January Board of Directors Meeting

MOTION by Ryan Gomes to add the following as new motion 11:

MOTION by Ryan Gomes to create the Part-Time Students' Chair

WHEREAS it has been identified that part-time students within the Engineering Society face significant barriers to accessing the Faculty's programming and services, including PEY; and

WHEREAS issues such as isolation, academic frustration and mental health concerns have been raised as strong factors that affect part-time students; and

WHEREAS there currently exist no structure within the Engineering Society to foster a positive experience for the mature students demographic,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 2, section 2.11, subsection u) be added to read: u) The Part-Time Students' Chair, elected by the membership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 2, section 2.2.3, subsection b) be added to read:
    b) The Part-Time Students' Chair

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the responsibilities for the Part-Time Student Chair Ex-Officio include the following:
- Foster a sense of community amongst part-time students within the Skule Community
- Promote/Organize events to increase awareness of part-time students and the academic and faculty barriers they may face

No objections.

Motion added.

MOTION by Milan Maljkovic to reorder motion 11 as the new motion 9, and add a new item 10 for the new Orientation Chair's Oath of office and to renumber all subsequent sections accordingly.

Billy: The Search and Review Committee members can be selected from the current Orientation Chair.

No objections.

Agenda amended.

MOTION by Ernesto Diaz Lozano Patino to move motion 13 as new motion 12.

No objections.

Agenda amended.

MOTION by Patrice Boisclair-Laberge to add the following motion as new motion 11:

> MOTION by Skule Nite regarding the renewal of the Skule Nite Levy
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> WHEREAS Skule Nite is seeking to renew the Skule Nite Levy;
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> BE IT RESOLVED that the following preamble (subject to minor revisions in wording) be put to referendum to the full-time members of the University of Toronto Engineering Society at the upcoming Board of Directors' elections in March 2016:
>> The Engineering Society is seeking consent from its members to continue the levy for Skule Nite. The levy will be $1.90 per session per student ($3.80 per Fall & Winter academic sessions). If the levy is approved, it will continue to be charged to all full-time undergraduate Applied Science and Engineering students in fall 2016 and fall 2017. Subsequent referendum approval will be required to continue the fee after the 2017/2018 session. Are you in favour of continuing the Skule Nite Levy as described above?

Patrice: This is to put it on the ballot.

No objections.

Agenda amended.

MOTION by Oghosa Igbinakenzua to add the approval of the AAC minutes as presented in Appendix Q to the Agenda as the new item 7 and to renumber all subsequent sections accordingly.

No objections.

Agenda amended.

MOTION by Billy Graydon to reorder the officer reports before the discussion item.

No objections.

Agenda amended.

1. **Adoption of the Agenda (7:25 PM)**

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

   No objections.

   Minutes approved.

3. ~~***Approval** of the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Appendix B)*~~

4. **Approval** of the Affiliation Committee Meeting Minutes (Appendix C)

   No objections.

   Minutes approved.

5. **Approval** of the Election Rules Committee Meeting Minutes (Appendix D)

   No objections.

   Minutes approved.

6. **Approval** of the Policies and Structures Committee Meeting Minutes (Appendix E)

   No objections.

   Minutes approved.

7. **Approval** of Academic Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes (Appendix Q)

   No objections.

   Minutes approved.

   Ryan moves for 5 minute recess.

   Seconded by Raffi.

   No objections.

   Motion carries.

   Recess ends (7:37)

8.   **MOTION by Raffi Dergalstanian to ratify the 2016 Mature Students Chair Election Results.**

WHEREAS the Chief Returning Officer has submitted the results of the elections for the 2016 Mature Students Chair as Appendix L;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the results of the 2016 Mature Students Chair election results are received and ratified.

No objections or abstentions.

Motion carries.

9.   **MOTION by Rachel Reding to approve the changes to the Operating Budget of the Engineering Society.**

WHEREAS the Vice President Finance is required to prepare a budget of operating expenses for the year, in accordance with the Bylaws of the society; and

WHEREAS it is prudent to update the budget throughout the year based on actual expenditures and changing circumstances;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the attached changes (Appendix M) to the 2015-2016 Operating Budget of the Engineering Society be approved.

No objections or abstentions.

Motion carries.

10.   **MOTION by Ryan Gomes to create the Part-Time Students' Chair.**

WHEREAS it has been identified that part-time students within the Engineering Society face significant barriers to accessing the Faculty's programming and services, including PEY; and

WHEREAS issues such as isolation, academic frustration and mental health concerns have been raised as strong factors that affect part-time students; and

WHEREAS there currently exist no structure within the Engineering Society to foster a positive experience for the part-time students demographic,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 2, section 2.11, subsection u) be added to read:
     u) The Part-Time Students' Chair, elected by the membership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 2, section 2.2.3, subsection b) be added to read:

b) The Part-Time Students' Chair

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the responsibilities for the Part-Time Student Chair Ex-Officio include the following:

- Foster a sense of community amongst part-time students within the Skule Community
- Promote/Organize events to increase awareness of part-time students and the academic and faculty barriers they may face

Seconded by Milan.

Ryan: This is in line with the Mature Students Chair. I talked with Oghosa about Part-time and Mature Students Chair. In general I found that there was a lot of differences in navigating the Faculty. PEY is something part- time students are not allowed to do. With EngSoc including part-time students in membership, EngSoc has the onus of including part-time students.

Kevin: I would prefer if this motion was pushed back to following meeting. I would like time to think about it. For the PEY thing, how would you envision having someone as a chair helping with that? For me it's not something that they would be able to change. When you say "part-time", I don't like how the Faculty puts PEY under part-time. They have different sets of concerns. A Part-time Students Chair would be more suited to serve only students part-time in school. How would this manifest itself in a meaningful way?

Ryan: I agree that PEY and part-time students have two different sets of concerns and I don't know if there's a way to couple them in this motion. I don't think that it's bad to have one that can advocate for both. I don't think there's an issue for them doing both roles. My intention is for these students who are doing part time, whether for academic or familial reasons.

Aidan: Being that there are a large number of people who do go on PEY, it will be dominated by people who do go on PEY. It would have to be hard coded on the description of this.

Raffi: A lot of PEYs do take courses in school, in a sense they do go to school and are part-time students. I think it would serve them to an extent. I think we should amend this motion to say students who are part-time and not on PEY. I think part-time students do experience a lot of difficulty in connecting with the Faculty.

Kevin: I think there's a merit with a PEY student who takes courses. What does this chair do?

Ryan: What I envisioned was advocacy. The reason I put them under VP Academic was to do advocacy through the VP Academic.There's also talking to people, maybe holding events, but really talking to people and ways they can be addressed.

Milan: At what point are you allowed to go back full-time?

Ryan: It depends. The Faculty policy states that if you go part-time, you can't go back to full-time until you finish all the courses in your year. I found that that policy can be more flexible than people think it is.

Milan: My real concern is because this is a position focused heavily on advocating to the Faculty, it might make more sense to put it under the VP Academic's portfolio. The part-time constituency is not as tight knit as mature students. Perhaps this is something for VP Academic to take on, because they have more of a relationship with the Faculty. I'm worried about adding another layer of bureaucracy.

Ryan: I think having a chair may work to make that community.

Twesh: When we elected the mature students chair, some concerns were representing other groups like international students. Why don't we have a committee of chairs that advocate for different groups?

Chris: I had a similar idea. I don't see an issue with lumping part-time with PEY students, I only see that being drowned out if PEY students have legitimate concerns, which we should be addressing anyways.

Ernesto: I want to remind the Board that there is no cost for us to create the position. There is no big liability or financial cost. It's difficult to know if something like this will add value or not. We did something like this with the parking spot and found it wasn't the best. I feel we should give it a shot. Whether it's PEY or not depends on the chair. In my eyes, this person is an advisor to the VP Academic. The VP Academic is overwhelmed now. They need more help and to be more efficient. If someone is advocating for these students, it would be more efficient.

Aidan: I agree with Ernesto. There is no harm in trying. I believe as a Board we should look at it at the end of the year and see if other underrepresented groups should have a chair.

Kevin: What are Oghosa's thoughts?

Ogi: I agree with Ernesto. Having it overseen by VP Academic is important. Having someone who can report directly is a lot easier to deal with and more effective. Let's try it now and if nothing we can evaluate it.

Ryan: I think Ernesto addressed Twesh's concerns about multiple chairs. Part-time students are a distinct group in our bylaws. I think having someone to deal with those issues will help the VP Academic.

Raneem: There's a huge gap where you don't know the extent of your involvement, but there's no one to talk to. There are many issues that should be addressed and aren't.

Billy moves to call the question.

No objections or abstentions.

Question called.

No objections or abstentions.

Motion carries.

11. **MOTION by Skule Nite regarding the renewal of the Skule Nite Levy**

    WHEREAS Skule Nite is seeking to renew the Skule Nite Levy;

    BE IT RESOLVED that the following preamble (subject to minor revisions in wording) be put to referendum to the Engineering Society Members that pay levies ~~full-time members of the University of Toronto Engineering Society~~ at the upcoming ~~Board of Directors' elections in March 2016~~ Officers' elections:

    The Engineering Society is seeking consent from its members to continue the levy for Skule Nite. The levy will be $1.90 per session per student ($3.80 per Fall & Winter academic sessions). If the levy is approved, it will continue to be charged to all full-time undergraduate Applied Science and Engineering students in fall 2016 and fall 2017. Subsequent referendum approval will be required to continue the fee after the 2017/2018 session. Are you in favour of continuing the Skule Nite Levy as described above?

    Raffi seconds.

    Patrice: Skule Nite is the engineering musical, celebrating its 95th year. It's a fantastic opportunity for students to get involved and practice engineering

skills. The fact that we can afford to get in Hart House theatre every year allows us to get as close to professional as a student can get.

Raffi amends: replace "upcoming Board of Directors' elections in March 2016" with "Officers' elections" in the BE IT RESOLVED clause.

No objections.

Amendment carries.

Milan: Is it only for full-time members, or full-time and part-time?

Patrice: In the 2014 one it was full-time.

Ryan: We don't pay the levies attached.

Patrice amends: change "full-time members of the University of Toronto Engineering Society" to "Engineering Society Members that pay levies" in the BE IT RESOLVED clause.

Ernesto: I suggest to put everyone. If part-time students don't want to pay for it, they can vote against it.

Ryan: It might be useful for the exec to follow up with the Faculty about who pays what levies.

No objections.

Amendment carries.

No objections or abstentions.

Motion carries.

12. **MOTION by Ernesto Diaz Lozano to appoint a member to the Review Committee**

    WHEREAS Bylaw 6 Chapter 1 outlines the purpose of the Review Committee, and

    WHEREAS Bylaw 6 sub-section 1.0.1 states that The "Review" component of the Committee shall convene at least once annually to review the operations of the society and the duties of those employed by the Society" and

WHEREAS Bylaw 6 sub-section 2.02 states:
2.0.2. The "Review" component of the Committee will be comprised of (in no particular sequence):
    a. President
    b. Vice-President Finance
    c. One additional member to be selected by the Board of Directors, selected from the following candidates: Orientation Chair, Suds Managers, Stores Managers or Cafeteria Managers.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of directors selects the additional member for the Search committee as specified in Bylaw 6, sub-section 2.0.2, item c.

Ernesto: The review committee will be different this year. It's a review of the operations of the Society. I want this committee to be a proactive step of every outgoing team. One of the goals was to do a business process revision. This is something this committee may undertake. Commercial operations and Orientation are the ones that interact most with Rhonda and may have an interesting perspective.

No objections or abstentions.

Motion carries.

Nominations: Milan, Raneem

Elected member: Raneem

13. **MOTION by Ashis Ghosh to create the Design Team Association Project Manager as a Temporary Internal Directorship.**

    WHEREAS there is a need to foster community and organization between design team, and

    WHEREAS the creation of the Design Team Association was a first step in attempting this, and

    WHEREAS the workload of managing the initiatives of the Association is substantial enough to fill a directorship position,

    BE IT RESOLVED THAT a temporary internal director position be created, with the oversight of the VP Student Life of the Engineering Society

    BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the responsibilities of the Design Team Association Project Manager include the following:

a. Coordinate monthly meetings with the Design Teams
b. Manage the initiatives of the Design Team Association (current initiatives include: the purchase of a shared vehicle for design teams, coordinate consolidated training sessions for design team volunteers, identify opportunities to increase design teaching and experiential learning in the undergraduate engineering curriculum)
c. Act as a liaison between design teams and the Engineering Society
d. Foster a sense of community among design teams

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the applications for the position will be sent out within the next 5 business days;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the new Design Team Association Project Manager be elected at the February 2016 Board Meeting.

Maddy seconds.

Ashis: Last year a need was identified between design teams. We were lacking benefits we would get if we worked together e.g. resources, expertise, and taking on larger initiatives that would benefit design teams as a whole. At the start we had an informal structure. One thing we noticed was that it was difficult for design teams to get together without a point of contact. One thing was having a point of contact with EngSoc. We believe a suitable way to move forward would be through the creation of this role, where they would be a spokesperson and project manager.

Maddy: In the summer, we started with regular meetings but I had no idea what was going on. Cory started this last year. He had design team experience, I had none. It would make sense to have someone in this position be a liaison and do a couple things that needed by the design teams.

Ryan: I'm struggling with the proposed format. They would become a Project Directorship?

Ashis: What we were envisioning was a spokesperson, someone who coordinated the Design Team Association and a project manager, for projects like getting a vehicle.

Ryan: Would it make more sense if they were selected by designs team at large, instead of Council?

Ashis: On one hand, there is a need for an EngSoc representative coming from that direction. We currently don't have that continuity of structure to take on that responsibility.

Kevin: When you work on design teams, you don't have time to oversee all of these projects. Having someone familiar with them and being supported by design teams gives them power to get things done.

Aidan: I agree this is a necessary thing. I noticed a lot of issues we run into. We're all here, all competing for Skule. Our money would be better spent if we could coordinate. Having someone from EngSoc to advocate for things would be helpful.

Ernesto: There was discussion on whether this should be a Directorship or Chair. I think this is a Director because they are a project manager. Making it a Project Director will bring design teams closer to EngSoc, closer together and bring some continuity. We discussed with Ashis that they would be elected by Council. We're making it temporary for now; we can see how it goes.

Kevin: We're suggesting that the position is elected at the February BoD meeting. How long does it go until?

Billy: The JCM.

Kevin: Who's qualified to run?

Billy: There's nothing in the Temporary Internal Directorship.

Kevin: Are people not convinced about this?

Raffi: I agree with Ryan. I don't see merit with Council electing them. Someone could get elected who have no experience with design teams. I do like the idea, but perhaps make a club and the Chair acts as project manager and then report to Maddy.

Maddy: For directorships, we do the interview. If we interview someone who had no experience with design teams, the likelihood of them getting picked would be small.

Raffi: The issue is that the people who interview for this position may not have experience. How can they discern?

Rachel: That's similar to other Project Directorships. VP Finance is on the committee that elects Suds and Cafe Managers and I had no prior experience.

Milan: We're looking too deeply into design team aspect rather than project manager aspect. One concern is the application, which should say nomination. The nomination should be open to design team presidents, or something along those lines, which adds a vote of confidence. My other

concern with the duration of the role is that there are many design teams that operate in the majority of the summer. Similar to Orientation Chair, it might be worth shifting the election of that role.

Ernesto: The project manager won't dive too much into the operations of design teams. One thing is the course for design teams, which is advocacy, another is calling meetings and third is the vehicle. I'm not too worried about the cycles of competitions. Timeline wise, we're electing them in February. They have until April to prove its worth and we can reevaluate it then. This can be absolution to a problem we had for many years.

Kevin: I don't agree with design team presidents, I think it should be open. I'm concerned that the person can only be a director once it's permanent. It might benefit to have the same person from year to year, especially for longer projects. I don't know how to address this issue.

Billy: This exception would require an amendment of Bylaw 2, and that was another discussion if we should remove that clause. There are not many rules for Temporary Directors in our bylaws.

Ashis: As design teams, we're looking for someone to take on a project manager role. As for experience with design teams, we can provide that. In terms of what we're looking to do, Ernesto hit that point. We're looking for a project manager to breathe life into this community and deal with these projects.

Raffi: The problem with having people run more than once for a directorship is that directorship becomes very dominated by one person. I think there's merit in having a new person every year. I feel someone who's a project manager for a design team should have experience with design teams. Why doesn't each design team have a project manager themselves?

Ashis: We're not looking for a project manager for the operations of each design team; for example with the vehicle, we're looking for someone to talk to these design teams and take that info to Faculty in a proposal.

Milan: This individual needs to have open communication. With respect to the point of having same individual do this twice, it's 12 months to 14 months, it's not too much.

Kevin: I think there's some good points, but not relevant with what we're trying to achieve.

Kevin moves to call the question.

No objections.

Question called.

Ryan and Peter abstain. No objections. Everyone else in favour.

Motion carries.

Ryan leaves at 9:08 PM.

14. **ELECTION** of the 2016 Orientation Chair (recommendation report in Appendix K)

Kevin: If you didn't get this position, what would you do around Skule instead?

Dareen: One things I do wanna do is head leeding.

Sourabh: For Orientation, I would probably want to try head leeding or being an exec. I thought I missed a lot of interactions with the frosh. For Skule, generally I've always been involved.

Jonathan: I'm fairly involved now and will probably continue with that. In terms of Frosh Week, I've considered applying for Vice Chair as well, but that would depend on the vision of the Orientation Chair.

Apurv: Say a frosh comes in and says another frosh's sexual orientation is in conflict with their beliefs. How would you go about handling this?

Dareen: It's important to address them in LDs; if it's addressed directly to me, I would have both parties understand that they both come from different cultures. People have different beliefs and it's important to respect that.

Sourabh: It's important to address it's a valid issue. It would depend on the exact issue. I would talk to both parties and figure out the exact issue, then explain to both the culture that is present and how we're trying to improve.

Jonathan: This is an inherent issue. Frosh Week pushes comfort, but not to that point. It depends on the severity of the situation. They're going to be exposed to it during school. It has to be made known that this will happen but we don't want to make them severely uncomfortable.

Ogi: What are you opinions on how mature students can be more involved in school and how can you accommodate mature students to better suit them?

Dareen: There's a lot of events catered towards extroverts, so how can we have more events that connect to introverts. During Frosh Week we talk a lot of the trinity but not clubs, so maybe we can have a panel of students go around and let them know the different things that they can get involved in at Skule.

Jonathan: It is mostly about the perception of Frosh Week.

Sourabh: There's a huge disconnect between Leedur training and what they're actually doing.

Ernesto: Last year we had a request from the Muslim Students Association to advertise the alternative Frosh for Muslim students. What do you think?

Dareen: It's important to accommodate for different people that are coming. E.g. Muslims students that want to pray, let them know where to pray. Catering more is important but I don't think we should break off into different groups.

Sourabh: Frosh Week is about inclusivity. I think it goes against that to break off into different groups. Interacting with different cultures should be something that's introduced.

Jonathan: We can incorporate other cultures into our Frosh, but I don't think we should be advertising for other groups.

Kevin: What would you change from this year's Orientation? Did you witness anything or experience anything that does not sit well?

Jonathan: One thing was that at the dye station, they kept a count of full body dyes. Personally I'm allergic to the dye. I've seen a lot of Leedurs really push their frosh. I really don't like that. I think it's about them feel comfortable.

Sourabh: One thing I would try to avoid is the chant where an outsider thought it threatened rape. We can always train for it, but it's not something we can mitigate permanently. Cheers are controlled, so this should be under control and there should never be a cheer which anyone thinks threatens rape.

Dareen: It's important to build a connection with the frosh. I want to emphasize LD and JOLT because it has a big impact on the frosh.

Ogi: Are you planning on incorporating Arts and Science events?

Sourabh: I think it's important to incorporate events where everyone can get involved. Typically Frosh Week has events where you can't invite people to. There are a lot of engineering traditions where artsies might not be comfortable.

Jonathan: I think it's important to speak with other Orientation Chairs. It's not always practical depending on logistics, but we can plan for that. We did reduce the amount of anti-artsie cheers. It's all about perception and how we perceive artsie students.

Dareen: Frosh Week is there to orient frosh to Skule. I think it's important to introduce them to artsies at some point. Introducing an event or two would be important to break that rivalry, but not have the whole orientation.

Elected Orientation chair: Dareen Kutob

Aidan and John leave at 9:48 PM

15. **MOTION by Ernesto Diaz Lozano to hold a referendum on a 2 day Fall break**

    WHEREAS a resolution was passed at the November 2015 Board of Directors meeting that resolved:
    > **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Engineering Society Board of Directors authorizes the Chief Returning Officer to conduct a referendum asking full-time and part-time members of the Society whether they wish for the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering to create a 2 day Fall break, in lieu of a full Reading week

    > **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the referendum is to be held during the upcoming Officer elections, the final wording of such to be set by the Office of Returning Officers in consultation with the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering and the Officers of the Society; and ratified by the Board of Directors at the January 2016 meeting

    And,
    WHEREAS the Chief Returning Officer and the President have drafted a referendum question, and shared it with the Faculty for feedback (Appendix N)

    BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Engineering Society Board of Directors authorizes the Chief Returning Officer to conduct the referendum attached on Appendix XX during the 2016 Election Period for Officers, following the provisions for referendum stipulated in Bylaw 3 and the Election Rules

    BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all full time and part time members are allowed to participate in the referendum.

    Apurv seconds.

Ernesto: We wanted to consult students of what they wanted to do for a fall break. We got advice from Tom Coyle. We're approving this now to make sure it's approved in time for elections.

Raffi moves to call the question.

Rachel seconds.

Ben L. opposed. Everyone else in favour.

Question called.

Milan, Chris and Ben L. abstain. No objections. Everyone else in favour.

Motion carries.

Ben L. leaves at 9:51 PM.

16. **MOTION by Raffi Dergalstanian to approve the Official Election Rules.**

    WHEREAS the Election Rules Committee has met multiple times to edit, write and update the Official Election Rules as mandated by our bylaws;

    BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Official Election Rules as presented in Appendix O are approved by the Board of Directors.

    Reena seconds.

    Raffi: In a referendum, the Society is allowed to fund both yes and no campaign. Say there's a referendum proved to be detrimental to the Society. For example fossil fuel divestment, it would be detrimental to EngSoc to support yes because they support chemical engineering students. Ernesto was saying we should not fund both sides, but choose to fund either in a contentious referendum.

    Ernesto: It says "may". We can say to our students we don't want to fund it. What if we run into an issue of discrimination? There are no guidelines on what we fund. I think we need a blanket, give everyone $200 or only fund the one EngSoc supports which goes into larger issue of endorsement. I'd rather take it all out.

    Twesh: I don't think it's an issue of discrimination as much as being involved in political issues. Our goal is not to work on these political issues. Perhaps we

should just not fund either side, so there's no issue of being politically involved.

Billy: The reason we included funding was for club levy referendums.

Raffi: I propose that EngSoc should be allowed to fund either yes or no, and if they do fund yes, then they have to fund no.

Apurv: I see the point of funding both sides, but some may argue if you fund both sides you may be favoring one side more. How do you ensure both sides are equally funded?

Raffi: For example if there was a referendum banning Mexicans Ernesto would be against that, but he can't say that he's against that as president.

Ernesto: The way the rules are written now, "may" leaves it up to us to decide whether we have to fund it.

Raffi: If we're funding, it has to be "yes" and "no".

Twesh: If we don't offer funding to anyone, clubs may not have money, if we fund them we have to give same money to same sides, giving x dollars to both sides is same as giving no money to both sides. You can't really know campaign expenses. We're giving money to try to equalize playing field, but that's not possible.

Raffi: Campaigns are limited to $200 each side. Say "yes" is financially endowed and decides to spend it all, that doesn't stop the "no" campaign.

Ogi: If there's a "yes" and "no", how would you ensure there will always be another side to that? Are there people who campaign for the other side?

Raffi: There's a "yes" and "no", regardless of who decides to be part of it. There will be registration forms for designates on who can campaign.

Twesh: It seems like a lot of these referendum are political. Can you give me an example of referenda?

Ogi: Is there a way for someone to get the money if no one was running?

Raffi: If no one runs for the "no" campaign, there's no one to get that money. It should be equal opportunity for both campaigns to get funding.

Kevin: My understanding is if you choose to let one of them be the designate, it's up to them to spend it. It's about giving everyone the same reason. I don't think there's a question of fairness.

Ernesto: The concern is "may" allows us to act in a way that's bias.

Twesh: Maybe we can look at ways to move away from them having significant campaign expenses. Why not look at giving them same number of resources?

Raffi: It's logistically very hard to do that. For example keeping track of banners with an expense report, we can see what they spent.

Chris: I think expense report shows more than "they get this many supplies". We have no way of knowing how much they buy and how much they use.

Twesh: Isn't it easy to not report something?

Raffi: If they didn't report it on the expense sheet, they wouldn't get reimbursed. We're trying to even the playing field by monitoring.

Amy moves to call the question.

Milan seconds.

Ogi and Chris are opposed. No abstentions.

Question called.

Ogi is opposed. No abstentions. Everyone else in favour.

Motion carries.

Rachel moves to adjourn.

No one in favour.

Motion fails.

Rachel moves to rearrange the agenda:
    Add the approval of Finance Committee minutes as the new motion 17.

No objections.

Motion carries.

17.   **Approval** of the Finance Committee Minutes (Appendix B)

Kevin: Can I have some clarification between Mining Games and Engineers Without Borders. They both requested similar amounts. Since we did have 200% of the original budget added on, are we expecting more Conference Funding?

Rachel: Our Conference Funding pool is smaller than other pools. We funded a mining expenditure the previous month. We also based it on the quality of their application.

No objections.

Minutes approved.

Raffi moves to adjourn.

Ogi and Kevin are opposed. No abstentions. Everyone else in favour.

Motion carries.

Adjournment (10:21 PM)

18. ~~**SPECIAL MOTION by Reena Cabanilla to amend Bylaw 1, the Constitution**~~

    ~~**WHEREAS** a motion was passed in December that allows Board Members to use audio conferencing to be counted as present; and~~

    ~~**WHEREAS** the specific phrasing of the bylaw was referred to the Policy and Structures Committee;~~

    ~~**WHEREAS** the Policy and Structures Committee has reviewed and revised Chapter 4 of Bylaw 1~~

    ~~**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the revised version of Bylaw 1 as presented in Appendix P be adopted.~~

19. ~~**Officer Reports**~~
    a. ~~President — Ernesto Diaz Lozano Patino (Appendix F)~~
    b. ~~VP Finance — Rachel Reding (Appendix G)~~
    c. ~~VP Communications — Reena Cabanilla (Appendix H)~~
    d. ~~VP Academic — Oghosa Igbinakenzua (Appendix I)~~
    e. ~~VP Student Life — Madeleine Santia (Appendix J)~~

20. ~~**DISCUSSION ITEM** on scheduling February, March and April meetings~~

21.   ~~OTHER BUSINESS~~

22.   ~~ADJOURNMENT~~

Attendance

Officers		
President	Ernesto Diaz Lozano Patino	
VP Finance	Rachel Reding	
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	T
Computer Representative	Milan Maljkovic	
Electrical Representative	Andrew Boetto	A
Engineering Science Representative	Apurv Bharadwaj	
Industrial Representative	Benjamin Leung	
Materials Science Representative	Amy Zhao	
Mechanical Representative	Robert Goldberg	P
Mineral Representative	Ognjen Kelec	
First Year	Victoria Cheng	
First Year	Chris Choquette	
First Year	Twesh Upadhyaya	
UTSU Representative	Benjamin Coleman	A
Speaker (Non-Voting)	Billy Graydon	
Members of the Society (Non-Voting)		
Chief Returning Officer	Raffi Dergalstanian	
Skule Nite Producer	Patrice Boisclair-Laberge	
Stores Manager	Raneem Shammas	
Engineering Society Member	Dareen Kutob	
Engineering Society Member	Sourabh Das	
Engineering Society Member	Jonathan Swyers	

A – Absent; AwR – Absent with Regrets; P – Proxy; T – present via telecom