



## August Board of Directors Meeting

### 1. Adoption of the Agenda (7:25)

### 2. Approval of Minutes

- a. July Board of Directors Meeting: July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- b. Officer Meeting: August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- c. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes: August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (*to be provided*)

*Moved by: Mauricio*

*Seconded by: Thomas*

#### **Mauricio:**

We are going to table these minutes till the next meeting, there are some clarifications that need review regarding the large discussion we had.

#### **Motion by Mauricio to approve minutes at the September Board meeting.**

*Moved by: Mauricio*

*Seconded by: Pierre*

**Motion Carried**

### 3. Officer Reports

- a. President – Mauricio Curbelo

#### **Mauricio:**

What I have said in the report is pretty much it, I am in the office full time as I have finished work. I met with the discipline clubs after reading through the constitutions. The main thing is the class rep elections. We can't change the structure until the university is done revising their policies. Class reps don't have a role in the engsoc, it should be the discipline clubs work to decide on how they recruit people. If faculty club goes ahead with their change, we agreed that we should have one person to be the academic rep. we also discussed the procedures and the rules. There should only be 3 periods during the year, officers and bod, reps and then directors. This will help with the voter turnout. We discussed that any clubs should be affiliated with any other professional club. So long as everyone is honest that they are funding such a club. We are working with Lesley Mak and McCann to identify the best practice for academic advocacy. This is a big thing that we haven't tackled before and should be good for the future.

Ombudsman is going to run feedback on frosh week after the week, this will help for future organizing and making sure that it can improve in the future.

I have paid off the money for the lawyers, I have told them not to do anything until we tell them too.

#### **Pierre:**

Did you confirm that 2016 is the proper date for the site 10 agreement?



**Praneet:**

EngSoc is still running the elections, is discipline club only in charge of adverts?

**Matt:**

In terms of how the discipline elections are run, have you looked at how this affects our bylaws?

**Mauricio:**

The gift agreement for Site 10 that I attached is not the most recent one, I went back to Celeste and got an April 2016 deadline. I will ask celeste for a scanned copy of the gift agreement. The money is being taken out of the endowment fund and the other funds. I talked to UTSU for the homecoming game, we talked about the issues and they were unwilling to aid us in changing the dates.

In terms of class rep elections, VP Academic has full authority over this, class rep elections will be run for the first two weeks of school, we will ensure that bylaws are met by sending DROS and CRO out to the disciplines and ensure that they run it properly. I know that by working with the discipline clubs that we will get the right people and the message is correct in terms of what they position entails.

**Pierre:**

I want to ensure that Gordon makes sure that 1 million of a liability being recorded with the auditors.

b. VP Finance – Gordon Tattle

**Gordon:**

Conference funding will be on a case by case basis. We are funding a little less now that we no longer attend ESSCO and other conferences.

**Evan:**

Free media contract? Are there any issues with it?

**Praneet:**

Individuals can apply, can clubs apply?

**Yerusha:**

Who are delegating the task of suitable funding?

**Pierre:**

What are your thoughts on opening stores on Labour Day?

**Gordon:**

Evan, for the contract some of the wording was stranger than the one we had with CU ads last year. We are in contact with them just to clarify certain things. Conference funding decisions would be delegated to the finance committee as usual. As for stores opening on Labour Day, I don't believe it is my place to tell them what to do. They run



themselves and if they think its beneficial to be open then I will not bother them about it.

**Mauricio:**

We invest on these conferences only if it is development for everyone, such as competing teams. Regarding stores, in terms of blocking exits, I talked to Rhonda for it, and she's not concerned for it. Really there aren't anybody around when it will be open. It seems fiscally responsible to have it open.

**Pierre:**

Are there any issues with the presented budget regarding confidential items?

**Gordon:** the changes presented here are still tentative but they have the overall cost of items that are public items.

- c. VP Communications – Thomas Santerre
- d. VP Academic – Fady Soliman

**Fady:**

In terms of transition, I have talked to Mauricio, Matt, and Shaishav about things. I am waiting to hear back on meetings with some faculty members. We have talked about the course evaluation items.

**Yerusha:**

You're next improving the career centre, shouldn't it be the university helping the club. I don't see why they have to waste their resources on the Universities project.

**Praneet:**

What is the plan for academic advocacy this year?

**Fady:**

In terms of the career centre, we want to make sure that companies go there and also can go to You're Next, in terms of getting positions, we want your next to talk to the career centre and get PEY positions to post through their resources. Getting them to work together in the future, is the main goal for that. For advocacy, we are looking at a more student participating committee for when the standard course evaluations are done.

- e. VP Student Life – Gabriel Stavros

**Gabriel:**

CCR meeting is scheduled for the 28<sup>th</sup> we will be going through more applications. We will be going through certain things. Cannonball is good and done, in terms of club funding, Gordon will touch on that.

**Gordon:** With the meeting we have this week for gradball, could you make sure she brings the quotes for the venues.



**Pierre:**

So should we be regulating behaviour of chair people, seeing as over the weekend an organizer was in bed due to intoxication early in the night, not being able to observe the event. In terms of our society events.

**Gabriel:**

I wasn't aware about the HHF organizer being drunk at the event but I will talk to orientation and make sure that this is better observed in the future, payments are low compared to previous year.

**4. OATH of Office of the 1T3-1T4 Vice President Academic**

**5. MOTION by Gabriel Stavros to accept the affiliation of new clubs within the Engineering Society**

**WHEREAS** the Policy on Club Affiliation (the "Policy") requires that affiliated clubs within the Engineering Society apply and reapply for Engineering Club Status on an annual basis; and

**WHEREAS** this year's club affiliation process was advertised to all students including clubs affiliated in the previous year; and

**WHEREAS** all applications were reviewed by the President and the Vice President Student Life to determine eligibility and merit with respect to the Policy; and

**WHEREAS** only new student clubs recommended for affiliation require approval from the Board of Directors to receive official Engineering Club Status;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the new student clubs, included in the Appendix, be affiliated with the Engineering Society for 2013-2014.

*Seconded by Praneet*

**Pierre:**

We have many duplicate clubs, should we look into this as funding one but not the other gets slightly controversial.

**Mauricio:**

Requirements, as said before, are just ones that we are ok being affiliated with. Regarding duplicates, it's dealt with in the funding.

**Gabriel:**

I'm looking at the bylaws right now, and the process. Sorting this out is good because we can de-duplicate, keeping a strong criteria is unnecessary.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**



**6. MOTION by Matthew Lattavo to direct the Officers to provide a presentation to the Board of Directors on their projects for the upcoming year.**

**WHEREAS** the Officers have had time to prioritize their goals for the remainder of their term; and

**WHEREAS** it is the purview of the Board of Directors to be aware of, and guide the operations of the Society through the projects and activities of its Officers;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Officers each provide a presentation to the Board of Directors at the September 2013 Meeting on their individual and combined efforts, activities, and projects, for the remainder of the Skule year.

*Seconded by Pierre*

**Matthew:** this is more of a long term plan. I think this is important that we know what we hope to do.

**Mauricio:**

The fall and winter terms get busy so it's important to lay out goals.

**Pierre:**

This is a much more structured report and I am looking for a much more focused meeting. I think looking into

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**7. Presentation by Thomas Santerre on the status of the Courses.Skule.ca redesign program tabled to 8:46**

**8. Presentation by Alex Szatan on the status of the Working Group meeting**

**Alex:**

What do we tell the students, what happened at the meeting we had in August?

**Mauricio:**

In terms of what to tell the students we are obligated to tell financial expenditures, nothing is happening much now over the summer, and we can use discretion in the future. I don't know what is going to happen. In terms of what we are spending, we need to allocate this in the budget. The biggest thing is to really control all these expenses.

I got an email from the provost, she is calling together a summit of all the leaders. They are hoping to resolve all sorts of issues at this meeting. In a policy where there are 4 different main student unions, how can different interests from certain departments be brought together? My intention is to point out that the interests of any divisional student society matter, what really matters is the student's options as demonstrated in the referendum. This will start in October, they are going to bring experts in governance, and suggest a new framework for the way it



works. They are going to look at a way to facilitate fee diversion. We must address every group's interest. This process was expected, so the lawyers will read this. I will be writing our response to this, if you are ok with this being reviewed by lawyers, then I will give them the go ahead.

**Evan:**

Will there be time in September to get a response out and to acquire funds for this?

**Mauricio:**

We have the 5k that we approved during the previous BOD meeting, and I'll use that in discretion for this. Ill first make a recommendation and bring that to you guys.

**Alex:**

Do we have to send this right away so to avoid extra costs. Could we not bundle it all together for them if we need them to review a written portion?

**Pierre:**

I'd also like to have someone else attend this meeting with Mauricio so we can get a second view on the situation. Since they are allowing two members, we should really fulfil that request.

**Mauricio:**

As for the second opinion you are looking for, you are getting it as I am the one going to the meetings, also I ran with a certain opinion during my presidential campaign. It's my job to go and represent student's opinion to the university. The opinion is that student's don't feel that the UTSU is very useful at this point. Secondly I will tell the lawyers that we have a budget limitation and that we don't need them for this process. We will ask them not to do things, and we don't need to them to do a bunch of research and contact anyone. This process is now on paper. Whether we want the lawyers to write our piece for September first, I will come to you next month to update you. We are going to ask for all the same things we wanted before. We only needed lawyers to make sure everything was kept proper in case we went to court. The only thing, if you are the 2<sup>nd</sup> rep for the issue is that you are signing up for the whole thing and should be interested in the issue.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT 9:15**



## Attendance

<b>Officers</b>		
President	Mauricio Curbelo	
VP Finance	Gordon Tattle	
VP Communication	Thomas Santerre	
VP Academic	Fady Soliman	
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	AwR – P > Ian Weinberger
Computer Representative	Kimberley Shen	AwR
Electrical Representative	Allan Wang	
Engineering Science Representative	Pierre Harfouche	
Industrial Representative	Alexandra Szatan	
Materials Science Representative	Vinson Quoc Truong	AwR
Mechanical Representative	Evan Boyce	
<i>Mineral Representative</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	
First Year	Vuk Svilaric	AwR
First Year	Stephanie Gaglione	P -> yerusha
First Year	Shubham Manchanda	AwR
<b>Non-Voting Members</b>		
Speaker	Matthew Lattavo	
CRO	Laura Shen	



**University of Toronto Engineering Society  
June Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**

**August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
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**A – Absent**

**AwR – Absent with Regrets**

**P – Proxy**