Directors members of the Finance Committee immediately.

**13. Motion by Praneet Bagga to strike the Academic Advocacy Committee as a Standing Committee of the Board of Directors**

**WHEREAS** the Faculty Council and Faculty Council Standing Committees will be preparing for a variety of academic initiatives this year; and

**WHEREAS** the Representatives of the Engineering Society, as the unified voice of the student body, require guidance and direction from a committee of interested students in their representation to Faculty Council and its Standing Committees; and

**WHEREAS** initiatives such as an Engineering Society anti-calendar and continuous curriculum improvements require student input;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Academic Advocacy Committee be struck under the guidance of the VP Academic Portfolio; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Academic Advocacy Committee be composed of the VP Academic, Three (3) members of the Board of Directors, and Three (3) Faculty of Engineering students; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors direct the Speaker to conduct the nominations and election process for the three (3) Board of Directors members of the Academic Advocacy Committee immediately.

**14. MOTION by Mehran Hydary to authorize summer Orientation spending:**



**WHEREAS** the Orientation Committee must pay for Frosh Kit items, Frosh Nite deposit and other items immediately; and

**WHEREAS** the 2014-2015 Operating Budget will not be completed until after these expenditures must take place; and

**WHEREAS** the Orientation Committee cannot finalize their complete budget immediately;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board authorize the signing officers of the Society to disburse, upon the authorization of the Vice-President, Finance, up to \$30,000 against the Orientation account of the 2014-2015 Operating Budget provided that the expenses are exigent.

**15. MOTION by Mehran Hydari to approve allocations made from the Conference Funding pool to UTAT/Design Imagination:**

**WHEREAS** there is \$1,150 remaining in the Conference Funding pool for the 1T3-1T4 year; and

**WHEREAS** UTAT and Design Imagination have applied for Conference Funding amount to a total of \$2000 for 30 and 10 students each (respectively);

**BE IT RESOLVED** that each student from UTAT will receive \$35 and each student from Design Imagination will receive \$115 from the Conference Funding pool.

**16. MOTION by Mehran Hydari to approve allocations made from the special projects funding pool to University of Toronto Design Imagination**

**WHEREAS** there is \$858.70 remaining in the special projects funding pool for the 1T3-1T4 year; and

**WHEREAS** University of Toronto Design Imagination have applied for special projects funding for \$1,536.91 for tools as they take part in Design Imagination's central challenges and instant challenges every year;

**WHEREAS** the tools they had access to previously are no longer available from the UC Follies; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Engineering Society disburse \$858.70 from the special projects funding pool for tools to be available for the students of University of Toronto Design Imagination club.

**17. OTHER BUSINESS**

**18. ADJOURNMENT**



## Attendance

<b>Officers</b>		
President	Teresa Nguyen	
VP Finance	Mehran Hydari	
VP Communication	Karan Shukla	
VP Academic	Ryan Gomes	
VP Student Life	Cory Sulpizi	
<b>Directors of the Board</b>		
At-Large	Praneet Bagga	
At-Large	Leter Luo	
At-Large	Yerusha Nuh	
At-Large	Marissa Zhang	
Chemical Representative	Ishan Gupta	
Civil Representative	Ernesto Diaz Lozano Patino	
Computer Representative	<i>Vacant</i>	
Electrical Representative	Anamjit Singh Sivia	
Engineering Science Representative	Ashkan Parcham-Kashani	
Industrial Representative	Benjamin Leung	
Materials Science Representative	Vinson Truong	
Mechanical Representative	Tabish Gilani	
Mineral Representative	Ivan Zdrakovic	
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*May 17, 2014  
1:00pm  
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**A – Absent**

**AwR – Absent with Regrets**

**P – Proxy**