



## September 2016 Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:20PM.

**MOTION by Ryan Gomes to add the following motion as the first item on the agenda:  
“Motion by Ryan Gomes to ratify the Fall Election results”**

Seconded by Colin.

Ryan G.: The appeals period for the fall elections ends at 6:00PM tomorrow and the period is going too long anyway. We should consider ratifying the Board of Directors members now although it is technically not by procedure.

Saarthak: The appeals session was supposed to end earlier but voting problems delayed it.

Twesh: If there is an appeal between us ratifying them and the end of the appeals period, what happens?

Ryan G.: The election appeals committee then goes to the Board to review their ruling and potentially reverse their decision.

Billy: They can appeal to the Board but that's not what it's meant for, which is why it requires unanimous consent.

Colin: Giving people a vote with no notice seems wrong.

**MOTION by Milan Maljkovic to table the motion**

Seconded by Twesh.

In favour: Milan, Colin, Samantha, Raneem, Ryan W., Kevin, Twesh, Jason, Apurv, Mahta, Mark, Olivia

Opposed: Billy

Abstaining: Ryan G., Andrew

Motion carried.

### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion carried.

### 2. Approval of August 2016 Minutes

Billy: There seems to be an error in the discussion of the You Decide petition.

**MOTION by Colin Parker to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in 5 minutes**

Seconded by Raneem.

Motion carried.

Meeting dissolved at 7:45PM.

Meeting reconvened at 7:55PM.

[Minuter's note: there was some confusion at this point about whether or not the minutes has been approved, as the minuter was not recording at the time.]

**MOTION by Milan Maljkovic to reconsider the approval of the August 2016 Board of Directors meeting minutes**

Seconded by Apurv.

In favour: Milan, Andrew, Colin, Oghosa, Olivia, Twesh, Sneha, Mark, Jason, Ryan, Billy, Samantha, Mahta, Apurv

Opposed: Ryan G. and Raneem

**MOTION by Colin Parker to approve the August 2016 Board of Directors minutes  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Colin Parker will amend the minutes to indicate that Aron Sankar's motion to table was withdrawn with unanimous consent and that the motion by Andrew Sweeny to endorse the You Decide petition was carried.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the amended August 2016 Board of Directors minutes be approved**

Seconded by Ryan W.

Motion carried

**3. Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from minutes.

**4. Officer Reports**

**4.1. President – Milan Maljkovic**

Kevin: Is there a reason that the MIE301 space issue was directed to you?

Milan: It was mentioned to me so I brought it up. Tom Coyle said that it needs to go through proper channels.

Kevin: I think we should bring up the lack of practical skills taught in APS111/APS112.

Billy: For APS111/112 review committees, what is your sense of that so far?

Milan: No updates so far. They've already received a fair bit of information which is why they have started.

Billy: Is there any chance to add students to this committee beyond the president?

Milan: I can work on that

#### **4.2. Vice President Finance – Andrew Boetto**

Andrew: My report is already written out, and I think that we always end up repeating ourselves.

#### **MOTION by Andrew Boetto to skip items 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, and 4.5 and proceed directly to item 5**

Seconded by Raneem.

In favour: Raneem, Olivia, Samantha, Mahta, Jason

Opposed: Ryan W, Twesh, Milan, Kevin, Ryan G., Billy, Ryan W., Twesh, Sneha

Abstaining: Aron, Apurv

Billy: What is the story with sponsorship? The report indicates that everything is fine but there is a motion to recall him.

Andrew: He was inactive for 2 months, but he is getting to work.

Colin: Let's discuss this during the relevant motion.

#### **4.3. Vice President Communications – Colin Parker**

Billy: What is the timeline for a new Skule Digest?

Colin: I expect about 3 weeks for sorting out the new mailing list system, and around 3 months months to build the website.

Billy: It seems that your time is getting consumed with a lot of administrative tasks. Has there been any further thought into delegating or splitting up responsibilities?

Colin: Some. I think it would be very good, but I don't know where to begin. The portfolio is hard to split up. If anyone has ideas let me know.

#### **4.4. Vice President Academic – Samantha Stuart**

Billy: Has there been any consideration of licensing the SpeakUp system to external groups?

Samantha: That's interesting; I'll investigate it.

Billy: How many new tutors are there?

Samantha: Four.

Billy: Is there any plan to meet demand?

Samantha: The plan to automate the approval process is still on the table, just delayed.

#### **4.5. Vice President Student Life**

Oghosa: Why do you think the mentorship program isn't working well?

Raneem: A lot of clubs are busy. Some are working with each other outside of the mentorship system, too.

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**MOTION by Ryan Gomes to immediately consider the “Discussion item on the length of time allotted for election appeals”**

Seconded by Kevin.

In favour: Ryan G. Kevin, Samantha, Apurv, Mahta, Aron, Markx2, Billy, Sneha, Twesh, Olivia, Raneem, Oghosa, Andrew

Opposed: Milan

Motion carried.

Gomes: We have an extremely long appeals period compared to other similar bodies. I would recommend 48 or 72 hours

Milan: Would you recommend a change in election rules right now or to defer this to the ERC now?

Billy: I think 7 days is very reasonable. I recommend a shorter session of an intent to appeal, followed by a longer session if an appeal is submitted.

Colin: I think that proposed system can be abused to prevent newly elected people from voting in September. I would like the Policy and Structures Committee to look at this given that I've noticed the election notice timelines need work.

**MOTION by Milan Maljkovic to refer to the Policy and Structures Committee for reporting back by November**

Seconded by Ryan W.

In favour: Raneem, Andrew, Oghosa, Twesh, Olivia, Andrew, Aron, Sneha, Ryan W., Markx2, Samantha, Mahta, Ryan G., Apurv, Colin

Abstaining: Twesh, Billy

Motion carried.

**5. MOTION by Milan Maljkovic to ratify the Discipline Club Constitutions**

**WHEREAS** Bylaw 7 Section 1.0.4.b states that the Board may decline the release of Discipline Club Funding if the club does not have a constitution that has been ratified by the Board or is not in compliance with its Board-approved Constitution; and

**WHEREAS** the President has gone through Discipline Club constitutions to verify their compliance;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Discipline Club constitutions be ratified by the Board of Directors.

Seconded by Ryan G.

Gomes: There is an uneven definitions of class representatives, allowing people to have 1 or 2 people run for 1 position.

Milan: They must follow EngSoc bylaws, and 2 people for one role is allowed. I'll clarify that with them though.

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Billy: In the Mech club constitution they include the requirement of "good academic standing".  
Why is that?

Milan: I'm not sure.

**MOTION by Billy Graydon to consider the mechanical club constitution separately**

Seconded by Aron.

In favour: Milan, Raneem, Olivia, Twesh, Oghosa, Aron, Twesh, Sneha, Markx2, Billy, Ryan G.  
Samantha, Apurv, Mahta

Opposed: Kevin

Abstaining: Andrew, Ryan W, Colin

Motion carried.

**MOTION by Kevin Rupasinghe to consider the chemical engineering club constitution separately**

Seconded by Raneem.

In favour: Billy, Samantha, Mahta, Apurv, Andrew, Milan, Raneem, Olivia, Twesh, Sneha,  
Oghosa

Opposed: Kevin

Abstaining: Ryan W., Andrew, Colin

Motion carried.

Main motion:

In favour: Milan, Kevin, Apurv, Andrew, Raneem, Oghosa, Olivia, Twesh, Aron, Sneha, Markx2,  
Ryan W., Billy, Mahta, Samantha, Apurv, Kevin

Abstaining: Colin

**MOTION by Milan Maljkovic to approve the mechanical engineering club constitution conditionally on the removal of the requirement of "good academic standing"**

Seconded by Aron.

Motion carried.

Billy: There is a new PEY representative in the chemical engineering club constitution? Was this cleared with the faculty?

Milan: It was discussed with Catherine Zeigler. I don't remember the result. It would require an election cycle to take effect anyway.

**MOTION by Milan Maljkovic to approve the chemical engineering club constitution conditionally on the removal of the requirement of "good academic standing"**

Seconded by Ryan W.

Motion carried.

**6. MOTION by Andrew Boetto to approve 2016-2017 Discipline Club Funding**

**WHEREAS** the release of funding to recognized Discipline Clubs is authorized annually by the Board per Bylaw 7;

**WHEREAS** the Finance Committee has reviewed and approved budgets from all of the eight (8) Discipline Clubs at the September 2016 Finance Committee Meeting as per Bylaw 7; and

**WHEREAS** Discipline Clubs receive a total amount of funding equal to \$1036.80 + \$4.66 per student;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that funding be released to the following Discipline Clubs, with 60% to be disbursed immediately following receipt of student fees by the Society, 30% in January 2017 and 10% in March 2017.

Seconded by Milan.

**MOTION by Milan Maljkovic to amend the motion to add:**

**“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funding is conditional on the ratification of the discipline club constitutions”**

Seconded by Ryan W.

Motion carried.

Billy: Is the TrackOne club included here?

Andrew: No. They get a different amount.

Billy: Will that be approved by the Board of Directors?

Andrew: No; it's set by the bylaws and doesn't need confirmation.

Motion carried.

**7. MOTION by Andrew Boetto to approve a change 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;

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

**WHEREAS** the Skule Alumni Outreach directorship was established late in the year and their budget was approved by the Finance Committee in September;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following changes be made to the Operating Budget of the Engineering Society:

Skule Alumni Outreach - \$850.00

Seconded by Ryan W.

Billy: Why so much money?

Andrew: I can't remember the line items. I can share the budget later.

Billy: I don't have evidence that this amount is justified.

**MOTION by Colin Parker to table the motion until right before Other Business**

Seconded by Milan.

Motion carried.

**8. MOTION by Raneem Shamas to accept the affiliation of new clubs within the Engineering Society**

**WHEREAS** the Policy on Club Affiliation (the "Policy") requires that affiliated clubs within the Engineering Society apply and reapply for Engineering Club Status on an annual basis; and

**WHEREAS** this year's club affiliation process was advertised to all students including clubs affiliated in the previous year;

**WHEREAS** all applications were reviewed by the Affiliations Committee to determine eligibility and merit with respect to the Policy; and

**WHEREAS** only new student clubs recommended for affiliation require approval from the Board of Directors to receive official Engineering Club Status;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the recommendations provided in the latest revision of the Club Affiliation Report, August 2016 be adopted.

Seconded by Aron.

Motion carried.

**9. MOTION by Colin Parker to recall the Sponsorship Director of the Engineering Society**

Seconded by Raneem.

Colin: I have pretty high expectations for project directors and I don't have the same knowledge about this issue as Andrew, which might explain why our opinions of this are quite different. To my knowledge the sponsorship director has done nothing and replied to a very small percentage of messages to them. If this were the only problem I might not have submitted this motion, but the lack of communication has gotten in the way of opportunities and club operations to a great extent. The Pizza Nova sponsorship deal has worked inconsistently and we were told it was fine, which has led to more work for us, and the fact that we don't know if we're directing opportunities to someone who is going to respond is a problem.

Raneem: The role of the sponsorship director is to get more offers for students and make their lives easier. He hasn't been diligent about role. May need sponsorship director to put in more effort.

Aron: Someone should have the opportunity to speak for themselves. The Toike Oike editor has indicated that there have been issues with the pizza deal but there is some inconsistency in pricing anyway. Someone should be informed that they're up for recall.

Andrew: I forgot to tell Allan that he is up for recall. I'll defend him a bit. He has been putting in much more effort in September. I sat down and talked at the beginning of September and

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indicated that expectations were set and he has not been following through on them. Has now been responding to my emails, though I can't speak for other people's. He has looked for new sponsorship opportunities around campus. Pizza Nova deals are now done and updated; people have used it and it has worked. However, we can't change what happened in the summer as that is done now, specifically the lack of communication. Whether we want to punish him based on the past is up to the Board. Wasn't much of a transition in the role; previous director didn't tell him anything. Would like to bring that up for consideration; there is no one else who expressed interest. No guarantee if he is recalled that things will even get better. Those responsibilities will fall on me and they are low on my list of priority.

Billy: I was in favour of recalling. Based on fact that he has not been informed it would be disingenuous. Propose to postpone to October meeting with the understanding that he will be informed, have a chance to defend, and look critically over coming month.

**MOTION by Billy Graydon to table the motion until the October Board of Directors meeting**

Seconded by Aron.

Motion carried.

**10. MOTION by Colin Parker to call an Engineering Society Annual General Meeting on October 25th, 2016**

**WHEREAS** General Meetings must be called in some manner outlined in Bylaw 1, 2.1.2.; and

**WHEREAS** the purpose of a General Meeting must be specified when the meeting is called; and

**WHEREAS** the specification of this purpose shall limit the scope of motions added to the agenda in the General Meeting as stated in Bylaw 1, 2.2.2.;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the purpose of the aforementioned Annual General Meeting be specified as, in no particular order:

- 1) to appoint an auditor for the current year;
- 2) to receive the auditor's report for the previous year;
- 3) to authorize the Board of Directors to set the remuneration for the auditor for the current year; and
- 4) to ratify any amendments to Bylaw 1 made by a resolution of the Board of Directors since the last Annual General Meeting

Seconded by Aron.

Aron: Should we include the time?

Colin: It's not necessary. The notice of the meeting will have the time.

Motion carried.



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[Returning to item 7: "MOTION by Andrew Boetto to approve a change to the Operating Budget of the Engineering Society"]

Billy: They have some money from the alumni office too. Much of it spent on food. No other group uses this much on food. I would like to encourage more creativity. I also question postcards budget

Raneem: They sold out of promotional postcards. Many clubs also have funding sources for food other than EngSoc, and that doesn't stop them from getting funding to a large extent.

Andrew: We assume that most of these events are a bit different than most clubs because they invite alumni and industry members, so we differentiated it

Billy: If you know, can you estimate how much of the amount requested has already been spent or committed to?

Andrew: About \$350 at the barbeque

**MOTION by Billy Graydon to amend the specified amount to \$650**

Seconded by Mark.

Aron: I think we're singling out this directorship for something that's relatively common.

Ryan W: I agree that we're providing additional scrutiny, and it's easy to argue at a Board meeting that a director can haggle. Also, \$1000 for a directorship is not huge

Billy: I've been a director and you can haggle. I think I'm scrutinizing everything equally

Milan: 250 student-alumni pairs were established at a recent alumni office event, and I think that the volume of accessors to this service is high.

Aron: The money here is going back to students, and wouldn't necessarily provide as much value elsewhere.

**MOTION by Billy Graydon to withdraw the motion**

Seconded by Colin.

Motion carried.

Motion carried.

**11. Other Business**

Saarthak: I think that the Board is rushing through issues too much. A lot of these issues matter a lot to people, and the Board should take its time more.

Twesh: I think that the Board is paying a good amount of attention to issues this year. There are some diminishing returns with discussion as it becomes circular so I think it is reasonable to push along discussion at times.

Raneem: We unfortunately don't have infinite time to discuss these issues.

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Eric: I think we had some good discussion. A lot of the thought goes into motions and discussions before the meetings as well.

Colin: Time is a constraint, but I think our discussions could be more effective if we discussed clarifications and minor things online in email or in the Board of Directors Facebook group.

Billy: From my perspective as a former EngSoc Speaker, current UTSU Speaker: I see a lot of rubber-stamping elsewhere that I don't see as much of here.

## **12. DISCUSSION ITEM on the length of time allotted for election appeals**

Addressed earlier.

## **13. Adjournment**

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

## Attendance

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