



## September Board of Directors Meeting

**Meeting Called to order at 4:20**

### 1. Adoption of the Agenda 4:20

**Pierre:** I would like to point out that ratifying the results now would be not wise as we have not reached the 7 day appeals period as specified in the election bylaws. We should postpone the ratification and oaths until the next board meeting.

**AMMENDMENT by Pierre Harfouche to strike items 4 and 5 from the agenda and renumbered all other items accordingly.**

*Secoded by Matthew*

**Amendment Carried**

**Gordon:** I would like to withdraw item 8, I will further explain this issue later in the meeting.

*Item 8 removed and all other items renumbered accordingly*

**Matt:** We will hold a split meeting during the next Board Meeting to address Pierre's issue.

*Moved by Matthew*

*Secoded by Thomas*

**Agenda Adopted as Amended**

### 2. Approval of Minutes

- a. July Board of Directors Meeting: July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (Corrected)
- b. Officer Meeting: August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- c. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes: August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- d. August Board of Directors Meeting: August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013-09-23 (Corrected)
- e. Officer Meeting: August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- f. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes: September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013

*Moved by Matthew*

*Secoded by Thomas*

**Minutes Approved as Corrected**

### 3. Officer Reports and Presentations

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



**Praneet:** What is Engsoc going to do in regards to helping the career center with student associations?

**Matt:** I can work with Fady at a later time to organize the majority of questions and concerns you have at the moment. I think that on your point of having more documents posted on the courses website is a good idea, but we can work with our own committee members on this.

**Tabish:** I would recommend looking in to Galbraith Society and other organizations as they host similar things events through the year. To avoid loss of attendance between events it might be better to work together on this.

e. VP Student Life – Gabriel Stavros

**4. MOTION by Pierre Harfouche to allow student driven referenda.**

**WHEREAS,** only the Board of Directors has the authority to call a referendum question;

**WHEREAS,** a large group of students cannot call a referendum question unpopular with the Board of Directors;

**WHEREAS,** the Engineering Society strives to encourage involvement of Members by providing means for all students to engage in the dealings of the Society;

**WHEREAS,** enabling student-driven referenda is an additional means to engage the greater Membership; and

**WHEREAS,** the criteria for Members to call a referendum question shall provide some assurance that questions have the support of a substantial number of students within the community at large;

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the following changes be made to Bylaw 3 and all other sections renumbered accordingly:

5.0.1: A referendum shall be called upon a motion of the Board **or by a petition signed solely by Members.**

5.0.1.b: Any referendum question not passed by the Board of Directors shall be provided to the CRO with the signatures and student numbers of at least 10% of Members in support of calling the referendum question. The completed question with signatures of support shall be provided to the CRO 30 days in advance of the proposed referendum date.

*Seconded by Thomas*



**Pierre:** So for the new people here today, we have bylaws that help us run EngSoc by certain mandatory processes. I will not disagree with a motion to table, as there are some issues that Ivan has mentioned to me that make what I have suggested much more complex. The basic premise is that we need a process that allows students to hold a referendum without board approval. This ensures that there is a method to avoid bias in our decisions in the future, just as we have seen with the UTSU over the past few years. I will revise these, and then make sure that there are fair procedures.

**Matt:** Before we table the motion, are there any questions people have for Pierre regarding the aim of this motion?

**Praneet:** We were all elected by the students; they place their trust in what we do such that when they require the services of the society, we can supply it. The board needs to be involved in a screening process, in my opinion. This will eliminate the need to be very specific in the bylaws to avoid referenda that would be detrimental to individual groups. This being said, clubs and students can always attend board meetings and voice their concerns there.

**Pierre:** I don't think it is your decision to trump the opinion of more than 500 students. This goes back to what we went through with the UTSU, I think that we need to pass something to make sure the board is always open to what the students want.

**Praneet:** I did say there should be some leeway, they should be allowed to vote on things that concern them, but there should still be a screening process. I am not saying that we won't allow it. We need to make sure that we don't get bad items put through.

**Evan B:** Has there been an issue on this? I don't see the need for this as we already have outlets for student input and referenda.

**Ivan:** I'd like to get some people together for an informal discussion regarding this after the meeting.

**MOTION by Matthew Lattavo to consider the question informally**

*Seconded by Kim*

**Matt:** I want to allow 5 minutes for informal discussion of this matter and then we will move to table the motion.

**Motion Carried**

*5 minutes for informal discussion*

**MOTION by Gordon Tattle to postpone the motion indefinitely.**

*Seconded by Ivan*

**Motion Postponed Indefinitely**



**5. MOTION by Gordon Tattle to prohibit Board Members from holding multiple seats**

**WHEREAS**, currently, the bylaws do not prevent Directors of the Board, or Officers, from running for vacant seats on the Board;

**WHEREAS**, this could allow the same individual to hold multiple At-Large seats on the Board in addition to a discipline-specific seat, or allow Officers to also hold these seats;

**WHEREAS**, the Board should reflect the diversity of opinions present in our community, not the opinion of a slight majority of students multiple times over; and

**WHEREAS**, it is not necessary for First Year Representatives to continue to hold their seat during the summer, since by that time all Members are already represented by Discipline and At-large Representatives;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following be added to Bylaw 1, and all other sections be renumbered accordingly:

4.2.4 No member of the Society may hold more than one position on the Board of Directors with the same term of office;

4.2.5 No member of the Board may hold more than 1 vote except when holding a proxy;

4.2.6 The term of office of First Year Representatives shall end at the adjournment of the meeting at which the Board of Directors election results (for the regular election cycle specified in Bylaw 3) are ratified by the Board; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following be added to Bylaw 3, and all other sections be renumbered accordingly:

3.0.2 The Nomination Period for First Year Representatives of the Board of Directors shall commence at 9:00 am on the Wednesday of the first full week of class in the fall term, and close at 5:00 pm on the following Sunday;

3.0.3 A Member who currently holds a seat on the Board of Directors may not seek election to another seat without first resigning their current seat.

*Seconded by Ivan*

**AMMENDMENT by Gordon Tattle so that the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause which read:**

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3.0.3 A Member who currently holds a seat on the Board of Directors may not seek election to another seat without first resigning their current seat.

**Will now read:**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following be added to Bylaw 3, and all other sections be renumbered accordingly:

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3.0.3 A Member who currently holds a seat on the Board of Directors may not hold another seat without first resigning their current seat, if elected the previous seat must be forfeited.

*Seconded by Shubham*

**Pierre:** I am against this, let's say there is one person that wants to resign and then doesn't get the position they sought, they will just go back to their old position. We need to make sure that that seat is open at the same time otherwise we would have to force another election right after the previous one.

**Evan M:** A question, does this run into an issue like with Stephanie holding 2 positions over the summer?

**Matt:** This motion would negate the votes first year reps would have over the summer.

**Evan M:** I am confused, if a board member is applying for an officer position and vice versa then they have to withdraw from their current position? Could we clarify this?

**Matt:** We are now voting on rephrasing the motion: a member who currently holds a seat must forfeit the seat when they win, but not before.

**Amendment Fails**

**Yerusha:** I'd like to amend the motion to account for the issues discussed. This would allow an officer or current board member to run for a next term position, but not a current term position.

**AMMENDMENT by Yerusha Nuh so that the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause which read:**

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3.0.3 A Member who currently holds a seat on the Board of Directors may not seek another seat with the same term without first resigning their current seat.

*Seconded by Gordon*

**Amendment Passes**

**Motion Carried**

**6. MOTION by Gordon Tattle to ratify changes to the Policy on Finances**

**WHEREAS**, it has been three years since the policy has been updated and there have been significant changes to the way the society is run; and

**WHEREAS**, the changes have been reviewed and approved by the Officers;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the attached Policy on Finances be ratified.

*Seconded by Stephanie*

**Gordon:** It needed to be done, you can see the amended ones in the appendix on page 63. There are many changes that were outdate and never worked, feel free to contact me in the future if you have questions. This also helps the finance committee make things happen right away instead of a long drawn out process for funding.

**Pierre:** Everything that we had in there was so old and it didn't make sense to what we are doing now. It was just very conflicting with the way things should have been logically done. The major change is how to appeal to funding.

**Matt:** My understanding is that the new appeals section is substantially different. This was distributed beforehand.



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**Motion Carried**

**7. MOTION by Gordon Tattle to approve 2013-2014 Discipline Club Funding**

**WHEREAS**, the release of funding to recognized Discipline Clubs is authorized annually by the Board per Bylaw 7, 1.0.3;

**WHEREAS**, the Society is not aware of any reason why funding ought to be withheld from any of the nine (9) Discipline Clubs; and

**WHEREAS**, final enrolment numbers are not yet available from the Registrar's Office;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that funding be released to Discipline Clubs according to the following amounts, 60% to be disbursed following receipt of student fees by the Society, 30% in January 2014 and 10% in March 2014:

Chemical Engineering Club - Chair, Akash Kaushal - \$3,403.00  
Civil Engineering Club - Chair, Colin Kalaska - \$3,502.00  
Computer Engineering Club - Chair, David Xie - \$2,993.50  
Electrical Engineering Club - Chair, Zachary Fejes - \$5,189.50  
Engineering Science Club - Chair, Stuti Rungee - \$5,608.00  
Industrial Engineering Club - Chair, Zoya Shrivastava - \$2,872.00  
Material Science and Engineering Club - Chair, Abrar Mahmud - \$1,985.50  
Mechanical Engineering Club - Co-Chairs, Trevor Burton and Daniel Osmokrovic - \$4,627.00  
Mineral Engineering Club - Chair, Andreas Steckenborn - \$1,603.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Vice-President Finance adjust subsequent installments to reflect actual enrollment numbers provided by the Registrar's Office according to the formula specified in Bylaw 7.

*Seconded by Ivan*

**Gordon:** Mauricio has reviewed all the constitutions from the discipline clubs and is happy with what they have presented. I'd like to propose an amendment because the motion should read: to be dispersed at the end of *September*.

**AMMENDMENT by Gordon Tattle so that the BE IT RESOLVED clause which read:**

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**Will now read:**



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**BE IT RESOLVED**, that funding be released to Discipline Clubs according to the following amounts, 60% to be disbursed at the end of September 2013, 30% in January 2014 and 10% in March 2014:

*Secoded by Ivan*  
**Amendment Passes**

**Ivan:** Is the reason we stagger it because we don't get the full funds for a while?

**Gordon:** We don't get the full amount until the end of the year, we get 60% now and 40% dispersed throughout the rest of the year.

**Motion Carried**

**8. MOTION by Gordon Tattle to approve the changes to the Operating Budget of the Engineering Society**

**WHEREAS** the Vice President Finance is required to prepare a budget of operating expenses for the year, in accordance with the Bylaws of the Society; and

**WHEREAS** it is prudent to update the budget throughout the year based on actual expenditures and changing circumstances;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the attached changes to the Operating Budget of the Engineering Society be approved.

*Second by Praneet*

**Pierre:** What should we do about orientation running a deficit this year? We need to figure this out so that this is not a recurring issue in the future.

**Ivan:** We should be bringing this back to the board at a later time once we decide proper steps to take towards this. Even if the officers approve the expenditures, we need to take a look at it, but it's something that the board needs to be looking at more from now on.

**Pierre:** The board should be taking a stand, at what point should we be butting in and making sure that the issues get resolved and don't happen again.

**Matt:** This discussion is veering off, we will go back to the budget conversation.

**Pierre:** I'd like to make an amendment to remove the line for orientation.

**AMMENDMENT by Pierre Harfouche to remove all line items associated with orientation from the presented budget.**

*Secoded by Shubham*





**Pierre:** I feel like we cycle through this problem. We need to go through what went wrong, we should codify certain events like phone calls out and the start of sales.

**Matt:** I think that Gabriel should be here to discuss this.

**Gordon:** What would result from changing the budget?

**Pierre:** It is to ensure that we don't let this slide. We are just going to forget about this. We need to codify it, we have no incentive to work on this topic in the future.

**Gordon:** The people who will not be receiving funding are not the ones to be punished for this.

**Evan M:** I agree with Gordon, I think that Pierre's amendment is punishing the wrong people and won't accomplish anything but get people mad at the board.

**Shubham:** I have to agree with Pierre. I feel that if we aren't holding the large groups accountable then what will the smaller groups think about the Society?

**Evan M:** If anything, it is a statement that the board makes rash decisions regarding already spent money just to seek a punishment on the wrong people.

#### **Amendment Fails**

**Praneet:** Is it possible that you can circulate the orientation budget when you get it?

**Gordon:** Yes.

#### **Motion Carries**

### **9. MOTION by Gordon Tattle 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;

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

**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.

*Motion is not observed--not seconded*

**10. MOTION by Pierre Harfouche to appoint a representative to the Student Society Summit**

**WHEREAS**, the University has called a Student Societies Summit to resolve ongoing issues between student societies;

**WHEREAS**, the University has called for student societies to appoint representatives to attend these meetings;

**WHEREAS**, this falls directly in the portfolio of the President and the Board of Directors of the Engineering Society; and

**WHEREAS**, it would be advantageous to send more than a single student to represent Engineers at the summit;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that a current elected representative of the Board of Directors and the president be appointed to participate at the Student Societies Summit or similar attempts by the university to resolve the fee diversion issue, on behalf of the Engineering Society.

**Seconded by Gordon**

**Pierre:** We talked about this at the last meeting. We should have someone else that will be around Skule for a while as they will be a prime source of information for the board.

**Motion carries**

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Thomas Santerre elected as representative at the Student Society Summit alongside Mauricio Curbelo**

**12. ADJOURNMENT 6:41**



## Attendance

<b>Officers</b>		
President	Mauricio Curbelo	AwR
VP Finance	Gordon Tattle	
VP Communication	Thomas Santerre	
VP Academic	Fady Soliman	
VP Student Life	Gabriel Stavros	AwR
<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	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>	<i>Vacant</i>	
First Year	Vuk Svilaric	A
First Year	Stephanie Gaglione	
First Year	Shubham Manchanda	
<b>Non-Voting Members</b>		
Speaker	Matthew Lattavo	
CRO	Laura Shen	AwR

A – Absent

AwR – Absent with Regrets

P – Proxy