



August 2016 Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:13PM.

**MOTION by Andrew Sweeny to add the following motion as item 10 on the agenda:
“MOTION by Andrew Sweeny for the Engineering Society to endorse the You Decide
petition initiative”**

Seconded by Apurv.

Votes for Main Motion

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Motion carried.

[Minuter’s Note: This is not recorded as item 10 due to another resolution of the Board of Directors moving it elsewhere.]

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Seconded by Apurv.

Votes for Main Motion

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Motion carried.

Kevin returned.

3. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from minutes.

4. Officer Reports

4.1. President – Milan Maljkovic

Jason entered.

4.2. Vice President Finance – Andrew Boetto

Billy: What is the situation with the Orientation Food and Beverage Sub-Committee budget?

Andrew Sweeny (Food and Beverage Sub-Committee Chair): It's about \$16,000 total. There are meals, granola bars in frosh kits, and some food that we're handing out.

Billy: Is there any mandate to reduce leedurs in each group based on this?

Raneem: 15 leedurs will be fed per group.

Billy: When was this mandated?

Aron: At least 2 months ago.

Billy: The reason I ask is because I was approached by a person who was dropped from their frosh group unceremoniously, and the Head Leedurs gave poor reasons for why including the 15 leedur maximum for food. They did reach out to the EngSoc Ombudsperson but it doesn't seem that this is getting resolved in a satisfactory way, and I worry that it is a case of EngSoc being exclusive.

Billy: Are there any new initiatives for sponsorship?

Andrew: No new items that I know of.

Andrew Sweeny: Is the Pizza Nova deal on?

Andrew: Yeah.

Andrew Sweeny: I couldn't get a sponsorship deal and had difficulty getting responses from the Sponsorship Director.

Andrew: I'll try to get on his case about it.

4.3. Vice President Communications – Colin Parker

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Aron: I noticed some formatting issues and typos in the handbook. Higher quality control would be nice.

Colin: I'll follow up with Leigh and do an audit of the situation.

4.4. Vice President Academic

Billy: Regarding the CEAB forum, I've heard complaints by curriculum developers about CEAB constraints being a factor in how courses are structured. Did the attendees express their concerns?

Sam: They've been talking about cutting the accreditation unit requirements down and making them more flexible.

Billy: We should discuss this more at the next Academic Advocacy Committee meeting.

4.5. Vice President Student Life

Aron: Regarding Skule Kup collaborating with the Blue & Gold Committee, we should be careful because it's a project directorship. Also, have they prepared for the chariot race?

Raneem: I'm not sure about the Blue & Gold topic. I'll have to look into it.

Billy: How long is clubs' orientation?

Raneem: It was run for 4-5 hours last year. I might shorten it. I would like to make it more interactive than it has been in the past to be more engaging.

Billy: I would encourage it to be a short meeting, especially for longstanding clubs.

Raneem: I want to see how I can make it shorter but the people change and transition sucks.

Aron: Even if clubs are established, it is useful to have mentor-mentee relationships between clubs.

5. MOTION by Ryan Gomes to approve minutes from the first meeting of the Election Rules Committee and adopt recommended amendments to the Election Rules

Seconded by Aron.

Saarthak: I'm not a fan of how the Election Rules Committee meeting minutes are done. I would like to see the reasoning for the changes, not just the results.

Milan: Ryan left for vacation and we couldn't access the minutes. He asked that I recreate them and I unfortunately had limited resources. I'll bring it up though as past meeting minutes were done similarly.

MOTION by Kevin Rupasinghe to change the "CROI" to "CRO" in 1.1.4.b)

Seconded by Ryan W.

Votes on Amendment

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Motion carried.

7. MOTION by Samantha Stuart to approve minutes from the Academic Advocacy Committee

Seconded by Billy.

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Motion carried.

MOTION by Saarthak Saxena to consider motion 12 immediately

Seconded by Aron.

Votes on Motion

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Motion carried.

Samantha leaves.

MOTION by Andrew Sweeny to extend speaking rights to Jonathan Webb

Seconded by Apurv.

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Motion carried.

Aron: I don't think the Board can be fully educated on the issue in a meeting with no prior warning, and several absent board members would be upset with not being part of the conversation.

Sam entered.

Andrew Sweeny: The initiative is ran neutrally, asking students if they are interested in being in the CFS. There is a deadline because the CFS has a long turnaround time.

Mark: Why would we be interested in leaving?

Andrew Sweeny: The national CFS doesn't release their budget. CFSO does. CFS does do a lot of campaigning on behalf of students, but we are curious if the money could be used better.

Jonathan Webb (co-manager of campaign): If there is a referendum we aren't sure if we would get the total funding to the UTSU. Fees might just be reduced instead

Milan: A motion to endorse is not something we take lightly.

Saarthak: It's important to have time and discussion, but that's what these meetings are for.

Billy: Is there any urgency?

Jonathan: We're making it public on August 27th and we start to collect signatures as soon as classes start. I can't say it's urgent but the sooner it is done the better

Raneem: If we don't endorse it does that prevent people from collecting signatures from engineering students?

Sweeny: No.

MOTION by Aron Sankar to postpone the main motion to the September Board of Directors meeting

Seconded by Samantha.

Apruv: What is the timeline for the referendum?

Jonathan Webb: That depends on a lot of factors.

Billy: The CFS is known to litigate if people do not follow the rules of leaving.

Sweeny: There is a time factor. We need a lot of signatures.

Colin: Could we get the text of the petition?

Jonathan provided the text.

“The wording of the petition to CFS National reads:

“We, the undersigned, petition the National Executive of the Canadian Federation of Students to conduct a referendum on the issue of continued membership in the Canadian Federation of Students.”

The wording of the petition to CFS-Ontario reads:

“We the undersigned petition the Executive Committee of the Canadian Federation of Students–Ontario to conduct a vote on decertification from the Canadian Federation of Students–Ontario. The vote shall be conducted on October 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20, 2017 with polls open between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on each day.””

Aron: What is the timeframe in which signatures must be collected?

Sweeny: The CFS has 60 days to respond to a petition and 6 months to set referendum date

Jonathan: They don’t work on that stuff during winter or summer break.

MOTION WITHDRAWAL by Aron Sankar

Seconded by Colin.

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Motion carried.

8. PRESENTATION by Billy Graydon on the History of EngSoc's Structure

9. MOTION by Billy Graydon to create a Hackerspace Manager as a Temporary Internal Director

WHEREAS it is a longstanding grievance that Engineering's curriculum is not practical enough; and

WHEREAS many students have personal projects requiring the use of specialised tools, however Engsoc's and the Faculty's current model does not support these students well; and

WHEREAS the Faculty has a machine shop, however it is only available to MIE students; and

WHEREAS the CEIE opening provides a unique opportunity to allocate space for this project; and

WHEREAS Engsoc has consistently had a considerable excess in the Special Projects funding pool for the past few years; and

WHEREAS this fund is allocated with the intent of putting student money to use on capital expenditures which will affect members for years to come, however this goal is subverted when the fund is not allocated in full; and

WHEREAS our current funding model usually restricts the items bought by the funds to be used by the affiliated group requesting them, and few groups can justify large purchases for their sole use; and

WHEREAS Engsoc's revenue has recently increased dramatically due to the UTSU deal; and

WHEREAS BG operates a model similar to a hackerspace for construction tools, and this has been very successful; and

WHEREAS equipment that may be considered includes: soldering stations, 3D printers, CNC machines, high-performance computing clusters, laser/water-jet/EDM cutters, industrial sewing machines, embroidery machines, oscilloscopes, signal generators/power supplies, kilns and assorted tools:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the position of Hackerspace Manager be created, with the mandate of overseeing the following:

- a) Researching and formulating a plan for implementation of a hackerspace open to all Engsoc members, and assessing the feasibility of the project
- b) Liasing with the Faculty, President and VP Student Life to arrange physical space;
- c) Consulting the student body to determine what equipment they would find helpful;
- d) Sourcing potential equipment for the space, and submitting Special Projects requests for them;
- e) Liasing with BG and the DTAPM to reduce duplicated services, and to assess if any BG or design team tooling is better suited to the hackerspace model
- f) To select and oversee a committee to accomplish the above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this position shall be overseen by the VP Student Life, with support from VP Finance and President as necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CRO be directed to circulate nominations for this position in time for it to be elected at the September meeting of the Board of Directors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Hackerspace Manager shall present a report to the Board not later than the December meeting detailing his plan for implementation of the space and his research thus far, including all major costs estimated

Seconded by Ryan W.

Billy: This is something that students have been complaining about. It seems like a void that exists and that we have the resources to fill it especially with the underused special projects fund and the CEIE construction. This would be a directorship to investigate the issue, not necessarily to implement a solution.

Kevin: There is an MIE shop -- it may be opened to all students with appropriate training in September.

Apurv left.

Kevin: A lot of spaces are managed departmentally and that makes it restrictive.

Raneem: We create temp directors in order to solve problems when we aren't sure what to do. We are not sure what will happen with the Design Team Association Project Manager after some of the current goals are completed, and we could adapt its scope so that we don't run into situations where a director runs out of things to do.

Billy: I'm okay with merging it, but there is a lot of advocacy material that is significantly different than other directors' mandates.

Kevin: This equipment may be expensive and difficult to use. We're facing a lot of problems in the CEIE with how to allow all students to get access. The CEIE could be a solution to faculty-controlled resources rather than departmental ones, and I think we need to focus efforts on that and reevaluate for this. Space is also very difficult to get.

Sam: Like Kevin said, some of this is already being addressed in CEIE -- what are the merits of this versus a task force?

Billy: A single point of liability and focus. However, given the points:

MOTION WITHDRAWAL by Billy Graydon

Seconded by Ryan W.

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Motion carried.

10. DISCUSSION ITEM by Billy Graydon on the Creation of an Advocacy Board

WHEREAS the AAC has done excellent work over the past few years to advocate for causes members care about; however

WHEREAS the mandate of the AAC has ballooned far beyond what a committee structure is able to handle efficiently, and has extended beyond purely academic pursuits; and

WHEREAS historically advocacy efforts falling outside the academic realm have been handled by the President, only increasing his heavy work-load; and historically many advocacy campaigns have fallen flat with each change in administration or taken years longer than they should have; and

WHEREAS historically Engsoc has not made effective use of our Class Representatives, Faculty Council Standing Committee Representatives, Governing Council Representatives and UTSU Representatives, as well as our student representatives on Departmental Advisory Committees, special Decanal Committees and Task Forces, Governing Council Boards and Committees, the ESSCO Executive and the CFES Executive, and the system of oversight and coordination for these representatives is grossly lacking; and

WHEREAS there has been a recent onslaught of new directors and ex-officio positions with a strong advocacy mandate, such as the Mature Students Chair, Part-Time Students Chair, the Mental Wellness Director and the DTAPM, as well as previous positions with some advocacy mandate such as the (Community, Professional, Alumni) Outreach Directors, the Ombudsman and the External Relations director; and

WHEREAS there exists no framework to support these advocacy-focussed positions, or even our own President, VP Academic and AAC, or to coordinate them amongst themselves and with our inordinate representatives to ensure that their advocacy is effective; and

WHEREAS it would be beneficial to have a central structure to support advocacy, with committees under it for each issue at hand; and

WHEREAS Governing Council has an analogous structure of a Council, with Boards under it and Committees under them, and this has proven effective:

BE IT DISCUSSED THAT we should have an Advocacy Board, and how to structure it and its membership

Kevin: I think its great to have people working on these topics but I wonder if we're getting better at it, or if it is just a cultural change that the AAC is riding along with. I'm not sure if an advocacy board is the best format for this. A lot of the most good gets done when a volunteer is passionate about a specific topic.

Sam: To provide background, last year's committee was concerned that they were doing many operational tasks but little advocacy, meanwhile people come to VP Academic with broad advocacy efforts that may not fit exactly within the mandate of the AAC. An advocacy board could make it easier for us to process feedback and ideas from students

Saarthak: There is officer participation in all standing committees right now and that isn't the case for this.

Motion carried.

12. Other Business

13. Adjournment

Mark seconds.

Votes for Main Motion

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Motion carried.

Attendance

Officers		
President	Milan Maljkovic	Acting as Speaker (non-voting)
VP Finance	Andrew Boetto	
VP Communication	Colin Parker	
VP Academic	Samantha Stuart	
VP Student Life	Raneem Shammass	
Directors of the Board		
At-Large	Ryan Williams	
At-Large	Oghosa Igbinakenzua	Absent
At-Large	Kevin Rupasinghe	
At-Large	Twesh Upadhyaya	Absent with Regrets
Chemical Representative	Jason Tang	
Civil Representative	Sneha Adhikari	Absent with Regrets
Computer Representative	Billy Graydon	
Electrical Representative	<i>Vacant</i>	
Engineering Science Representative	Apurv Bharadwaj	
Industrial Representative	Aron Sankar	
Materials Science Representative	Mahta Massoud	
Mechanical Representative	Mark Chaboryk	
Mineral Representative	Olivia Mogielnicki	Absent
First Year	<i>Vacant</i>	
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University of Toronto Student Union Representative	Ryan Gomes	Absent
Non-Voting Members		
Andrew Sweeny		
Saarthak Saxena		