



December Board of Directors Meeting

1. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION by Ernesto to add the oath of office for Ben Coleman before the Discussion Item.

Seconded by Milan.

No objections.

Motion carries.

No objections or abstentions to adoption.

Agenda adopted (1:27 PM).

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

No objections.

Minutes approved.

3. Approval of the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Appendices B)

Ernesto: Rachel circulated a second version last night a new version of the minutes because last one did not have some amounts.

Amy: Was it emailed or just posted?

Ernesto: Emailed. The amount for Concrete Toboggan Conference Funding and Concrete Canoe Special Projects were missing and she added them.

No objections.

Minutes approved.

4. Officer Reports

a. President – Ernesto Diaz Lozano Patino (Appendix C)

Kevin: With Steve, you can't do anything until Steve gets back to you?



Ernesto: I think he got sick sometime after we sent the letter. He sent a reply to Professor Coyle. Now Steve is back, so we should hear something by the next meeting.

Kevin: What's next steps for capstone integration?

Ernesto: The team will put a proposal together and we'll circulate it to you and Faculty for feedback.

Kevin: What's the timeline?

Ernesto: In January.

Rob: Can we make it retroactive?

Ernesto: I don't think so. We're thinking of making it like a course.

Aidan: Mech has a George Brown machining course that gives you credit for a project. Things like that exist

Billy: Who's the registrar?

Ernesto: Don MacMillan.

- b. VP Finance – Rachel Reding (Appendix D)
- c. VP Communications – Reena Cabanilla (Appendix E)
- d. VP Academic – Oghosa Igbinakenzua (Appendix F)

Ernesto: I want Board Members to think about how to engage Class Reps in Faculty Council meetings. We need to find better ways to communicate with each other (Faculty Committee and Academic Advocacy Committee).

Raffi: We talked about automatic recall for not attending Faculty Council. This is proof of why we need something like that.

Aidan: If you go in with knowledge you have to go to these, people are probably going to go to these meetings.

Jason: I feel that there's got to be better communication between Discipline Clubs and Board Reps. No one told me anything that I felt I needed to show up.

Raffi: It's just for you to do; bring it up with Chem Club and Bernadette.

- e. VP Student Life – Madeleine Santia (Appendix G)



5. **MOTION by Peter Luo to authorise Board members to use Skype to attend Board meetings**

WHEREAS there is no current bylaw that specifies whether a board member who Skypes in is absent or present.

WHEREAS the OCA s. 283 (3.1) states that Skype calls constitutes as being present.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Board Members who ~~Skype in~~ use audio conferencing are counted as present with approval from the Speaker.

Peter: I asked Billy if I can Skype in and what are the consequences, if I'm absent or there. Billy says there's no current bylaw that specifies so he said we should probably make one. The main thing I don't want to do is make this and everyone goes on skype all the time, but I think getting consent from speaker is important for that sort of thing.

John: Skype is kind of specific. Can we remove "Skype" and replace it with "audio conferencing"?

John amends: "Skype in" to "audio conferencing".

No objections.

Amendment passes.

Ryan: It's a good motion to have. I agree with Peter. It's good for extenuating circumstances. We should look into making sure we have proper equipment for this.

Ernesto: We can get a polycom. We need to know in advance.

Milan: My first concern we've already seen because of technology. In terms of policy, what circumstances will we be okay with this? Exams? If they're out of the country?

Raffi amends: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that any Director who uses online conferencing three times consecutively is counted as absent, with the exception of summer month board meetings.

Raffi: There's an issue with people using online conferencing continuously.

Milan: Let's pass this and add a further clause to pass to the Policy and Structures Committee for wording.



Raffi withdraws his amendment.

Milan amends: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the specific phrasing of the Bylaw be referred to the Policy and Structures Committee to be completed by the January Board Meeting.

John seconds.

Ryan: Would that mean that it would be passed in the interim and the wording be finalized?

Ernesto: Yes

No objections or abstentions.

Amendment carries.

No objections or abstentions. Everyone in favour.

Motion carries.

6. MOTION by Maddy Santia to amend Policy 2015-06-21 on Affiliated Clubs

WHEREAS the Engineering Society regularly strives to take a neutral stance on issues of political contention; and

WHEREAS we affiliate clubs with a wide range of interests and perspectives

WHEREAS it is important that the views of these clubs are not mistaken to be the views of the Society

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 1.2 be added, and all sections renumbered accordingly:

1.2 The Engineering Society does not endorse the views expressed by those of affiliated clubs

1.2.1 No club shall purport to speak for the Society ~~or to have its views endorsed by the Society unless duly authorised~~

Raffi seconds.

Maddy: The subject matter of the club was difficult for us to come to consensus. I determined that this is something that might be necessary.

Kevin: What does “duly authorized” entail?



Maddy: That's an extra statement perse. I'm not sure if we ever would authorize a club to speak on our behalf. It would probably have something to do with the Affiliation Committee or President, or we take it to the Board.

Oghosa enters at 1:54 pm.

Ernesto amends: remove “or to have its views endorsed by the Society unless duly authorised” in 1.2.1.

Rob seconds.

Apurv: I know we like to remain neutral, in the past we have but it has backfired. What measures will we take to ensure that does not happen?

Ernesto: I think that there is no “one size fits all” solution. We have to look at each situation as it comes. For example, the Muslim vigil. I think that was fine because it's against islamophobia. For something like fossil fuel divestment, it's more polymic. There's a chance our membership will be divided.

Aidan: As a group whose membership does not choose to be part of that group, we can't take stances on things that don't represent all of our students. If we affiliate clubs, we're saying we endorse what they're saying.

Raffi: I agree, but our job is to represent students and at some point we have to. If our students do a referendum that we have to take a stance, then we have to listen. The best thing to do is hold a referendum and students decide what they want.

Milan: We can't represent everyone in every circumstance. It's impossible to stay politically neutral in every circumstance.

Ben Coleman enters at 2:00 pm

Billy: It's now 2:00 pm.

Milan moves to reconsider.

Amy seconds.

No objections or abstentions.

Motion carries.

Ryan: I think we're going too far down the rabbit hole. This motion is specific to whether or not we're endorsing club views and I think it's clear cut we shouldn't be endorsing views of clubs we affiliate. I think this is a



conversation we have to have, thinking about who we're representing when we take on a position. In context of this motion, we should focus on how we don't endorse what the club says.

Ernesto: Even if we don't have this, affiliating does not imply we endorse their views because we give same services to our clubs. No one is being privileged. For our terms, affiliation means we recognize them as a legitimate group that is privy to our benefits. The larger conversion is something we should have in another venue, underlying it's a case by case basis.

Aidan: I agree with point that affiliating is providing a service to them. We need to make it clear that whatever they do does not endorse views of EngSoc. If it's an advocacy group, we have to look into it. Maybe it's something to refer to the Policy and Structures Committee, but we have to be careful we're not affiliating groups that their only purpose is to push a political agenda.

John: If we were to affiliate a club, regardless of if we don't endorse their ideas, my concern is what a student would think of them if they were to do something that conflicts with our ideology.

Ernesto: Let's say we endorse club A and they have a rally in support of movement X; we don't support it or it's political. We can say they meet requirements for affiliation but we don't endorse their views, they have freedom of speech.

Raffi: Nike makes shoes, we buy their shoes. They use sweatshops. By buying their shoes, we endorse sweatshops. Isn't that wrong?

Apurv: I see what the concern is. A club will push a political idea if they have a political agenda. Yes we can do anything in our power to say we don't endorse their views, we have to do anything in our power to remain neutral.

Maddy: This club didn't necessarily provide a service or benefit the students.

Aidan: They were more of an advocacy group.

Ryan moves to call the question.

Amy seconds.

Aidan opposed. Everyone else in favour.

Question called.

No objections or abstentions.



Amendment carries

No objections. John abstains. Everyone else in favour.

Motion carries.

**7. MOTION by Ernesto Diaz Lozano to amend Policy 2002-08-02-
Policy on the Election of Internal Directors**

WHEREAS we are intending to migrate the nomination procedure for internal directors to an online system,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Policy 2002-08-02 Section 1.6 be amended to read

1.6 Completed nomination forms shall be submitted to the CRO via email or through a specific online platform designated by the CRO.

Milan seconds.

Milan: I like it.

Ernesto: I talked to Raffi about this. We're trying to minimize paper.

Ryan: Sustainability yo.

Milan: 10 names signed, would they have to go out, scan it, and then upload it?

Raffi: The 10 signatures would stay the same, but the signature on the front, they're have to sign at the all candidates meeting.

Ernesto: The form of the 10 can be a pdf, but they'd have to print it.

Raffi: It reduces my paperwork, but my email would get cluttered.

Rob: Is this moving everything online?

Raffi: My understanding was online.

Ernesto: This is for project directors, not for officers.

Oghosa: Why do we need signatures? Why not names and student numbers?

Milan: I see it as a vote of confidence.

Oghosa: I don't mean not having ten people, I mean "signing".



Raffi: I guess you can consider it the most personal, unique form of consent. A signature is illegal to copy.

Milan: It's proof that a person has directly given consent for your campaign.

Oghosa: Is there any way of completely moving online?

Raffi: There is a way with vote.skule.ca, but we would have to look at logistically how to do that.

Milan moves to call the question.

Ernesto seconds.

No objections.

Question called.

No objections or abstentions. Everyone in favour.

Motion carries.

8. MOTION by Raffi Dergalstianian to approve the rejection of facilitating elections for Engineering Director on the UTSU

WHEREAS the Vice-President Internal, Ryan Gomes, has contacted the Engineering Society, giving us the opportunity to facilitate said elections; and

WHEREAS a decision is needed from the Office of Returning Officers by December 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS the Office of Returning Officers has decided to reject this opportunity and is seeking the board's approval of this decision;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors support the decision of the Office of Returning Officers;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following email be sent in response:

"Dear Mr. Gomes,

We do not wish to pursue the opportunity to run elections for the three Engineering Director positions for the UTSU. We believe that consolidating the voting for all UTSU positions under one platform is in the best interest of the Engineering Society and the UTSU. Students are more likely to vote for all positions if they can find them all on one



platform as opposed to splitting them up into multiple platforms. Thank you for informing of us of the opportunity and we wish you and your committee the best of luck in running a fair and transparent election.

Best Regards,
Raffi Dergalstianian
Chief Returning Officer
Office of the Returning Officers of the Engineering Society"

John seconds.

Raffi: One of my DROs pushed me to make this motion.

Ben C. abstains. No objections.

Motion carries.

9. MOTION by Raffi Dergalstianian to disorient Milan Maljkovic

WHEREAS the Milan Maljkovic's term as Orientation Chair is nearly over

WHEREAS there is no longer a need for him to be oriented properly or instruct Members on orientation.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Milan Maljkovic be disoriented within 24 hours of the end of this meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the method for which he is disoriented is decided by the Chief Returning Officer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT whatever method is applied for disorientation by the Chief Returning Officer, be returned to the Chief Returning Officer.

Milan seconds.

Raffi: I see no point for him to be oriented properly. It has a lot of benefit to our mandate.

Rob: Is there no political motivation?

Raffi: It's entirely neutral. I need his consent.

Aidan: What methods for disorienting him?

Raffi: Mostly alcohol.



Aidan: What type?

Raffi: Beer? Whatever I want.

Milan amends: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT whatever method is applied for disorientation by the Chief Returning Officer, be returned to the Chief Returning Officer.

Raffi seconds.

John: I'm concerned about wording of "returned". It could mean regurgitated back.

Rob: But he's the Chief RETURNING Officer.

Milan moves to call the question.

No objections.

Question called.

John opposed. Ernesto, Ogi, Kevin, Peter, Ryan abstain. Everyone else in favour.

Amendment passes.

Milan moves to call the question.

Seconded by Rob.

No objections.

Question called.

Ryan, Amy, Maddy, Ogi, Peter, Kevin, Milan, Ernesto, Oghosa, Ben C., Twesh abstain. No objections. Everyone else in favour.

Motion carries.

- 10. MOTION by Aidan Solala to review members of Council who are not performing adequately**

WHEREAS a survey was sent to class representatives and year chairs, asking about the work they have been doing in their role; and



WHEREAS a number of these members of Council did not fill out this survey, despite being served sufficient notice and reminders; and

WHEREAS the discipline club was consulted in cases in which the class representative filled out the survey, however the response indicated that the he or she may not be adequately performing his or her duties; and

WHEREAS many positions on Council have other individuals who are performing that position's duties despite not holding the role, and who would be able to better serve their constituencies if they held the role;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the those members of Council listed in Appendix H be recommended for review by their discipline club if a Class Representative, or by their overseeing Officer if a Year Chair

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board authorises the Discipline Club for all Class Representatives under review to recall any of those representatives following a vote of their Discipline Club executive, if their review finds that the representative is not performing adequately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board authorises the Executive Committee to recall any of those Year Chairs under review following a vote of the Committee, if the VP Student Life's review finds that the Chair is not performing adequately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the body who recalled any member of Council shall report this to the Chief Returning Officer by the 4th of January, 2016 at 5:00PM.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board authorises the Chief Returning Officer to call and run by-elections for those positions vacated by any recall under this motion, with a timeline at the CRO's discretion however in time for the results to be ratified at the January Board of Directors meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Policy and Structures Committee meet to discuss and define the roles of Class Representatives and these findings be reported at the February Board Meeting.

Raffi seconds.

Aidan: This has gone through a number of iterations. There are a few people that hold positions, in the interest of holding people accountable, they should be reviewed by the proper authority.

Ryan amends: strike the first BE IT RESOLVED clause and replace with the original BE IT RESOLVED clause with the names.



John seconds.

Billy: These minutes are uploaded online and the original wording was recalled.

Ryan: There's a lot of confusion as to who Class Reps report to. This is an issue EngSoc has struggled with for a long time. They're supervised by the VP Academic but also Discipline Clubs. I think at the end of the day, Class Reps are accountable to EngSoc as a whole. If they're not responding to emails, they're not performing their duties. We shouldn't be proxying that to discipline clubs.

Oghosa: The reasoning it was changed from recall to review was that we realized Discipline Clubs have a better idea of the performance of Class Reps. Responding to the survey does not give us a good idea of what they're doing. Club Chairs may understand that they're doing something for their class. The class should be involved in deciding whether these Reps should be recalled. As EngSoc we're not members of the class.

Milan: I don't think it's prudent for us to make the decision to recall. We don't have the information that was on the survey; I don't know why they are being recalled. I don't think it's on us as a board to make that decision. As a Class Rep I had very little contact with my VP Academic, but I did a lot for my class. I don't think it's prudent to put names on there because they can be googled.

Kunal: When people run for Reps, there is some focus more on academic side and some on discipline club. If I have a Third-year Rep that wants to be part of the Discipline Club, are they not fulfilling their responsibilities?

Aidan: Regardless if you are becoming involved with the Discipline Club or academic advocacy, they're still a member of EngSoc and Council. In the future, we need to do a better job of highlighting that. Discipline Clubs do a better job of reviewing that. In the future, Discipline Clubs could do their own review at the end of the semester.

Ernesto: This problem has roots in a structural issue in how we define Class Reps and their roles, because we don't. I couldn't find anywhere in our bylaws that says VP Academic oversees Class Reps. In the bylaws, it says the Class Rep's role is defined by the Discipline Club and the only mandatory thing is to attend Faculty Council. This is a discussion to have with the Policy and Structures Committee and Discipline Club. I think we have a lot of conversations; I feel recalling was quite polymic.

Ryan moves to withdraw his amendment.

No objections or abstentions.



Amendment withdrawn.

Milan: Last year we had a similar issue with ECE Club. We told them we had to let them go, they were fine with it. I don't think we need this level of bureaucracy.

Raffi: I think that people run not to sit in meetings but to run events and engage students. With the nature of Faculty Council, I think we should make it a minimum.

Ernesto: It's a mandated element of the role.

Raffi: I think there should be consequences for not attending Faculty Council.

Raffi amends: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Policy and Structures Committee meet to discuss and define the roles of Class Representatives and these findings be reported at the February Board Meeting.

Amy seconds.

Aidan: I think this is necessary. It should be clear what the Class Rep does with EngSoc. A lot of people have spoken of taking things up directly with the person. One of these people is not overseen by a Discipline Club, so we had to bring it to the Board.

Oghosa: Maybe we didn't do a good job of promoting it more, but we worked closely with Discipline Clubs to define that. Maybe we have to work on it more. All the Class Reps that ran this year were notified about that. To recall a Class Rep, it's important to have that discussion. It's important for a Discipline Club to know that Faculty Council Reps cannot be appointed, they must be elected.

Milan: It's important for the Policy and Structures Committee to keep in mind what warrants recall.

Twesh leaves at 2:46

Raffi: There's only five names here. I disagree that we didn't advertise that enough. Oghosa gave a presentation at the All Candidates Meeting and mentioned Faculty Council. Very few people are attending these meetings. We have to make it clear that are consequences for not attending.

Kevin abstains.

No objections.



Amendment carries.

Kevin and Ogi abstain. No objections. Ernesto was not present. Everyone else in favour.

Motion carries.

Ernesto leaves to answer a phone call.

Milan moves to suspend Roberts's rules until Ernesto returns.

No one seconds.

Motion defeated.

Ernesto returns.

11. OATH of Office for Ben Coleman
12. DISCUSSION ITEM on scheduling the January meeting

Discussion about how busy January weekends are: UTEK and UTSU event on 16th-17th, Council retreat on 23rd-24th, Concrete Toboggan on 30th-31st.

Aidan: How about a weeknight?

Raffi: There's a lot that needs to be done in January. I definitely want to schedule this properly.

Ernesto: Can we have a doodle with some weeknights on last week of January?

Ryan: For last week of January, on the 28th is the UTSU SGM.

Billy: I'll not put that on doodle.

Milan: Can we use when2meet?

Billy: I'll look into it. My concern is that it's for very specific time intervals.

Billy will send out a doodle.

13. **OTHER BUSINESS**

John: Given that Motion 9 passed... Steins?



Apurv: Recently I was at a meeting about the Temporary Levy Fund. Professor Jim Davis raised concerns about plaques and what these plaques are. It seems that the plaques weren't in the laboratory at UofT. It seems like he wants to look into it.

Ernesto: There has been some miscommunication through the year. Sometimes departments don't follow through and EngSoc doesn't follow up with that. I have a bunch of plaques left, we may order more. I'll sit down with Rachel and we'll put together a spreadsheet of the proposals and who has the plaque installed for next year's team.

Ryan: I was looking through the minutes and I saw that the motion to have an Accountability Meeting was voted down. In the context of getting quorum, people talked about ways to resolve that. Not having a meeting isn't the correct way to handle that. I think an Accountability Meeting is very valuable to the Officer team. I think it's a very important avenue to have that. I think it's setting a bad precedence to cancel the Accountability Meeting.

Raffi: Why can't they email the officers if they feel there's a concern?

Ryan: The Accountability Meeting is in the bylaws, there's a process defined. I feel it's a good forum for seeing how to improve the society. In general it's a bad precedent.

Raffi: I agree.

Billy: In our bylaws, it's if we choose to have an Accountability Meeting.

Ernesto: The Policy and Structures Committee is doing a Bylaw 1 review. It's important to note that the Officer team abstained. You give a good point about precedent.

Ryan: I encourage the Policy and Structures Committee to look into making it mandatory.

Rob moves to adjourn.

Aidan seconds.

Oghosa is opposed. Everyone else in favour.

Motion carries.

14. ADJOURNMENT (3:05 PM)



Attendance

Officers		
President	Ernesto Diaz Lozano Patino	
VP Finance	Rachel Reding	AwR
VP Communication	Reena Cabanilla	
VP Academic	Oghosa Igbinakenzua	
VP Student Life	Madeleine Santia	
Directors of the Board		
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	A
Materials Science Representative	Amy Zhao	
Mechanical Representative	Robert Goldberg	
Mineral Representative	Ognjen Kelec	
First Year	Victoria Cheng	
First Year	Chris Choquette	
First Year	Twesh Upadhyaya	
UTSU Representative	Benjamin Coleman	
Speaker (Non-Voting)	Billy Graydon	
Members of the Society (Non-Voting)		
Chief Returning Officer	Raffi Dergalstianian	
Mechanical Engineering Club Chair	Kunal Taneja	

A – Absent

AwR – Absent with Regrets

P – Proxy