



# Academic Advocacy Committee Meeting 8

Monday Sept. 13, 2015 | 7:00 - 8:45 PM | EngSoc Office

## 1. Part-time student PEY (Ryan)

- Part time students finishing the “second part” of their part time studies are not eligible to go on PEY (or must have their case reviewed by the career center) because to be eligible to do PEY you must leave and return as a full time student
- **Action item:** Ryan is going to speak to the director of the career center to gather more information
- **Action item:** UCC team will bring this up at the next UCC meeting
- (This may be in part because most part-time students do not get involved in EngSoc very often)

## 2. Approval of August 24th Meeting Minutes

- Rahul is no longer the AAC rep for EngSci (continuing as UCC rep)

## 3. Mid-course Evaluations

- TMRC recommendations Update
  - Oghosa met with the TMRC
  - 4 main feedback items
    - speak with U of T Faculty Association rep (Professor Nagami)- meeting Sept 23rd, 1pm
    - meet with FIPPA about the sharing of information (registrar meeting date and time TBD)
    - meet with CUPE (unit for profs) so that they know because what we’re doing could cause conflict between students and professors (meeting date and time TBD)
    - we should promote the project as a pilot project (this may relax the profs)
- First year Class-reps assignments
  - Simo will help Oghosa with this
  - Class reps assigned to each course will talk to course coordinators
- 2nd & 3rd year Demos
  - EngSci 3rd year rep can go to classes and ask for someone to help distribute mid-course evaluations to the different options
  - **Action item:** Bernadette talk to 3rd year chem rep (and eventually 2nd year rep) to gather information about what the rep would like to do in terms of mid course evaluations
  - MSE looks good

- **Action item:** Oghosa draft a letter to give to class reps to give to course instructors, giving them the option to opt out (especially for first year)
- d. Update of informing Department Chairs
  - Chem is good
  - **Action item:** Rossdan will talk to EngSci chair
- e. Other
  - Possibly consider holding a similar evaluation system for upper year students to evaluate, looking back, how useful first/second year courses have been during their undergraduate studies
  - In the future discuss how data will be stored - possibly give to discipline clubs

#### 4. Standing Committees Updates

- a.
  - Positions opened for Examinations Committee and Scholarship and Awards committees until Friday September 25th
  - Scholarship and Awards committee reps should be around next summer and are well informed about who is involved in skule
- b. CAGI
  - No updates
- c. TMRC
  - Committee's priorities were set at last meeting
- d. UCC
  - Robotics and mechatronics minor - what courses can count towards this minor has been altered
  - A new course run by ILead (HSS/CS elective) could count towards
  - Chem eng curriculum changed - 2nd year calcIII: computer practicals for calcIII moved to stats course in 3rd year where it would be more relevant and would lighten work load
  - PER (600 hrs of work needed to graduate) -
    - is it a UCC issue?
    - how are students doing it? are they aware it exist
    - Simo made a survey (Neha reviewed) to get this sort of feedback about it from all students
    - UCC is still in process of preparing the survey
    - Survey will be distributed through EngSoc
    - There is ambiguity about what counts towards a student's PER
    - Students usually have no problem completing this requirement - is it really necessary to impose these hours as a mandatory requirement?
    - Do we keep it and make the rules more strict, or do we get rid of it all together?
  - **Action item:** bring up part time student PEY issues (see item 1 on notes)

- **Action item:** discuss the formalization/standardization of the course descriptions of the academic calendar
- Next meeting September 28th (following meetings October 8th and 23rd)

**e. AAB**

- Next meeting September 28th

**5. Mentorship Collaboration**

a. Mentorship Directors

- i. Chem: Lamya Ezzeldin ([lamya.ezzeldin@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:lamya.ezzeldin@mail.utoronto.ca))
- ii. Civil: Kathleen Vijayakumar ([mentorship@civ.skule.ca](mailto:mentorship@civ.skule.ca))
- iii. Electrical & Computer: Jonathan Swyers ([ecementorship@g.skule.ca](mailto:ecementorship@g.skule.ca))
- iv. EngSci: Rahul Chandan ([rahul.chandan@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:rahul.chandan@mail.utoronto.ca))
- v. Mech & Industrial: Polly Lin ([miementorship@skule.ca](mailto:miementorship@skule.ca))
- vi. MSE:
- vii. Min:

- **Action item:** Oghosa add in contact information for mentorship directors

**6. Other Business**

- Rossdan will help Oghosa with first year rep orientation

**7. Next Meeting**

- **September 28th @ 7pm**

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## Attendance

<b>Board Members</b>		
VP Academic	Oghosa Igbinakenzua	P
Board Member	Ryan Gomes	P
Board Member	Benjamin Leung	R
Board Member	<i>Vacant</i>	
<b>Discipline Representative</b>		
Chemical	Bernadette Skerl	P
Civil	Nataliya Pekar	R
Computer	<i>Vacant</i>	
Electrical	Julian Romagnino	R
Engineering Science	Rossdan Craig	P
Industrial	Krystle Pang	R
Materials Science	Alan Stagg	R
Mechanical	Jonathan Jeyarajah	R
Mineral	Seung Baek	R
<b>Faculty Standing Committee Representative</b>		
Community Affairs and Gender Issues	Sanchit Mathur	A
Community Affairs and Gender Issues	Duru Aldinic	A
Community Affairs and Gender Issues	Farheen Ahmed	A
Examinations	<i>Vacant</i>	
Scholarships and Awards	<i>Vacant</i>	
Teaching Methods and Resources	Amy Zhao	A
Teaching Methods and Resources	Panjak Singh	A
Teaching Methods and Resources	Lakshmikanth Rabi	R
Teaching Methods and Resources	Maheyer Jamshed Shroff	R
Undergraduate Curriculum	Rahul Chandan	P
Undergraduate Curriculum	Arman Ghaffarizadeh	P
Undergraduate Curriculum	Neha Bhasin	R
Undergraduate Curriculum	Simo Pajovic	P
Academic Appeals Board	Bernadette Skerl	P
Academic Appeals Board	Alan Stagg	R
Academic Appeals Board	Gokul Kumar Kaushik	R
Academic Appeals Board	Eric Bryce	A
Engineering Science	Rahul Chandan	P

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**P – Present**

**A – Absent**

**R – Absent with Regrets**