



October 2014 Board of Directors Meeting – Part 2

1. Adoption of the Agenda – 1:22.

Ryan moves. Peter seconds.

Agenda adopted.

2. Officer Reports

a. President – Teresa Nguyen

Ernesto asks about 30% off tuition, and asks if PEY is a co-op. Teresa says it's up to the Government to define. The Vice Provost says that PEY students are part time. Teresa says she's been in contact with Ben Coleman. Ernesto says that international students could lose visas if PEY is not a co-op. Teresa will talk to Ben Coleman, then contact the Government directly.

Ishan asks about Deans town hall promotion. Karan says that he tried his best. Yerusha says that there were posters. Teresa says that Micah Stickel says that attendance has decreased. Yerusha says that EngSoc should push for more promotion on the faculty's end. Teresa says she's trying to move it away from midterms. Anamjit said that EngSoc should promote it since he's seen more attendance when they have. Karan says he wants the support from the faculty. Ishan says EngSoc should push it. Teresa says EngSoc Officers met with distinguished faculty.

Yerusha says she has submitted her grievance to the Vice Provost about the UTSU, and received a reply from Yolen. She says it is filled with errors and uncited facts.

Ryan asks about the policy that President is making for VP Academic. Teresa says she's trying to make the society run more smoothly.

b. VP Finance – Mehran Hydary

Teresa asks about Gradball GIC. Mehran says Orientation has to pay for GIC via Frosh Kit says. Mehran says the auditors don't like seeing internal cashflow since Orientation is under EngSoc's operating budget. Mehran says they have 4 GICs.

c. VP Communications – Karan Shukla



Mehran asks about marketing meetings and the minutes of the PSC. Tabish says we may mass mail the student body. Tabish explains that the most important thing is making sure EngSoc is compliant with Provincial laws. Mehran asks about a policy application format. Tabish says he doesn't want there to be any barriers. Tabish wants people to come out to meetings instead. Tabish says the Policy and Structures committee can give second opinions on proposals. Tabish wants the PSC to be the one-stop shop.

Teresa asks about Policy & Structure history and structure changes, and asks if PSC is interested. Teresa ask about stickers. Karan wants them. Will says he want stickers.

Cory asks about pit projector. Karan says he's looking into enjoyable things to do with it.

Ishan says that Karan should practice caution with the stickers.

Saarthak asks about SAC's Federal Act vs EngSoc's provincial corporations act. Ryan says that SAC is stuck in the Federal act, whereas EngSoc is transitioning to the new provincial corporations act.

Anamjit asks about AGM promotion. Karan says he's getting food and he's getting more personal with the marketing. Tabish asks the Board to bring along people.

Teresa says Karan helped out with Grad photos.

Ashkan says the AGM is on the same day as Dinner Dance.

Saarthak says we should advertise the fact that it's half an hour.

d. VP Academic – Ryan Gomes

Ernesto says that Faculty Standing turnout has been good thanks to Ryan. Teresa asks about appointments being week late, and Teresa asks about mitigating any issues. Ryan says the delay was due to Class Rep elections, because Ryan didn't want any overlap. But because of the delay, there were more people applying. Teresa asks about appointments again. Ryan says he wants stricter deadlines. Ryan says he's happy that the AAC helped out with interviews. Teresa pushes for flexible policies for deadlines. Teresa says Hi Skule hasn't got a webmaster. Ryan says Webmaster isn't MIA again. Karan says he's pushing him to do his work.



Ernesto asks about negotiating deadlines and staggering them. Ryan agrees. Shubham is on the HiSkule committee and says that their new webmaster is doing work. Shubham says he'll keep webmaster on track.

Teresa asks about TRMC ideas that a Rep had. Ryan says she's waiting to see how their meetings work first. Teresa asks about Dean's Town Hall, and that Ryan didn't come to it. Ryan says that he'd been busy with Skule work and midterms. Teresa asks Ryan to help ensure that Alumni's kids can come to designapalooza.

Saarthak asks everyone to spell out abbreviations.

e. VP Student Life – Cory Sulpizi

Steven asks about the events for Brazilian and International students, and asks if there's overlap between the International Experience office and EngSoc. Cory says he supports working with them. Mehran says it's more about bringing them into the engineering culture as well because a lot of them don't go to Frosh week. Mehran says that a lot of them don't have a proper class year, and that they want to join the Engineering Culture.

3. Presentation by Amanda Aleong on Orientation 2014

Matt Lee asks about the summary page estimated column. Amanda says they're unit costs. Anamjit asks about usbs. Amanda says that it only affects estimated costs. USBS were identified as sunk cost since the OC decided no to follow through with their purchase.

Cory talks about next steps to improve orientation. He asks what changes should be made or removed before the elections of the next chair, and during next orientation. Amanda says there were some tax communication issues, and that it was thought that there was a 14k loss. She says that the incoming chair has to understand the finances better.

Mehran asks if OC should come to board meetings to provide updates along with the officers. Amanda says that's not a bad idea since it forces the OC to get feedback from the board.

Teresa says SGRT has talked about orientation, and asks if Amanda wants to come out to a meeting. Amanda notes it.

Mehran says that Frosh Nite took a big hit. Amanda says she wants to replace Frosh Nite. Amanda says it used to be inter-collegial. Amanda says themed SUDS is a better idea to replace Frosh Nite.



Saarthak asks about SGRT and what it means. Teresa says it's the St. George Round Table. Teresa says global recommendations should be made about Hard Hat thefts.

Karan asks about making Frosh Nite 19+. Amanda disagrees. Mehran says Frosh Nite used to be very successful due to the 5 year high school program.

Ashkan asks about using Square instead of Swype. Tabish says its cheaper to use Swype.

Praneet says that Frosh Nite isn't successful. Amanda says other colleges take losses, and that the UTSU frosh night is on Havenger Scunt night.

4. SPECIAL MOTION by Mehran Hydary to approve 2014-2015 Discipline Club Funding for Mineral Engineering Club

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

WHEREAS the Finance Committee has reviewed and approved budgets from one (1) of nine (9) Discipline Clubs at the Finance Committee Meeting on October 16, 2014 as per Bylaw 7, 1.0.3c; and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee approved the budget of the Mineral Engineering Club at the Finance Committee Meeting on October 16, 2014 as per Bylaw 7, 1.0.3c; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED that funding be released to the following Discipline Clubs according to the following amounts, 60% to be disbursed following receipt of student fees by the Society, 30% in January 2015 and 10% in March 2015:

- Mineral Engineering Club - \$1607.50

Ryan seconds.

Mehran says there were no issues.

Motion passes unanimously.

5. 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 the recommendations provided in the latest revision of the *Club Affiliation Report, October 2014* be adopted.

Karan seconds.

Karan moves to move to recess. Ashkan seconds. **Recess for five minutes.**

Cory says no clubs got back to him, so he wants to fail the motion. Karan agrees.

Motion fails.

6. MOTION by Ernesto Diaz Lozano Patino to recall Ivan Zdravkovic from the Finance Committee and appoint a new Board of Directors Member to the Committee

WHEREAS Ivan Zdravkovic was appointed as one of the two Board of Directors members of the Finance Committee in the May Board of Directors Meeting; and

WHEREAS his participation in the Finance Committee has been limited to one conference call and a few emails; and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee's workload is significantly high and the active participation of the members is crucial for the efficient operation of the Committee; and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee's role in the operations of the Engineering Society is crucial to ensure proper revision of all the budget allocations and funding applications;

BE IT RESOLVED that Ivan Zdravkovic's participation in the Finance Committee is considered insufficient and below expectations, and that this performance is accepted as grounds for removal from the Committee;



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ivan Zdravkovic is recalled from the Finance Committee and another member is nominated and appointed in this Board of Directors Meeting.

Cory seconds.

Ernesto talks about the workload of the finance committee, and the need for someone who can do it. Cory says they had a hard time doing club interviews. Mehran says the finance committee gives everyone an insight into EngSoc. The next thing on the agenda is the levy projects. January is levy renewals and new clubs. Two hours of work per week. Cory says a first year can run.

Motion passed unanimously.

Peter and Saarthak nominate themselves.

Peter is elected.

7. **SPECIAL MOTION** by Ryan Gomes to amend quorum requirements for General Meetings of the membership

WHEREAS the Engineering Society requires quorum at Annual General Meetings to continue as a corporation; and

WHEREAS attendance for AGMs and Accountability meetings has been dipping over the past few years, causing frequent issues with quorum; and

WHEREAS the past three Accountability meetings have not met quorum, rendering them symbolic at best; and

WHEREAS the Engineering Society values the Accountability meeting as a way to hold executives to account.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 1, Chapter 2, section 2.5.1 be changed to read the following:

"Quorum is thirty (30) Members present in person.";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT outreach efforts be redoubled by the officer team and speaker to help these meetings achieve higher attendance going forward;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this change be reviewed by the Board in three years (1T7-1T8) to assess whether quorum should be reverted to fifty (50) members.



Seconded by Mehran.

Ryan says it's important that quorum is met. Ryan says it's more important that the meetings are complete, than having 50 people in the room.

Peter says it's a band-aid solution. Mehran says if outreach is more personal, it'll be better. Francis says people could get lazy after three years. Ryan says that he wants 50 people, but he's open to changing the motion wording. Ryan says it's important to make legitimate meetings.

Billy says he opposes it, because he's trying to reach quorum. Billy says that a quorum of 30 could reduce how fair votes are at accountability meeting.

Ashkan says people could control a meeting if quorum was 30. William asks if BoD members count in quorum.

Yerusha says we have to be practical.

Mehran says 50 people is only 1% of the society.

Karan moves to amend the motion:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this change be reverted next year, by the next Board.

Ryan seconds amendment

Francis asks about how AGM affects operations. Karan says we have to pass our bylaw amendments and audits.

Teresa says she has high expectations for the society, and that quorum of 30 doesn't correspond to that.

Cory says that people could abuse the low quorum requirement at the accountability meeting this year.

Shubham agrees with Teresa, but also understands that people don't come out.

Matt moves to call question. Seconded by Ernesto. Questions called.

Amendment passes



Ryan clarifies his intentions: he wants 50 members, but Ryan wants to ensure that the meetings happen. Ryan wants to try something different.

Ashkan doesn't believe in a 30 people AGM.

Steven motions to Questions called.

Motion fails.

- 8. MOTION** by Matthew Lee to call a General Meeting for the purpose of Officer Accountability & Recall

WHEREAS to provide the Society members an opportunity to discuss the performance of the current officer team; and

WHEREAS pursuant to Bylaw 3, 3.7.1 "An Officer may only be recalled by a two-thirds vote at a General Meeting called for that purpose";

BE IT RESOLVED that an Accountability General Meeting be called for November 12, 2014 at 7pm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Robert's Rules of Order be suspended for the Closed Member Discussion portion of the meeting;

Ryan seconds.

Matt says we have to approve it.

Ryan says the accountability meeting is important.

Karan calls questions. Yerusha seconds Questions called.

Motion passes.

- 9. OTHER BUSINESS**

Cory asks about Webmaster. Karan says we should give him notice before any consideration of recall. Mehran and Ryan say they need a webmaster. Karan says not to worry. Matt says a Webmaster can be a part of the accountability meeting. Teresa says there could be a new committee for a vp comm



Yerusha wants to create a motion to make VP Comm create a committee to get website changes ASAP, and a recommendation to impeach webmaster.

Motion by Yerusha Nuh to instruct the VP Communications to address the issues brought up with regards to the Webmaster.

WHEREAS there have been multiple complaints made on the current Webmaster not doing his duties

WHEREAS it has been made apparent that some the Officers' duties and responsibilities are dependent on a functioning Webmaster

BE IT RESOLVED that the VP Communications strike a committee consisting of one or more individuals to assume the full responsibilities of the Webmaster, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the VP Communications submit a motion to recall the current Webmaster at the earliest possible timing in a timely and fair manner

Ryan seconds.

Motion passed. Karan abstains.

10. ADJOURNMENT – Karan Moves. Francis seconds. Adjourned, 3:52.



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	Ivan Zdrakovic	
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