



Minutes – May Board Meeting

1. Adoption of the Agenda (7:04)

Moved by Pierre

Seconded by Stephanie

Agenda Adopted

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. April Board Meeting (pre-JCM)
- b. April Board Meeting (post-JCM)
- c. Council Meeting (JCM)
- d. Officer Meeting – 2 May 2013

Minutes Approved

3. Officer Reports

- a. President – Mauricio Curbelo

Aside from what we see in the update, I have had tons of meetings, because of previous term issues that there was no written record from Rishi. Laura and I have talked about moving voting.skule.ca to the university site as Raf is not reliable for site maintenance. We are going to try and put on the preferential voting system onto it. It won't be this year, it will take some time to talk to all the other colleges and try and consolidate the U of T voting as a whole.

I talked to Victor Zhang, and he brought up concern that they need space for various reasons. We are currently working on the type of space they are requesting.

Prep 101 will not be around campus anymore, it appears that they didn't check with university policy on what they can and can't do. We are looking at our sponsorships etc... We met with Paramount studios and we have the 5 year contract this year. We need to keep with our deadlines to keep them happy, so that we don't run into any legal issues with them in the future.

I talked about to Leslie Mak about the CCR (Co-Curricular Record), things are on the way to start, VP Student Life will talk more on this later.

I also talked to the discipline clubs to get their constitution but the majority of them either didn't respond or don't know where to find it, which is a big problem. So these clubs need to prove that they can do things properly or else we will have to threaten with cutting funding in the future if they don't keep their affairs in order. The reasoning behind this is that I want to harmonize the ways they are doing elections and other things between all the clubs.

Nothing has been done on the endowment fund yet, it is not very urgent at the moment.

In regards to Site 10, we are giving them money to secure more space for its future purpose and other offices. We need to make sure that the rooms we are securing are going to stay in the future so that they aren't reallocated in future times.

There is a plan to put 50 first year students at UTM, there will be engineering class at UTM, 150 max in the future. This is being lead by Micah Stickel, they are implementing a



2+3 program where you do arts and science courses in addition to engineering courses. UTM wants to expand so we can use this for students that aren't sure of what they want to take. Essentially it is a 'soft' entry to engineering. We aren't in any position to not tell them. We need to gather data on the success of this program, also admissions data is also important. This needs to be ensured that it is not a back door for people to get in, the fees toward engsoc, how to integrate them into engineering.

Mauricio: We need to decide what UTSU should provide, engsoc, UTM etc...

Yerusha: Are they using the same teaching materials that people use at St George?

Mauricio: They are hoping to teach math, science etc.... by profs already there and then bus in the rest of the profs for courses like Civ.

b. VP Finance – Gordon Tattle

Gordon: So my project updates, I have met with all the financial operations, stores is almost already changed over, they are all set and doing well with the auditors. Suds is planning on bringing in a new bar. We are meeting with advertiser companies as we have to change over. Budget for orientation is still being worked on, finance committee is dependent on us. We will be electing two members of this committee today and I will choose the other execs, we are working on the lending of tools to people aren't trained. Tonight I am also sending out the call for project director budgets
You can find a policy for SUDS on skule.ca, we can send it out if not and once it is complete

c. VP Communications – Thomas Santerre

Thomas: Handbook is coming along well, they are nearly done all the writing and are working at getting responses from clubs and committees for blurbs. Webmaster has begun to work on the new courses website, no code has been written just informal plans on the layout and design. Anyone is free to send in the ideas they have or features they would like to have featured on it!

d. VP Academic – Shaishav Shah

e. VP Student Life – Gabriel Stavros

CCR, they set up a local evaluation committee, we will be going through big positions, start reviewing whether they are legitimate experiences, and we have begun reaching out to other students. Orientation has approved the head leedurs, prelim budget is submitted, and hardhats are going to be ordered soon. UTP, there was a sleeping bag they found there which fire department was not happy about. Aerovelo, will be working at utp full time this summer, they are trying to organize the space and hopefully keep it well. SPARK is also going to be there. The biggest concern is garbage at UTP, site 10, they have an architect already, and Mauricio already told you the details. Club funding lists should be out soon. I will also be touching base with gradball etc.. and I am meeting with clubs for affiliation within the summer

Ishan: Any update to having people at UTP past midnight?



Mauricio: We are opposed to restrictions that the faculty will impose and are going to work with them to consolidate this.

4. Election of Project Directors: Hard Hat Café Manager, UTEK Director, External Relations Director

Results:

Hard Hat Café: Ena Verma

UTEK: Kenny Wong

Sponsorship: Prashant Megnath

5. Election of 1T3-1T4 Speaker

Result: Matt Latavo

6. Motion by Mauricio Curbelo to remove the position of External Relations Director

WHEREAS the Society has not seen a tangible benefit from participation in inter-school conferences in recent years; and

WHEREAS the improvement of the Society's services, operations, and events does not require an individual dedicated to determining other schools' best practices;

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw 2, Section 1.20, be eliminated, and all other sections renumbered accordingly.

Moved By: Mauricio

Seconded: Allan

Mauricio: When I interviewed him, I am going to work on professional development. I would challenge the board to bring in a time when we gained something really useful. There is a total lack of substance of the position itself. I told Michael Taguiam that I will not recommend him nor not recommend him, more just what he is planning to do, I want to make sure that the board realizes that it is not just professional development. He resigned, and now is applying to ASPE for campus relations, so now I just want you to know what my opinion on the use is for it

Allan: How much funding?

Mauricio: we will get to this later.

Gordon: There has been talk about engsoc over the past few years about engsoc services being communicated, there is a possibility that external relations can be redirected to mean



communication with the students. Based on talking with many students, this is a hole that we do have.

Pierre: I agree with Gordon, but I don't think a person is needed directly for this. This is issues that we had with offices with their directors pushing change. We will just have to organize on getting these issues set up.

Stephanie: Just like Gordon made me think, should they be in relation to talking with other colleges and organization.

Munib: are you just killing it completely?

Mauricio, yes nobody has done anything in years

Ishan: we don't have to elect anyone for the position, we could keep it hanging around in case someone comes in future years. Just because no one has done anything in the past, just because bad directors or officers, doesn't mean that the position is useless.

Mauricio: I want to be clear that axing this position does not remove the services, engsoc officers are already covering this aspect in addition to my own relations with other colleges and organizations. Just because no one has done anything in years, doesn't mean they will come, this is plenty evidence. We don't need another person to add to the list of things to do by directors. Having this there is just a lot more work to do on our end. Unless someone can prove a good point for having it.

Gordon: I think the position needs to re-evaluate the goals of the position, there is a lack of description on what the organisation can do in order to liaise with other schools. I feel once we changed VP ex out of it to the directorship, we haven't changed anything.

Yerusha: It is much more efficient for the directors to go directly to other schools, so they can get what they really want.

Kim: After attending some of these conferences, most of the people were there not to share advice, but to get advice from me and others that were experienced. We need to make sure that the conferences are useful for us. A lot of people have reached out multiple times to talk about certain things. The only other place that have comparable program for engsoc is waterloo and queens, who we just talk to enough as it is for many other topics

Alex: I don't think saying because they are smaller that they can't help out. Just because they are bigger doesn't mean they don't server anything to us.

Kim: What I mean is that most of them are running social events as oppose to service based things, like courses and the commercial operations, a lot of the engsoc are smaller because they don't have the resources for the position. Not to say they don't have as good ideas like us, they don't have large issues that we find more important from my experience talking to them.



Motion Carried

7. Motion by Pierre Harfouche to direct the Vice-President Finance to renew the Hard Hat Café contract

WHEREAS the Hard Hat Cafe project was initiated 5 years ago with the intention of opening a student run cafeteria in the SF Atrium; and

WHEREAS the Hard Hat Cafe has, for the time being, demonstrated that it is a sustainable operation within the Engineering Society both financially and logistically; and

WHEREAS the original contract with Food & Beverages Services has expired and a new contract must be signed to open the Hard Hat Café in 2013; and

WHEREAS the new agreement will last 5 years but allows the Engineering Society to terminate the agreement at any point with appropriate notice;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board instructs the Vice-President Finance to sign the Food Service Provider Agreement in Appendix A.

Seconded by Mauricio

Pierre: now that we have elected the Caf managers, we need to consider whether to renew this. The issue is whether we see that the Caf is worth it in the future, and if it can make a profit.

Motion Carried

8. Presentation and discussion: Site 10 Donor Agreement

Presentation slides will be available online

Pierre: The levy fund was started in 1982, and it is renewed every 2 years, things that are spent on it are software, chemicals for labs, equipment, computers etc...Mention of space is important for the issue of Site 10. Engsoc budgets for site 10 is not feasible, fee diversion makes this impossible for this, the key thing is we would lose club funding for a lot of activities and events too.

Endowment fund. A big wildcard at the moment is how much we will get because students can opt out from this. Many questions do arise with this. There a many points to remember for this (on the slides) we are currently listed as a boundless donation but we won't be giving that. For the options listed, we need to weigh them carefully, they each have certain risks on them.

Gordon: Pierre touched on this, but no matter what happens there, we will have some sort of tradeoff, as we saw with waterloos endowment fund, the purpose is to collect a large amount of interest on the money, getting lab improvements is key, but it is better to be conservative with this rather than going all out right away. We don't want to promise away a large sum of money because it would damage our relationship with the faculty, we are going to start inquiring on putting the opt



out on ROSI, we don't know whether many people dropping out. There is a lot of questioning in this, in my personal opinion, I think the money we have to work with is the money in the account now and the levy fund over the next two years. We had have to run a referendum to change the project. We would also need to run a consultation to show legitimate cause for this.

Mauricio: We are not deciding today, it is simply an informative session. We are allowed to take money out of the endowment fund, we are allowed to take surplus money from the levy into the endowment fund. The finance committee could decide whether a lab improvement is more weighted then the site 10 donation. There is a difference here about what is ethical and not allowed. If we are doing opt out, we want to make it as easy as possible, no progress has been made to implement this yet. Although the functionality is already there for UTSC, we have no idea what is happening, in addition to knowing how many people will opt out. To take most of it we need to run a referendum.

We are not giving money to give space, our donation is not consequential to the building being made. We are donating on an agreement to space. This helps them out on there end to get even more additional funding. The way this happens is that I bring it to them to talk to. We want to ensure that we have space for our students in the future 15 years down the road. Talking to the dean is also a strong issue here so that we don't get kicked out of the building later on into lesser space. Although they assumed we could give 1.800, we figured that we can for sure give only 1 million but then we can also add on to the list of things that we need to consider. In any scenario the only risk we should take is 50% of the levy. Also naming the space is something to consider, my action item is to find out this naming business and to find out wif this is a option for us. They are willing to come to the next board meeting to answer any questions. The last thing here is for us to say we will give something and then go down on our own price. They need to know how much bridge financing they need. If you have any questions just ask us anytime, this is the most important thing we vote on all year, I want to make sure everyone is understanding there position

Ishan: if you have any questions on the building and things, feel free to email me, and ask as I was on the board to talk about this with the faculty.

9. Motion by Gordon Tattle to authorize summer Orientation spending

WHEREAS the Orientation Committee must pay for F!rosh Kit items, F!rosh Nite deposit and other items immediately; and

WHEREAS the 2013-2014 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 2013-2014 Operating Budget, provided that the expenses are exigent.

Seconded by Thomas



Gordon: Orientation needs to spend money so we would like to approve this, we won't approve anything too crazy for this spending, just what is necessary at this point.

Ishan: are there anything else that they are planning to do different this year?

Gordon: Argos game instead of a hypnosis show, no UTSU kits as well.

Motion carried

10. Motion by Gordon Tattle to strike the 2013-2014 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, 3 members at large and two 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 2014

Seconded by Pierre

Motion Passed

11. Election of Board representatives for 2013-2014 Finance Committee

Results: Evan Ma & Stephanie Gaglione

12. Adjournment (9:01)



Attendance

Officers		
President	Mauricio Curbelo	
VP Finance	Gordon Tattle	
VP Communication	Thomas Santerre	
VP Academic	Shaishev Shah	R
VP Student Life	Gabriel Stavros	
Directors of the Board		
At-Large	Yerusha Nuh	
At-Large	Matthew Lattavo	R
At-Large	Praneet Bagga	R
At-Large	Stephanie Gaglione	
Chemical Representative	Ishan Gupta	
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	R (Proxied to Eric Anderson)
Mineral Representative	N/A	
First Year	Vuk Svilaric	R
First Year	Stephanie Gaglione	
First Year	Shubham Manchanda	R
Non-Voting Members		
Speaker	N/A	
CRO	Laura Shen	