



## April 2016 Board of Directors Meeting

### Meeting Called to Order at 05:27PM

#### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

No objections. Agenda adopted.

#### 2. Approval of the March Board of Directors Meeting Minutes (Appendix A)

No objections or abstentions. Minutes approved.

#### 3. Approval of the March Board of Directors In-Camera Meeting Minutes (Appendix A1)

No objections or abstentions. Minutes approved.

#### 4. Approval of the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Appendix B)

No objections or abstentions. Minutes approved.

#### 5. Approval of the Policies and Structures Committee Meeting Minutes (Appendix C)

No objections or abstentions. Minutes approved.

#### 6. Approval of the Academic Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes (Appendix D)

No objections or abstentions. Minutes approved.

#### 7. Officer and Director Reports

##### a. President – Milan Maljkovic (Appendix E)

No further discussion.

##### b. Mature Students Chair – Peter Singh (Appendix F)

No further discussion.

##### c. Ombudsman – Sanchit Mathur (Appendix G)

Twesh: Note that the mental health issues that people reported are often based on their perception, not always medical diagnoses, which we'd have to deal with in another way.

Aron: Will the comments be posted in addition to the numbers?

Sanchit: Possibly. It is possible to connect someone's comment to their identity if I just copy-pasted, so I will be investigating methods to anonymize responses.

Apurv: Is this survey biased to people who are involved in Skule?

Sanchit: Very likely.

Peter: Could you do this presentation for the newly elected Engineering Society Council?

Sanchit: I wouldn't mind

Billy: Can you comment on complaints over the course of the year?

Sanchit: Mostly people on council asking how decisions were made. One complaint from the general population was that you could not opt-out of the Skule Endowment Fund – it was perceived as a hidden



fee and that the times for sign-up and pick-up were short. No formal complaints about frosh week or phobias during the year.

Aron: Were there instances of discrimination this Orientation or was that general perception of the event?

Sanchit: No formal complaints; largely a perception that people had coming in. On the census, some people said that there have been leaps forward in the chants however some people complained about their content. Some people didn't really like that the Godiva's Crown and Mr. B&G competitions objectify men and/or women.

Ryan Gomes: Orientation might want to build a specifically positive perception of Orientation rather than a not-negative one.

Sanchit: The personality types catered to also seem like a large factor.

Raneem: Can relevant information to be shared with the people in charge of the relevant initiatives?

Sanchit: I will try. Anonymizing comments first is key for information distribution.

**8. MOTION by Raffi Dergalstanian to ratify the results of the 2016 Board of Directors Elections.**

**WHEREAS** the Chief Returning Officer has submitted the results of the elections for the 2016-2017 Engineering Society Board of Directors.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the results of the 2016 Engineering Society Board of Directors Elections are received and ratified.

Ryan seconds.

No objections, Amy abstains. Motion carried.

**9. MOTION by Raffi Dergalstanian to ratify the results of the 2016 Discipline Club Elections.**

**WHEREAS** the Chief Returning Officer has submitted the results of the elections for the 2016-2017 Engineering Society Discipline Club Elections, as presented in Appendix H.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the results of the 2016 Engineering Society Discipline Club Elections are received and ratified with the amendment that Kathy Huang be changed to be winning the social director position for ECE club only.

Ryan seconds.

Colin: There was a point of confusion with the candidate Kathy Huang, who is not listed for the position she applied for and won. Has that been corrected?

Raffi: Not yet. I checked that and we can change it now.

**AMENDMENT by Ryan Gomes so that the motion includes: "With the amendment that Kathy Huang be changed to be winning the social director position for ECE club only."**

Colin seconds.

No objections or abstentions. Amendment carried.

No objections or abstentions. Motion carried.

**10. MOTION by Raffi Dergalstanian to ratify the results of the 2016 Spring Class Representative Elections.**

**WHEREAS** the Chief Returning Officer has submitted the results of the elections for the 2016-2017 Engineering Society Class Representatives, as presented in Appendix H.



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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the results of the 2016 Spring Engineering Society Class Representative Elections are received and ratified.

Kunal seconds.

No objections or abstentions. Motion carried.

**11. MOTION by Milan Maljkovic to make the chair position of this meeting vacant.**

Ryan seconds.

Milan: This would make me the chair and then we can appoint one of the Speaker candidates as a trial.

No objections or abstentions. Motion carried.

**12. MOTION by Apurv Bharadwaj to make Eric Bryce the chair for this meeting**

Chris seconds.

No objections or abstentions. Motion carried.

**13. MOTION by Raffi Dergalstian to ratify the Referenda and Officer Election results.**

**WHEREAS** the Chief Returning Officer has submitted the following referenda results: SkuleNite Levy Renewal, Fall Break and Baja Team Levy, as presented in Appendix I, and the Officer Election result in Appendix J.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the referenda and officer election results are received and ratified.

Ryan seconds.

Billy: Point of order: the appendix which was submitted only included the Baja levy.

Raffi: I sent you the officer results.

Billy: They should go in the appendix.

Raffi: Let's amend and I'll email it to you.

**AMENDMENT by Raffi Dergalstian to include "and Officer election results"**

Billy seconds.

No objections or abstentions. Amendment carried.

No objections or abstentions. Motion carried.

**14. MOTION by Raffi Dergalstian to hold a by-election for the following vacant Directors: Mineral, Electrical, At-Large (1).**

**WHEREAS** these positions were vacant for the 2016 Spring Election.

**WHEREAS** it prudent to have a fully elected board.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Directors provide a timeline to the Chief Returning Officer to hold a by-election for the aforementioned positions.

Sam seconds.

No objections or abstentions. Motion carried.

**15. DISCUSSION ITEM on timeline for by-elections**

Raffi: Ryan, could you comment on your exam schedule?

Ryan: My availability is fine, but I am concerned about voter turnout.

Milan: I do not support having this many positions open for 4 months.

Ryan: We will have to decide what TrackOnes can vote for.

John: Given that most promotion happens online, being over the summer doesn't seem like a big issue.



Twesh: Board elections for certain committees happen during the summer, so it is unfair to the people who would run for these positions to wait.

Raffi: We adjusted the bylaws and policies to better handle the TrackOne problem. However, voter turnout in the summer is poor.

Ryan Gomes: There are 2 options; we run elections before exams end or in the summer. I can do either one.

Apurv: Before summer after exams would be good. 28th is the last exam day. After that day seems fine

Ryan: Everything needs to happen before the May meeting if we want people to run for the committees.

Raffi: Can we do two-part meeting in May?

Billy: Yes.

**MOTION by Ryan Gomes to hold the by-elections for the Mineral, Electrical, At-Large (1) Directors from April 19th, 2016 to April 27th, 2016**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the period for the by-elections be set as follows:

Nomination period: April 19th, 9am - 21st, 5pm

Campaign period: April 22nd, 00:00am - 26th, 11:59pm

Voting Period: April 27th, 00:00am - 29th, 5pm

Colin seconds.

Ryan: People will leave after exams, so ending soon after exams end would be ideal

Amy: Can we have a longer voting period extending a bit into May to capture people who log off Facebook?

Ryan: All elections have lasted 3 days in the past

Twesh: Can we move things up 1 week?

Colin: Marketing would be better in the start of May when people are on Facebook

Sourabh: Voters need time to interact with candidates

Aron: Start it a bit earlier in fairness to candidates who have clumped exams, e.g. 17th

Ryan: That's possible

Kevin: Amend to nominations from 9am on the 18th through 5pm on the 21st, with campaigning from 22nd until 27th, and with election from the 28th to the 3rd at 5pm

Kevin: When would the All Candidates' Meeting be?

Ryan: I set it at 29th

**AMENDMENT by Kevin Rupasinghe to specify the timeline as follows:**

**"Nomination period: April 18th, 9am - April 21st, 5pm**

**Campaign period: April 22nd, 00:00am - April 27th, 11:59pm**

**Voting Period: April 28th, 00:00am - May 3rd, 5pm"**

Ryan seconds.

No objections, Ryan abstains. Amendment carried.

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Billy seconds

Ryan: I start working on the 2nd.



Aron: When do DROs get appointed?

Ryan: I don't know. I likely wouldn't have any for this election because of exams

No objections, Amy and Andrew abstain. Amendment carried.

No objections, John abstains. Motion carried.

**16. MOTION by Milan to create the External Relations Director as a Temporary Directorship.**

**WHEREAS** the Policy & Structures Committee was mandated at the February Meeting of the Board of Directors to consider matters on external relations; and

**WHEREAS** the Engineering Society has re-affiliated with ESSCO as an OEC-only member and has undertaken additional responsibilities as such;

**WHEREAS** it has been recognized that the Engineering Society is increasingly involved in liaising with external groups;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the position of External Relations Director is created as a Temporary Directorship;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the responsibilities of the External Relations Director shall be as follows:

- a. Liaising with the Engineering & Professional Faculties Directors on the UTSU Board of Directors;
- b. Liaising with the Professional Faculties Governor on Governing Council;
- c. Representing the Engineering Society at provincial or national organization conferences including ESSCO and CFES, or appointing delegates to attend in his stead.
- d. Organizing NEM events in collaboration with other directorships and the ESSCO NEM director;
- e. This includes coordinating the construction of a badass Rube Goldberg machine that is better than that of all other ESSCO schools for the NEM CN tower lighting;
- f. Developing and executing a strategy for bidding to host OEC on a 5-year basis;
- g. The External Relations Director shall report directly to and be overseen by the President.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** notwithstanding any of the above responsibilities, the President may assume responsibility for any aspect of external relations;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** applications for the External Relations Director be opened immediately and the Director be elected at the May Board of Directors meeting;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the External Relations Director is encouraged to attend as many Board of Directors meetings as possible.

Milan: In the February meeting, the B&G committee proposed an National Engineering Month director and the board felt that that had a small scope. However, it was referred to PSC to look at options in that design space. This is the recommendation come to by exhausting all possible roles and responsibilities

Raffi: Is there any bylaw amendment?

Milan: No.

Raffi: the word "badass" shouldn't be in the bylaws

Milan: Agreed

Milan: Would like to urge the board to exhaust all questions since this is a significant motion. This person would take on responsibilities from President, VP Comm, and others.

Aron: Why is this a directorship and not VP?

Milan: The scope of the work seemed like it was directorship level.



Ilya: The B&G chair winners spoke on this topic. They didn't want to take on this role.

Raneem: What attributes would we be looking for here? When would we elect them?

Milan: The attributes would be decided more by their recommendation committee. Professionalism for sure. We would run this election as soon as possible

Sourabh: Do you think this could expand to a VP position?

Milan: Not sure; we'll have to see how it goes

Apurv: We had good external relations throughout the year. How would this role improve it?

Milan: We don't leverage our relationships with the professional faculty governance. Communication is weak. We also have the opportunity this year to go to the ESSCO conference, and while the officers don't have time it might be good for someone to go and share best practices.

Speaker calls the question.

Raneem opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

**MOTION by Billy to make the chair vacant and make Raffi the chair**

Aron seconds.

No objections. Motion carried.

**17. MOTION by Tabish Gilani to impeach the Speaker of the Engineering Society**

**WHEREAS** it is a new term and the Speaker of the previous term should not be held liable for any actions, justifiable or not of the newly elected Officer Team; and

**WHEREAS** it is prudent to put the Engineering Society's President through a trial run at the helm of the board meetings to manage the "Shitshow"; and

**WHEREAS** this board meeting will be a testament to the President for putting out any fires that may occur during the term of the President;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Speaker of the Engineering Society for the year 1T5-1T6 be impeached; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the President of the Engineering Society 1T6-1T7 effective immediately take up the position of Speaker for the remainder of the April Post-JCM Board Meeting

John seconds.

Milan: Would we need to give the chair back to Raffi?

**MOTION by John Sweeney to amend the motion to include "and immediately make Raffi the chair of this meeting"**

Kunal seconds.

Sam, Raneem, and Ryan abstain. Amendment carried.

**MOTION by Twesh Upadhyaya to table the motion until the end of the agenda**

Kunal seconds.

No objections or abstentions. Motion is tabled.

**18. MOTION by Kevin Rupasinghe to run a by-election for the temporary directorship of the Design Team Association (DTA) director for the 2016-2017 year.**

**WHEREAS** The Director of the Design Team Association was a temporary directorship initiated in February 2016 until the end of the April 2016 JCM;



**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the CRO run a by-election including putting out a call for nominations, interviewing for the position, and holding an election at the May 2016 Board of Directors meeting.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the CRO make the election period the same as the upcoming Board of Directors by-elections

Milan seconds.

Ryan: Temporary internal directors expire at the end of the JCM, so the position currently does not exist.

**AMENDMENT by Milan Maljkovic to include “BE IT RESOLVED THAT it is created;” and to add “FURTHER” to the current “BE IT RESOLVED” syntax**

Amy seconds.

No objections or abstentions

Twesh: Why temporary again?

Kevin: We haven't fleshed out the position's role fully, and this position should not be around in 5 years. It focuses on the CEIE construction and allocation and other things that should be merged with other responsibilities

Milan: This role is quite crucial to have an educated liaison with faculty about design team matters.

Raffi: There is currently no timeline for this election. We could make it the same as the BOD one

**MOTION by Aron to amend the motion to make the Design Team Association director election period the same as the by-election periods for Board of Directors positions**

Ryan seconds.

Amy opposed, Apurv and Kevin abstain. Amendment carried.

No objections, Kevin and Amy abstain. Motion carried.

## 19. SPEAKER CANDIDATE EVALUATIONS

Billy conducts a strawpoll for tabling fake motions to the May meeting

Raffi: We'll table to May

## 20. OTHER BUSINESS

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Rob opposed, Chris and Amy abstained. Motion carried.

Milan gets sappy and thanks Billy for being a good Speaker



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**21. ADJOURNMENT**

Raffi motions to adjourn.

Chris seconds.

No objections or abstentions. Meeting is adjourned.



## Attendance

<b>Officers</b>		
President	Milan Maljkovic	
VP Finance	Andrew Boetto	
VP Communication	Colin Parker	
VP Academic	Samantha Stuart	
VP Student Life	Raneem Shammas	
<b>Directors of the Board</b>		
At-Large	Kevin Rupasinghe	
At-Large	Ryan Gomes	
At-Large	Aidan Solala	
At-Large	John Sweeney	
Chemical Representative	Jason Tang	
Civil Representative	Peter Luo	
Computer Representative	Milan Maljkovic	
Electrical Representative	Andrew Boetto	
Engineering Science Representative	Apurv Bharadwaj	
Industrial Representative	Benjamin Leung	
Materials Science Representative	Robert Goldberg	
Mechanical Representative	Ognjen Kelec	
Mineral Representative	Amy Zhao	
First Year Representative	Victoria Cheng	
First Year Representative	Christopher Choquette	
First Year Representative	Twesh Upadhyaya	
<b>Non-Voting Members</b>		
Speaker	Billy Graydon	
Chief Returning Officer	Ryan Gomes	
Ombudsman	Sanchit Mathur	
Mechanical Club Chair	Kunal Taneja	
Former Chief Returning Officer	Raffi Dergalstianian	
Former Speaker	Tabish Gilani	
Incoming Board of Directors Representative, Suds Manager	Aron Sankar	
	Sourabh Das	
Skule Community Outreach Director	Ilya Kreynin	

**A – Absent**

**AwR – Absent with Regrets**

**P – Proxy**