



February 2015 Board of Directors Meeting

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. January Board of Directors Meeting: January 29th, 2015
- b. Finance Committee Meeting:

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. MOTION by Judy Shen to create the Policy Outreach Director.

WHEREAS over the 2014-2015 term, the ad-hoc committee Engineering to Policy appointed by the President in July 2014 was created to provide a space for members of the Society to exercise their thoughts on engineering policy and current affairs, and;

WHEREAS it is the Society's mandate to provide opportunities for its members to develop valuable skills to take with them into their professional engineering careers, and;

WHEREAS presently, there is a lack of opportunities for students to engage in engineering policy conversations within the Society, and;

WHEREAS, with the elimination of VP External and the External director portfolio, the President has been receiving one-off opportunities from the Professional Engineers' of Ontario (PEO) where members can learn more about current affairs in engineering and how policy is related;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following is added to Chapter 1 of Bylaw 2 the Directors Bylaw and the subsequent lines be re-numbered accordingly.

1.20 Policy Outreach Director

1.20.1 There shall be a Policy Outreach Director, who shall be responsible for:

- a) Educating and informing the community about engineering policy and its related current affairs;



- b) Working with organizations, such as PEO, to inform members of professional activities and opportunities;
- 1.20.2 The Policy Outreach Director shall be overseen by the President.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Policy Outreach Director be included in the 2015 round of Project Director Nominations.

5. MOTION by Teresa Nguyen to create the Alumni Outreach Director.

WHEREAS over the 2014-2015 term, steps have been taken to build the network of people, skills, brand and organizational infrastructure of the Alumni Outreach portfolio as a Temporary Internal Director defined stated in bylaw 2, and;

WHEREAS it was always the intention to make this position a permanent position within the Society, provided that no negative impact was brought upon the Society, and;

WHEREAS Alumni Office of the Faculty is in full support of working with the Society through this portfolio, and;

WHEREAS the goal of this portfolio is to help enhance the overall student experience at Skule;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following is added to Chapter 1 of Bylaw 2 the Directors Bylaw and the subsequent lines be re-numbered accordingly.

1.20 Alumni Outreach Director

1.20.1 There shall be an Alumni Outreach Director, who shall be responsible for:

- a) Promoting Skule to Alumni Members;
- b) Working with faculty to enhance alumni engagement and relations;
- c) Actively pursuing opportunities around Skule for alumni engagement.

1.20.2 The Alumni Outreach Director shall be overseen by the President.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Alumni Outreach Director be included in the 2015 round of Project Director Nominations.

6. MOTION by Teresa Nguyen to hold a referendum on taking over representational responsibilities of the Students' Administrative Council

WHEREAS the full-time members of the Society are also members of SAC and **WHEREAS** that the University of Toronto currently recognizes SAC as the official representative



body for students on the St. George Campus and Mississauga Campus since SAC collects several compulsory non-academic incidental fees on behalf of SAC; and

WHEREAS the Society has examined the representational structure of SAC several times in the last seven years; and

WHEREAS a list of recommendations to address these issues was presented to SAC on multiple occasions and were thoroughly rejected; and

WHEREAS it has been the ongoing position of the Society that our membership would be better served if SAC's representational services for our members were taken over by the Society; and

WHEREAS it is the mandate of the Society to work toward the interests of its members, particularly in the University community;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Engineering Society Board of Directors authorizes the Chief Returning Officer to conduct a referendum asking full-time members of the Society whether they wish for the University of Toronto to recognize the Engineering Society as the formal representation of engineering students in all University matters and affairs, taking over SAC's representational responsibilities for engineering students, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the referendum is to be held during the upcoming Officer elections, the final wording of such to be set by the CRO in consultation with the University of Toronto and the Officers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Engineering Society calls on the University of Toronto and SAC to recognize the democratic expression of its members' wishes in regard to student society representation, provided such a referendum is conducted in a free and fair fashion.

7. MOTION by Mehran Hydary to call a referendum to renew the Skule Endowment Fund

WHEREAS the Skule Endowment Fund was established by the initiation of \$100.00 per year opt-out levy on full-time members beginning in the Fall 2011 academic session; and

WHEREAS significant strides have been made in cementing the governance and planning of the Fund; and

WHEREAS the continued existence and expansion of the Fund will improve student life for our members for decades to come;



BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Society authorize a referendum to occur concurrent with 2015 Officer Elections to renew the Endowment Levy Fund at \$100.00/year, using the preamble and question in Appendix A, subject to minor revisions in wording from the Office of Student Life.

8. MOTION by Mehran Hydari to call a referendum to renew the Temporary Special Levy Fund

WHEREAS the Temporary Levy Fund was established by the initiation of \$100.00 per year levy on full-time members beginning in the Fall 1983 academic session, subsequently increased to \$150.00 per year beginning in the Fall 2009 session; and

WHEREAS the Temporary Levy Fund was subsequently reduced to \$125.00 per year beginning in the Fall 2013 session; and

WHEREAS the Temporary Special Levy Fund continues to demonstrate value in accordance with its purpose; and

WHEREAS the Society and its members would benefit from the flexibility of moving surplus Special Levy funds to broader, permanent Endowment Fund;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Society authorize a referendum to occur concurrent with the 2015 Office Elections to renew the Temporary Special Levy Fund, using the preamble and question found in Appendix A, subject to minor revisions in wording from the Office of Student Life.

9. MOTION the University of Toronto Robotics Association (UTRA) regarding the renewal of the UTRA levy

WHEREAS the team has submitted an updated budget and a letter addressed to Engineers about the teams' needs as well as their past accomplishments; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the preamble (subject to minor revisions in the wording) in Appendix A be put to a referendum to full-time members of the University of Toronto Engineering Society at the upcoming Board of Directors elections in March 2015.

10. MOTION by Engineers Without Borders – University of Toronto Chapter regarding the renewal of the Engineers Without Border – University of Toronto Chapter Levy;

WHEREAS the team has submitted an updated budget and a letter addressed to Engineers about the teams' needs as well as their past accomplishments; and



BE IT RESOLVED THAT the preamble (subject to minor revisions in the wording) in Appendix A be put to a referendum to full-time members of the University of Toronto Engineering Society at the upcoming Board of Directors elections in March 2015.

11. MOTION by the Human Powered Vehicle Design Team are seeking to renew the Human Powered Vehicle Design Team Levy;

WHEREAS the team has submitted an updated budget and a letter addressed to Engineers about the teams' needs as well as their past accomplishments; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the preamble (subject to minor revisions in the wording) in Appendix A be put to a referendum to full-time members of the University of Toronto Engineering Society at the upcoming Board of Directors elections in March 2015.

12. MOTION by the University of Toronto Blue Sky Solar Racing Team are seeking to renew the Human Powered Vehicle Design Team Levy;

WHEREAS the team has submitted an updated budget and a letter addressed to Engineers about the teams' needs as well as their past accomplishments; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the preamble (subject to minor revisions in the wording) in Appendix A be put to a referendum to full-time members of the University of Toronto Engineering Society at the upcoming Board of Directors elections in March 2015.

13. MOTION by the University of Toronto Concrete Canoe Team are seeking to renew the University of Toronto Concrete Canoe Team Levy;

WHEREAS the team has submitted an updated budget and a letter addressed to Engineers about the teams' needs as well as their past accomplishments; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the preamble (subject to minor revisions in the wording) in Appendix A be put to a referendum to full-time members of the University of Toronto Engineering Society at the upcoming Board of Directors elections in March 2015.

14. MOTION by the University of Toronto Aerospace Team (UTAT) regarding the creation of a UTAT levy

WHEREAS the team has submitted an updated budget and a letter addressed to Engineers about the teams' needs as well as their past accomplishments; and



BE IT RESOLVED THAT the preamble (subject to minor revisions in the wording) in Appendix A be put to a referendum to full-time members of the University of Toronto Engineering Society at the upcoming Board of Directors elections in March 2015.

15. MOTION by Mehran Hydary to increase the Engineering Society fee to account for cost of living

WHEREAS the Society's constitution and mandate allow for the membership fee to increase without referendum to reflect an increase in the cost-of-living, as determined by Government of Canada; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has set the Consumer Price Index increase at 1.5% for 2014

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Engineering Society requests that the University of Toronto increase the membership fee levied on its members by 1.5%, effective beginning in the Fall 2015 session

16. MOTION by Mehran Hydary to approve Levy Fund allocations

WHEREAS the undergraduate student levy voted two years ago to establish a levy fund whose purpose is to improve the undergraduate student experience; and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee believes these projects will improve the academic experience of the student body and help our facilities to grow and develop; and

WHEREAS additional documentation and individual applications will be hosted online; and

WHEREAS the Vice-President Finance is now in the process of contacting departments to ensure these projects have not already been funded;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Engineering Society Board of Directors approves the disbursement of funds as indicated in Appendix B;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Vice-President Finance may lower any disbursement should the costs of the projects have fallen throughout this process.

17. 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 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 club TechXPlore is affiliated with the Engineering Society until the end of this fiscal year.

18. MOTION by Matthew Lee to change Bylaw 3 Article 3.0.1 regarding Board of Director election period

WHEREAS to continue opening the nomination period for Board of Director positions in conjunction with Project Director positions; and

WHEREAS to allow for flexibility to prevent voting period conflict with SAC elections; and

WHEREAS Bylaw 3 Article 3.0.1 currently reads 'The Nomination Period for Board of Directors shall commence at 9:00am on the Monday of the fourth week after Reading Week in the Winter Term, and close at 5:00 pm on the Thursday of the same week'; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 3 Article 3.0.1 reads 'The Nomination Period for Board of Directors shall commence **no later than** 9:00am on the Monday of the fourth week after Reading Week in the Winter Term, and close at 5:00 pm on the **Friday** of the same week'

19. MOTION by Matthew Lee to change Bylaw 3 Article 4.0.1 regarding Project Director election period

WHEREAS to allow for greater time in the project director nomination, interview, and appointment process; and

WHEREAS to continue opening the nomination period for Project Director positions in conjunction with Board of Director positions; and



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WHEREAS Bylaw 3 Article 4.0.1 currently reads 'The Nomination Period for Project Directors being elected at the JCM shall commence at 12:00pm on the Monday of the 4th week after reading week of winter term and close at 5:00pm on the Thursday of the same week.'

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 3 Article 4.0.1 reads 'The Nomination Period for Project Directors being elected at the JCM shall commence **no later than 9:00 am** on the Monday of the 4th week after reading week of winter term and close **no earlier than 4 full business days later.**'

20. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION – Club Affiliation Policy & Scope

21. OTHER BUSINESS

22. ADJOURNMENT



Attendance

Officers		
President	Teresa Nguyen	
VP Finance	Mehran Hydari	
VP Communication	Karan Shukla	
VP Academic	Ryan Gomes	
VP Student Life	Cory Sulpizi	
Directors of the Board		
At-Large	Praneet Bagga	
At-Large	Peter Luo	
At-Large	Yerusha Nuh	
At-Large	Marissa Zhang	
Chemical Representative	Ishan Gupta	
Civil Representative	Ernesto Diaz Lozano Patino	
Computer Representative	Shubham Manchanda	
Electrical Representative	Anamjit Singh Sivia	
Engineering Science Representative	Ashkan Parcham-Kashani	
Industrial Representative	Benjamin Leung	
Materials Science Representative	Vinson Truong	
Mechanical Representative	Faizan Akbani	
Mineral Representative	<i>Vacant</i>	
First Year	Stephen Xu	
First Year	Francis Kang	
First Year	Saarthak Saxena	
Speaker (Non-Voting)	Tabish Gilani	

A – Absent

AwR – Absent with Regrets

P – Proxy