



## June 2014 Board of Directors Meeting

### 1. Adoption of the Agenda – 10:30am

Praneet Seconds

#### **Agenda Adopted**

### 2. Approval of Minutes

- a. May Board of Directors Meeting: May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Praneet Seconds

- b. Finance Committee Minutes: May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Mehran explains the discrepancies between the minutes and the operating budget in the Appendix:

***Cannonball - \$10,000 approved (amended from \$7800)***  
***Cannon Guard - \$4,000 approved (amended from \$3,500)***  
***LGMB - \$1,000 approved (amended from not approved)***

Ernesto Seconds

- c. Finance Committee Minutes: June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Ryan Seconds

- d. Academic Advocacy Committee Minutes: June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

Ryan Seconds

- e. Officer Meeting: June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Karan Seconds

**All minutes approved unanimously**

### 3. Officer Reports

- a. President – Teresa Nguyen

Tabish asks Teresa to elaborate on Faculty relations



**University of Toronto Engineering Society**  
**May 2014 Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**

*June 14th, 2014*  
*10:00am*  
*GB202*

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Teresa explains that she's meeting with Christina, Director of the Dean's Office with regards to the town hall. Teresa explains students' dissatisfaction with faculty services. Teresa explains how the Career Centre Task Force will influence the faculty.

b. VP Finance – Mehran Hydary

Praneet asks about SUDS' new bar

Mehran explains that it may be temporary

Nico asks if SUDS could make the new bar rentable

c. VP Communications – Karan Shukla

Yerusha comments on Wordpress and its ease of use. Karan clarifies that he needs the Webmaster to do some preliminary work

Teresa asks about the Frosh Handbook deadlines. Karan says the first draft will be done by June 18th.

Mehran asks the Handbook to get local sponsors. Karan says he will tell Handbook.

Tabish asks about the Handbook deadlines and asks why they're printing late. Karan says he will tell them to be faster.

d. VP Academic – Ryan Gomes

Karan asks when Anti calendar will be done. Ryan says before summer ends.

Tabish says that disciplines have their own anti-calendars. Praneet says he's coordinating with them.

Marissa asks about faculty relations and deadlines with the anti-calendar. Teresa says she's looking into it.

Tian asks about Tutors. Ryan clarifies that new tutors have to go through an orientation process. Ryan says he'll have it set up by August.

e. VP Student Life – Cory Sulpizi

Tabish speaks to the UTP Town Hall. He says Cory and Tabish met with Clubs and Design Teams. Tabish says there's still work to be done with NewTP. Tabish says the clubs are having dialogues. Tabish talks about Orientation deadlines, and says they're on track. Tabish has reached out to the Outreach office. Tabish says they've found a new place for the commuter program.



Teresa says she's been collaborating with Cory on Site 10 and Club Affiliation.

Mehran asks Tabish to clarify the Frosh Carnival. He says it's a replacement for the Argonauts game. Tabish says its being subsidised by external sponsors. He says it will be a small carnival thing similar to the UTSU carnival. Sponsors will have their own booths. Tabish says Hart House farm is the week after.

Nico asks if Frosh Carnival will be on Front Campus. Tabish says he will communicate with the Faculty.

Praneet asks if the Carnival will be free in terms of the games. Tabish says the games will be free. Tabish says it will be a marketing exercise.

Mehran asks if there will be cross college coordination. Tabish says they will be talking to the other colleges.

Tian asks about Site 10's deadlines. Omar says its UofT time. Teresa says its 2017.

Teresa asks whether the Varsity game will happen. Tabish says its not a part of Frosh Week. Teresa says inter college relationships has improved.

Tabish says he's reached out to other colleges. He says he'll talk to the EngSoc orientation chair.

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

Candidates are Tabish, Omar and Nico. Melissa withdrew her nomination on June 13<sup>th</sup> 2014.

**Elected Speaker – Tabish Gilani**

**5. Election and Oath of Office of the Alumni Outreach Director for the 1T4-1T5 Skule™ Year**

Candidates are Nico, Elissar and Jordy

**Elected Director – Nicholas Valenton**

**6. By-Election and Oath of Office of the Chief Returning Officer for the 1T4-1T5 Skule™ Year**

**Elected CRO – Matt Lee**

Informal Discussion called by Tabish. Seconded by Ernesto. Informal discussion motion carried unanimously.

Tabish confirms the votes with Robert's Rules and the Constitution



**7. MOTION by Mehran Hydary to approve the 2014-2015 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** the budget requires approval on three separate occasions, including a Spring Budget which shall be presented before July 1st, in accordance with the Bylaws of the Society;

**BE IT RESOLVED** THAT the 2014-2015 Operating Budget of the Engineering Society be approved

Seconded by Karan

Mehran clarifies the Budget's structure. Mehran says they made a surplus of 48,992 dollars under last year's VP Finance. Mehran says he increased Club funding and Special Projects funding. He says its an incentive. Mehran explains he left some money in Surplus for the Alumni Outreach Director and the appreciation dinners for Directors.

Ryan asks about the Academic Money Allocations. Mehran says its for the scanning of the past exams. He says its 1000 dollars.

Teresa says Mehran and she talked about the Surplus. Teresa says that not spending the money is an issue for non-profit corporations.

Ashkan asks for clarification on the Special Projects funding increase and dropping fees. Mehran says to drop fees, there needs to be a referendum. Mehran says that a lot of the Directorships have long term investments, making the Special Projects funds more useful.

Peter Luo asks about the surplus. Mehran says it's because of the planner. Mehran says there was 5000 dollars unclaimed from the Club funding pool.

Ashkan asks about the student fees discrepancy. Mehran says that they didn't know the enrolment numbers.

**Motion passes**

**8. MOTION by Mehran Hydary to have the Engineering Society release the first deposit to the Sheraton Centre Toronto**

**WHEREAS** the Sheraton Centre Toronto is the location of the 2015 Cannonball; and

**WHEREAS** The Engineering Society is required to make 3 payments to the Sheraton Centre Toronto to guarantee them a minimum food and beverage revenue of \$15,750.00; and

**WHEREAS** the first deposit of \$3938.00 is due;



**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Engineering Society release \$3938.00 to the Sheraton Centre Toronto as defined on page three of the contract attached.

Mehran says that Cannonball's budget was decent.

Praneet asks about the venue. Mehran says the venue was good.

Ernesto moves to call questions. Praneet seconds. Questions called unanimously.

**Motion carries.**

9. **MOTION by Mehran Hydary to affiliate the University of Toronto Engineering Society to the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students (CFES)**

**WHEREAS** the affiliation requires a \$3600 payment to the CFES; and

**WHEREAS** the affiliation will enable the University of Toronto Engineering Society to send students to the Ontario Engineering Competitions (OEC) on behalf of University of Toronto; and

**WHEREAS** The CFES aims to provide bilingual opportunities in support of an all-encompassing education for engineering students in Canada to become unparalleled professionals in their field;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Engineering Society allocates \$3600 for CFES in the 2014-2015 Engineering Society Budget to pay CFES such that the Engineering Society is affiliated with the CFES

**Ashkan Seconds motion.**

Mehran says he needed help to decide on this. Mehran says Teresa talked to Waterloo. Mehran feels that we could enable our students in UTEK to achieve good things in competition.

Yerusha says that they talked about it before and there was a decision not to pay fees to the CFES. Yerusha says that it was not necessary to pay for the CFES to participate in the competition. Mehran says that Matt and the past Board had trouble paying to the CFES when they went to the competitions OEC and CEC.

Teresa says that it's a unique opportunity to students.

Ryan asks about how many students are benefitting from the payment to CFES. Mehran says that there were a lot of candidates coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> and OEC.

Praneet says that we can afford 3600 dollars because of the surplus from last years.



Ashkan says that 3600 is too much for 5 students, and wonders if we can pay for it later. Mehran says that the UofT Engineering Students excelled at OEC. He says 5 people went to CEC. He says that Matt Lattavo was rushing to pay fees to CEC.

Karan asks if the CFES is related to the CFS. Mehran says they're independent. Yerusha says if they can postpone the vote. Mehran says the deadlines have already passed.

Teresa says it's a promotional item for UTEK. Teresa says UTEK wants to expand and people who win UTEK can go to the CEC and OEC. Teresa says its 3600 dollars is a small fee, when compared to the Surplus.

Ryan understands the benefits. Ryan says we're supposed to be prudent with student fees. Mehran reads out an article about OEC.

**Motion passed by majority.**

**10. MOTION by Karan Shukla to remove the Bylaw clause 2.1.6. in Bylaw 4 which reads:**

***2.1.6. The Vice-President Communications shall ensure that appropriate refreshments are provided for all Meetings***

**WHEREAS** the bylaw states that the VP Communications must provide refreshments to all Engineering Society members attending any meeting; and

**WHEREAS** the bylaw has become seldom enforced by the Engineering Society Officers; and

**WHEREAS** the bylaw has hardly ever been followed for monthly Board of Directors meetings; and

**WHEREAS** the bylaw has become fully obsolete as stated above;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Clause 2.1.6 in Bylaw 4 be fully purged from the Bylaws; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that providing refreshments for meetings becomes a personal, informal responsibility of the VP Communications in the future, at his or her discretion;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all proceeding Bylaws are renumbered accordingly;

**Seconded by Ryan**

Karan says that he thinks it speaks for itself. Karan says that the society has not for the past few years followed it, except for JCM and AGMs. So basically he wants to get rid of it as it is clogging up our bylaws, and we should be worried that we're not technically complying with our bylaws. Karan says he just wants to get rid of unnecessary bylaws, although he understands that refreshments help to get people out to meetings. Thus, Karan says he would like to make it an



informal commitment to make our bylaws better. JCM, AGM and Accountability would still have food.

Ashkan says he thinks it's still important to provide refreshments, but the bylaws are the wrong way to do that

Mehran asks if they can be formalized for those important meetings

Karan isn't sure, but says that it could be better to do it that way

Praneet says that it is in the bylaws, so can we just input those meetings in the bylaws

Yerusha says that bylaws are something that must be followed, and refreshments shouldn't be in the mandate as something that must be done. It could be submitted in a motion, is fine, but having it as a part of our bylaws isn't appropriate

Karan agrees, and states he believes he is just removing unnecessary bylaws

Praneet states that the funding for food comes from EngSoc, so it should be in the bylaws

Teresa motions to call the question

Ernesto seconds.

The question is called. Secconded by Ernesto.

**Full motion passed unanimously.**

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

**WHEREAS** the Officer team held a focus group under the direction of last month's Board of Directors meeting; and

**WHEREAS** it was decided that there is no need for a policy that dictates that phone interviews for returning clubs are required and/or optional; and

**WHEREAS** clause 2.6. of the Policy on Club Affiliation is largely ignored and unfollowed, but holding a Clubs Orientation Session is still deemed best practice;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Policy on Club Affiliation Clause 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 removed in its entirety, and every Clause following it is renumbered to fill the gap (ie, Section 2.7 is renumbered as 2.6, typ.).



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Policy on Club Affiliation Clause 2.9 is created as follows:

*2.9. The club should attend an Engineering Society Affiliated Clubs Orientation Session, hosted at least once a year by the Vice President Student Life.*

**Praneet Seconds.**

Mehran asks how many clubs there are. Teresa says there are 30-40 more clubs being reaffiliated. Mehran says Clubs are affiliated all year, so most clubs will come in the fall.

Ashkan explains how new clubs are being affiliated.

**Motion passed unanimously**

**12. MOTION by Cory Sulpizi 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 all new clubs listed in either the *Club Affiliation Summary, May 2014* located in the Appendix or in any amended versions of the *Club Affiliation Summary, May 2014* provided by the Vice President Student Life prior to this meeting, be affiliated with the Engineering Society for the remainder of the 2014-2015 year.

**Praneet Seconds.**

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Ashkan explains how new clubs are being affiliated.

**Motion passed unanimously**

**13. MOTION by Ryan Gomes to amend the bylaws concerning the Chief Returning Officer role**

**WHEREAS** the role of a Chief Returning Officer requires complete impartiality; and





**WHEREAS** designating the President as acting CRO when the role is left vacant carries inherent conflicts of interest; and

**WHEREAS** the Speaker is a role that requires a thorough understanding of bylaws; and

**WHEREAS** unusual circumstances have left the CRO role vacant for over two months this year.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Bylaw 3, clause 1.0.9, be amended to read as follows:

*In cases of infirmity, death, resignation, vacancy, or other form of ineligibility of the Chief Returning Officer, the Speaker shall act as the interim CRO until a new Chief Returning Officer can be elected at a meeting of the Board.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Bylaw 3, clause 1.0.10, be renumbered to clause 1.0.11

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a new clause, called clause 1.0.10, be added to Bylaw 3 to read as follows:

*In the event that the Speaker is unable or unwilling to execute the role of interim CRO faithfully, the role of interim CRO be passed to a director from the Board elected in a special election, to be held immediately after the Speaker is declared unable or unwilling.*

**Seconded by Ernesto.**

Ryan says there are inherent problems with having President as an interim CRO. He says the UTSU does the same thing.

Ernesto says it's a great idea.

Karan agrees with the motion.

Ashkan asks about the wording of the second BE IT RESOLVED clause. Ryan says that at the next Board Meeting, the Board will select an interim CRO. He says if both CRO and Speaker are vacant, the second clause will address.

Ashkan says that we should change the wording to clarify it's a Board meeting and not a special election. Tabish says its a special election is not in the Bylaws.

Yerusha moves to call the questions. Praneet seconds. Questions called.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**14. MOTION by Ryan Gomes to amend the bylaws concerning Standing Committees of the Board**



**WHEREAS** the Academic Advocacy Committee is an important part of the VP Academic portfolio; and

**WHEREAS** the lack of this committee last year was detrimental to student advocacy; and

**WHEREAS** the Academic Advocacy Committee has already made useful progress on pressing academic issues; and

**WHEREAS** enshrining this useful committee in the bylaws would avert such a situation.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Bylaw 1, Clause 4.13.1, be amended to include sub-clause e, which will read as follows:

*e. the Academic Advocacy Committee*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Bylaw 1, clause 4.13.6, be renumbered to clause 4.13.7.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a new clause, called clause 4.13.6, be added to Bylaw 1 to read as follows:

*The Academic Advocacy Committee shall consist of the Vice President Academic, other members of the Board that may be appointed, and Faculty Council Standing Committee Representatives.*

*a. The Vice President Academic shall serve as the Chair of the Academic Advocacy Committee*

**Seconded by Praneet.**

Ryan says that it expands the portfolio.

Teresa says that its good.

Karan asks why it has to be a bylaw. Ryan says its for continuity.

Ernesto says that its good for future VP Academics.

Yerusha says its hard to remove a bylaw.

**Motion passed.**

**15. MOTION by Karan Shukla to ban Cory Sulpizi from clubbing**

**WHEREAS** Cory Sulpizi has been identified clubbing at a Hotel (see appendix);

**WHEREAS** Cory Sulpizi has taken Club Affiliation too seriously;

**WHEREAS** clubbing is defined by Urban Dictionary as the following:



*A favourite activity of the moronic majority, this involves being shunted like cattle into a converted warehouse... sadly not to be slaughtered, but to wear ridiculous trendy clothes, listen to crap eardrum-shattering music, try to pick up brainless members of the opposite sex, and generally stand around aimlessly in a desperate but pointless attempt to show how cool you are.*

**WHEREAS** his questionable activities bring shame upon the Engineering Society and its members;

**WHEREAS** his clubbing activities may destroy his reputation as an Engineering Society Officers

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Engineering Society officially bars Cory Sulpizi from partaking in any more clubbing or dancing activities for the remainder of summer 2014; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mehran Hydary think twice when reviewing Club Funding applications, especially when engaging in activities with Cory Sulpizi;

**Yerusha seconds.**

Ashkan moves to call questions. Seconded by Praneet. Questions called.

**Motion fails unanimously.**

## **16. OTHER BUSINESS**

Teresa thanks everyone for their support. Teresa says that she respects Rishi and Matt as opinionated speakers.

## **17. ADJOURNMENT - 1:18**

**Seconded by Praneet.**



## Attendance

<b>Officers</b>		
President	Teresa Nguyen	X
VP Finance	Mehran Hydary	X
VP Communication	Karan Shukla	X
VP Academic	Ryan Gomes	X
VP Student Life	Cory Sulpizi	AwR , P- Mehran
<b>Directors of the Board</b>		
At-Large	Praneet Bagga	X
At-Large	Peter Luo	X
At-Large	Yerusha Nuh	X
At-Large	Marissa Zhang	X
Chemical Representative	Ishan Gupta	AwR
Civil Representative	Ernesto Diaz Lozano Patino	X
Computer Representative	Shubham Manchanda	AwR
Electrical Representative	Anamjit Singh Sivia	AwR
Engineering Science Representative	Ashkan Parcham-Kashani	X
Industrial Representative	Benjamin Leung	X
Materials Science Representative	Vinson Truong	AwR
Mechanical Representative	Tabish Gilani	X
Mineral Representative	Ivan Zdrakovic	AwR
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**A – Absent**

**AwR – Absent with Regrets**

**P – Proxy**