

**University of Toronto Engineering Society
Policy and Structures Committee Meeting Minutes
Meeting 08, December 1st 2016, 1900-2030
BAB024**

Attendance

PSC Chair: Twesh Upadhyaya	Present
VP Comm: Colin Parker	Absent
Speaker: Eric Bryce	Present
Board Member: Billy Graydon	Absent
Appointed Member: Jonathan Swyers	Present
Appointed Member: Raffi Dergalstianian	Absent
VP Academic: Samantha Stuart	Present
Other Members from AAC	Present

Note: this was a joint collaboration with the Academic Advocacy Committee

Discussion

General discussion regarding the proposed advocacy body.

VP External

- Conflict with other VPs?
- Perhaps role best kept with President because of the importance of the issues. Issues that are significant to EngSoc
- Under the president as an 'executive assistant'
- Striking committee too large to get done
- Perhaps more active role in searching for issues
- Officers also already look for issues and issues are already escalated from project directors to their reporting officers
- Small committee to get things done, about connecting those interested with what needs to get done
- Expand AAC
- Cement the reps outside of engsoc somewhere in the structure
- Keep VP Academic regardless for the academic focus
- VP Academic to VP External
- Advocacy in and of itself perhaps too broad to be useful as an officer role, already split to Pres, VPA, VPSL

Let the passion drive which issues are chosen

Pros:	Cons:
Passionate things get done	Only vocal issues get pushed through
Gets significant amount of work done	Stretches resources (or not, if not many issues escalate)

Miscellaneous

- From experience of AAC, number of issues brought forward is manageable
- More transparency within EngSoc to mobilize members
- Need clearer image of engsoc publicly to know what advocacy options are available to utilise
- Make it easy to reach out to advocacy body
- Have an online chart that shows where your issues fit in, i.e. who to contact within engsoc

Any questions? Contact PSC Chair at: twesh.upadhyaya@mail.utoronto.ca