



February 2015 Board of Directors Meeting

1. Adoption of the Agenda Called at 11:30am.

Ernesto adds approval of December BoD Minutes

Ryan adds the following motion.

Motion to hold a referendum on Fossil Fuel Divestment at the University of Toronto

Whereas fossil fuel divestment of the University Endowment is officially on the agenda of the Governing Council of the university;

Whereas most other major student bodies on campus have voted to support divestment;

Whereas the Society has an obligation to represent the concerns of its members to university;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Engineering Society Board of Directors authorizes the Chief Returning Officer to conduct a referendum asking full-time members of the Society whether they support the Engineering Society advocating the University of Toronto divest its endowment of direct stock holdings in the fossil fuel industry, and reinvest these funds in the rest of the endowment portfolio

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 CRO in consultation with society members within the fossil fuel divestment campaign, and the Society Officers

Appended

Mehran motions to add the following motion:

MOTION by University of Toronto Formula SAE (FSAE) regarding the renewal of the FSAE levy



WHEREAS the team has submitted an updated budget and a letter addressed to Engineers about the teams' needs as well as their past accomplishments;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the preamble (subject to minor revisions in the wording) in Appendix C be put to a referendum to full time members of the University of Toronto Engineering Society at the upcoming Board of Directors Elections in March 2015

Motion added.

Mehran adds the following motion to the agenda.

MOTION by Mehran Hydari to allocate money from the club funding pool to affiliated clubs

WHEREAS the Skule Stress Release, Biomod Team, Bangladeshi Engineering Students Association (BESA) clubs were recently affiliated with the Engineering Society; and

WHEREAS Skule Stress Release requested \$5 890.00 from the club funding pool, and

WHEREAS Biomod Team requested \$1 500.00 from the club funding pool, and

WHEREAS BESA requested \$300.00 from the club funding pool, and **WHEREAS** affiliation information was not available at the Finance Committee meeting for February 2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Skute Stress Release receive \$200.00 from the club funding pool in the Engineering Society 2014-2015 Budget,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Biomod Team receive \$0.00 from the club funding pool in the Engineering Society 2014-2015 Budget,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT BESA receive \$0.00 from the club funding pool in the Engineering Society 2014-2015 Budget;

Seconded by Cory. Ernesto asks if they were in the Finance Committee minutes. Mehran says the committee did not know whether they were affiliated or not, so the Finance Committee did not approve them.

Agenda adopted at 11:40am.



2. Approval of Minutes

- a. January Board of Directors Meeting: January 29th, 2015

Cory asks for some amendments. Peter asks about differentiating between the two Peters.

Not approved.

- b. December Board of Directors Meeting

Ernesto needs the attendance changed.

Not approved.

- c. Finance Committee Meeting:

Approved

- d. Academic Advocacy Minutes

Approved

3. Officer Reports

- a. President – Teresa Nguyen

Matt asks Teresa to disclose the new Vice Dean Undergraduate. Teresa says she cannot.

Ryan asks about transition templates and their applicability for the officers. Teresa says they could be recycled.

- b. VP Finance – Mehran Hydary

Karan asks whether the Mechatronics lab will have an EngSoc plaque. Mehran says all project funded by the temporary levy funds pool will have a plaque.

Teresa says that the faculty is discussing the release of rankings to students. Mehran says they will discuss next minutes



Pierre says that there could be stacking of plaques which may look tacky.
Vinson says they should have one general plaque.

Mehran says that every project that is approved will have pictures taken and then posted on skule.ca.

- c. VP Communications – Karan Shukla
Promoting officer elections, small turnout.

Meeting with directors to reflect on year and improve portfolio and applications

Skule.ca is looking better, does not say Welcome back anymore

Yerusha: how is school book and how is access to the faculty plasmas

- We do not have access to faculty plasmas
- Skule book is good, met with director and is on track

- d. VP Academic – Ryan Gomes

Ryan says there was a faculty council meeting with Teresa. Professor Stickel presented his first year curriculum. He did a lot of consultations about it. There were some interesting take-aways. He wants to normalise it and add one hour.

Midterm course evals are running, but there's a lower turnout than last time.

Cory asks about who's been sending out the midterm course evals. Ryan says the class reps, facebook groups and mass mails.

Steven talks about marketing and how good face to face marketing is. Ryan says that he wish he had the time to do that. But he says its something to think about moving forward.

Ernesto asks how he engaged the discipline clubs. Ryan says he emailed them, and he talked about it in the facebook group. Ernesto asks about the introduction to engineering course. Ryan says that it was a part of the presentation and would replace Engineering Ethics APS150.

Praneet asks about opening up the midterm evaluations earlier. Ryan says he didn't want it to conflict with other things.



Yerusha asks about replacing the ethics course. Ryan says there is no complete plan for integrating it into other courses.

Peter says CIV club didn't receive any email. Ryan denies.

e. VP Student Life – Cory Sulpizi

Pierre asks about space for design teams, and talks about doing more outreach to ensure more space in 256 McCaul. Cory says he did discuss with the teams to improve the space.

4. MOTION by Judy Shen to create the Professional Outreach Director.

WHEREAS over the 2014-2015 term, the ad-hoc committee Engineering to Policy appointed by the President in July 2014 was created to provide a space for members of the Society to exercise their thoughts on engineering policy and current affairs, and;

WHEREAS it is the Society's mandate to provide opportunities for its members to develop valuable skills to take with them into their professional engineering careers, and;

WHEREAS presently, there is a lack of opportunities for students to engage in engineering policy conversations within the Society, and;

WHEREAS, with the elimination of VP External and the External director portfolio, the President has been receiving one-off opportunities from the Professional Engineers' of Ontario (PEO) where members can learn more about current affairs in engineering and how policy is related;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following is added to Chapter 1 of Bylaw 2 the Directors Bylaw and the subsequent lines be re-numbered accordingly.

1.20 Professional Outreach Director

1.20.1 There shall be a Professional Outreach Director, who shall be responsible for:

- a) Educating and informing the community about engineering policy and its related current affairs;
- b) Working with organizations, such as PEO, to inform members of professional activities and opportunities;

1.20.2 The Professional Outreach Director shall be overseen by the President.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Policy Outreach Director be included in the 2015 round of Project Director Nominations.

Seconded by Karan.

Judy says that it's important for engineering students to understand the engineering policy and the importance of interdisciplinary work. Judy spoke with a similar student group about why it faded out. She also spoke with PEO and thought this directorship would be a good outlet for the initiative.

Karan says it's a good idea.

Pierre says it's important to provide causes for people to rally around. Pierre says that it's good that Judy understands the challenges associated with it.

Yerusha would like to see some performance metrics. Judy says that E2P has had two seminars. Each session had 20-30 people show up from different groups of engineers.

Ernesto asks whether this will replace E2P. Judy says it will replace and add to E2P.

Ryan asks why it's being added to the bylaws unlike other directorships. Judy explains her experience and says that it's about community, unless it's about events. Judy says that it's about people being engaged. Judy says clubs have limitations with regards to transitions.

Teresa compares this to Skule Kup and E2P was a trial. Teresa says that Policy Outreach Director might be confusing.

Steven doesn't feel that the comparison between Skule Kup is not valid. Steven also says that there are other ways to get the word out aside from a Directorship. Judy says that she wants to create continuity.

Ishan talks about Skule Kups events. He says turnout was good for the active events. He also asks about operating budget. Judy says that they will need money for events and seminars.

Pierre says that Skule Kup events were successful because people want disciplines to win, whereas E2P only holds one off seminars. Pierre supports these things.

Teresa says that she's putting in the efforts to ensure that this is successful. Teresa says that Directorships are very resilient to fading away due to failed leadership. Teresa says that PEO has contacted her.

Motion passes



5. MOTION by Teresa Nguyen to create the Alumni Outreach Director.

WHEREAS over the 2014-2015 term, steps have been taken to build the network of people, skills, brand and organizational infrastructure of the Alumni Outreach portfolio as a Temporary Internal Director defined stated in bylaw 2, and;

WHEREAS it was always the intention to make this position a permanent position within the Society, provided that no negative impact was brought upon the Society, and;

WHEREAS Alumni Office of the Faculty is in full support of working with the Society through this portfolio, and;

WHEREAS the goal of this portfolio is to help enhance the overall student experience at Skule;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following is added to Chapter 1 of Bylaw 2 the Directors Bylaw and the subsequent lines be re-numbered accordingly.

1.20 Alumni Outreach Director

1.20.1 There shall be an Alumni Outreach Director, who shall be responsible for:

- a) Promoting Skule to Alumni Members;
- b) Working with faculty to enhance alumni engagement and relations;
- c) Actively pursuing opportunities around Skule for alumni engagement.

1.20.2 The Alumni Outreach Director shall be overseen by the President.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Alumni Outreach Director be included in the 2015 round of Project Director Nominations.

Seconded by Mehran

Teresa says the faculty is on board with things. She says the alumni website meets the faculty's policies on communicating with alumni.

Yerusha says she has spoken to the current director. He said that there were multiple planning problems with events. Yerusha says there have not been any quantifiable results. Teresa says there were some scope creep, red tape in relation to communication with alumni. Teresa says that the faculty is now on board. Teresa says that she's willing to work on it.

Ryan is confused why the Alumni Outreach Director isn't here. Ryan also asks about plans for the Directorship moving forward. Teresa says that the Alumni office is willing



to help out and guide the director. She says that students leaders should talk about the motivation for speaking to alumni. Teresa says it has been successful.

Saarthak asks about training and transitions. Teresa says it makes sense for student leaders to work with the faculty. She also is willing to transition people.

Ernesto says that there hasn't been lot of measurable results because this year was mostly focused on sorting out all the organizational and institutional challenges associated with a directorship like this one. Ernesto doesn't want it shut down.

Yerusha says there hasn't been many KPIs this year. Yerusha says that shooting down this motion would send the wrong message.

Pierre says that the you can't get good metrics for a position like this in a year. Pierre says this position should be more about club collaboration.

Teresa says that there are no real metrics in the bylaws to give flexibility. Teresa says that making it temporary again will not help its momentum.

Cory says that it's a good directorship because the alumni is willing to make the connection.

Motion passes.

Mehran motions to omnibus Motions 6-13 Seconded by Karz. Motion Six is pulled from the bus.

Motion passes.

Mehran says that its just the levies that exist now such as Blue Sky, Concrete Canoe, SEF, UTRA etc.

Pierre pulls motion 8 from omnibus. Motion pulled.

Motions 7,9-13 pass as omnibus. FSAE and Club Affiliation motions

6. MOTION by Teresa Nguyen to hold a referendum on taking over representational responsibilities of the Students' Administrative Council

WHEREAS the full-time members of the Society are also members of SAC and **WHEREAS** that the University of Toronto currently recognizes SAC as the official representative body for students on the St. George Campus and Mississauga Campus since SAC collects several compulsory non-academic incidental fees on behalf of SAC; and



WHEREAS the Society has examined the representational structure of SAC several times in the last seven years; and

WHEREAS a list of recommendations to address these issues was presented to SAC on multiple occasions and were thoroughly rejected; and

WHEREAS it has been the ongoing position of the Society that our membership would be better served if SAC's representational services for our members were taken over by the Society; and

WHEREAS it is the mandate of the Society to work toward the interests of its members, particularly in the University community;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Engineering Society Board of Directors authorizes the Chief Returning Officer to conduct a referendum asking full-time members of the Society whether they wish for the University of Toronto to recognize the Engineering Society as the formal representation of engineering students in all University matters and affairs, taking over SAC's representational responsibilities for engineering students, and

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 CRO in consultation with the University of Toronto and the Officers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Engineering Society calls on the University of Toronto and SAC to recognize the democratic expression of its members' wishes in regard to student society representation, provided such a referendum is conducted in a free and fair fashion.

Motion to extend speaking rights to Yolen and Riley from SAC. Seconded by Ryan. Motion passes.

SAC Motion seconded by Karan.

Motion to amend to strike out full time. Saarthak seconds. Ryan says that part time students will be able to vote on something which has nothing to do with them.

Motion amended to full time and PEY. Ryan seconds. Amendments made. Full Time and PEY only included in referenda.

Teresa says that there has been no follow-up with the students' society summit and the fee diversion referenda. Teresa wants to keep the momentum. Teresa asks people to read her February letter about EngSoc's history.



Ryan abstains.

Pierre reminisces about the fee diversion. Pierre says that given that the University has opened discussion on representation. Pierre says that it's good that students can give their opinion. Pierre says that the UTSU's recent successes in flat fees don't apply to engineers. Pierre says that the UTSU doesn't care about the Engineering Society. Pierre says that Cam Wathey has not read Rishi's reports from the Society.

Teresa compares this to the University's decision not to release ranking.

Matt says that the referendums were moved from the BoD Elections because students were being swamped.

Cory asks about the voter turnout between Officer Elections and BOD elections. Matt Lee says the officer elections were 20, whereas the referenda were 30. Cory asks whether this will involve fee diversion. Teresa says it's strictly representation.

Yolen says she has a response letter. Yolen says that she has reached out to EngSoc but she never heard back. Yolen says in May, she sent out a call to everyone to discuss Engineering representation. Yolen says they have tried to reach out. Yolen says that posters have been removed. Yolen says that she wants more communication when there is a motion to condemn SAC. Yolen says there are committees for professional faculties.

Saarthak says that when the SAC came in for the Board Reform consultation before the AGM, the first year board members did not feel that it was adequate consultation. Saarthak says he has not seen posters about student commons.

Yolen says that she's always looking for feedback for consultations. Yolen says there have been problems with posters.

Teresa says that she has tried to communicate with the UTSU. She says that it's the UTSU's responsibility to communicate and consult with EngSoc Members since EngSoc is a different corporation incorporated separately.

Yolen says that there have been multiple attempts to communicate with EngSoc.

Matt says there was no letter sent to Engineers. Yolen says that there was a mass mail about the Board reform.

Pierre says that there have only been small complaints that have been fixed, rather than big complaints. For example, UTSU planners are still being printed with engsoc. Pierre says AGM minutes have not been uploaded. Pierre says that they don't think about the EngSoc at UTSU meeting specifically.



Yolen says she appreciates the work over the years. Yolen says the UTSU planner is designed for everyone to learn about UTSU services. Yolen says that Engineering students do use the UTSU.

Yerusha agrees with Pierre, and says that UTSU has not been transparent with communications and consultations. Yerusha feels that many UTSU communications could be considered propaganda. Yerusha says that she has tried to communicate with the UTSU, but it has been very tough for her to voice her opinion.

Yolen says the UTSU is trying to get peoples' opinions. Yolen says that she has responded to Yerusha's emails, even during a busy AGM period.

Teresa says there was communication between SGRT and others.

Karan says that he has given the UTSU solutions for posters.

Cory says that its about the Engineering Society being able and willing to represent students without the middleman.

Faizan asks why the UTSU who represent everyone can represent engineers better than EngSoc, who are engineers who understand students' need. Yolen says that the UTSU does a different type of representation, and that UTSU does campus wide representations.

Pierre says that only one person gets a meeting with the Vice Provost (the UTSU). EngSoc wants direct meeting with the Vice Provost.

Ernesto says the UTSU is all about consultation, so why are they opposing this. Yolen says that the motion doesn't make sense.

Ryan abstains due his attendance on the UTSU board of directors.

Motion passes.

7. MOTION by Mehran Hydary to call a referendum to renew the Skule Endowment Fund

WHEREAS the Skule Endowment Fund was established by the initiation of \$100.00 per year opt-out levy on full-time members beginning in the Fall 2011 academic session; and

WHEREAS significant strides have been made in cementing the governance and planning of the Fund; and



WHEREAS the continued existence and expansion of the Fund will improve student life for our members for decades to come;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Society authorize a referendum to occur concurrent with 2015 Officer Elections to renew the Endowment Levy Fund at \$100.00/year, using the preamble and question in Appendix A, subject to minor revisions in wording from the Office of Student Life.

Motion passes.

8. MOTION by Mehran Hydary to call a referendum to renew the Temporary Special Levy Fund

WHEREAS the Temporary Levy Fund was established by the initiation of \$100.00 per year levy on full-time members beginning in the Fall 1983 academic session, subsequently increased to \$150.00 per year beginning in the Fall 2009 session; and

WHEREAS the Temporary Levy Fund was subsequently reduced to \$125.00 per year beginning in the Fall 2013 session; and

WHEREAS the Temporary Special Levy Fund continues to demonstrate value in accordance with its purpose; and

WHEREAS the Society and its members would benefit from the flexibility of moving surplus Special Levy funds to broader, permanent Endowment Fund;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Society authorize a referendum to occur concurrent with the 2015 Office Elections to renew the Temporary Special Levy Fund, using the preamble and question found in Appendix A, subject to minor revisions in wording from the Office of Student Life.

Teresa seconds.

Mehran says its important to renew this until the SEF replaces this.

Teresa says that its important for the disciplines to know that there is funding.

Pierre wants to lower it to \$110.00. Mehran says that its not a good idea because of the weakness of the Canadian Dollar. Mehran says that he agrees with the spirit of the motion. Pierre says its important for the Officer team to reduce it so the referendum doesn't fail.



Praneet motions to change the amount to \$115.00. Ryan seconds. Pierre says the new board has to make a policy to allocate the funding.

Amendment passes.

Motion passes.

9. MOTION the University of Toronto Robotics Association (UTRA) regarding the renewal of the UTRA levy

WHEREAS the team has submitted an updated budget and a letter addressed to Engineers about the teams' needs as well as their past accomplishments; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the preamble (subject to minor revisions in the wording) in Appendix A be put to a referendum to full-time members of the University of Toronto Engineering Society at the upcoming Board of Directors elections in March 2015.

Motion passes.

10. MOTION by Engineers Without Borders – University of Toronto Chapter regarding the renewal of the Engineers Without Border – University of Toronto Chapter Levy;

WHEREAS the team has submitted an updated budget and a letter addressed to Engineers about the teams' needs as well as their past accomplishments; and **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the preamble (subject to minor revisions in the wording) in Appendix A be put to a referendum to full-time members of the University of Toronto Engineering Society at the upcoming Board of Directors elections in March 2015.

Motion passes.

11. MOTION by the Human Powered Vehicle Design Team are seeking to renew the Human Powered Vehicle Design Team Levy;

WHEREAS the team has submitted an updated budget and a letter addressed to Engineers about the teams' needs as well as their past accomplishments; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the preamble (subject to minor revisions in the wording) in Appendix A be put to a referendum to full-time members of the University of Toronto Engineering Society at the upcoming Board of Directors elections in March 2015.



Motion passes.

12. MOTION by the University of Toronto Blue Sky Solar Racing Team are seeking to renew Blue Sky Levy;

WHEREAS the team has submitted an updated budget and a letter addressed to Engineers about the teams' needs as well as their past accomplishments; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the preamble (subject to minor revisions in the wording) in Appendix A be put to a referendum to full-time members of the University of Toronto Engineering Society at the upcoming Board of Directors elections in March 2015.

Motion passes.

13. MOTION by the University of Toronto Concrete Canoe Team are seeking to renew the University of Toronto Concrete Canoe Team Levy;

WHEREAS the team has submitted an updated budget and a letter addressed to Engineers about the teams' needs as well as their past accomplishments; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the preamble (subject to minor revisions in the wording) in Appendix A be put to a referendum to full-time members of the University of Toronto Engineering Society at the upcoming Board of Directors elections in March 2015.

Motion passes.

14. MOTION by the University of Toronto Aerospace Team (UTAT) regarding the creation of a UTAT levy

WHEREAS the team has submitted an updated budget and a letter addressed to Engineers about the teams' needs as well as their past accomplishments; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the preamble (subject to minor revisions in the wording) in Appendix A be put to a referendum to full-time members of the University of Toronto Engineering Society at the upcoming Board of Directors elections in March 2015.

Ernesto seconds.

Mehran says it's a new levy for a club which is growing. Mehran says this levy will help them grow.

Karan says that they get funding from sponsors as well.



Motion moved to 3:00pm with a second by Ben Leung.

Presentation by Jeffrey Osborne, President UTAT

Cory: I have hear UTSU levies are difficult to get so what are the backup plan

Jeff: They seemed optimistic when I approached them since we have a lot of ArtSci students on our team as well. The back up plan would probably to change the timeline for launches. The levy money is primarily for the launch.

Pierre: Clarifies the process with Jeff about UTSU's policy for this.

Motion carries.

15. MOTION by Mehran Hydary to increase the Engineering Society fee to account for cost of living

WHEREAS the Society's constitution and mandate allow for the membership fee to increase without referendum to reflect an increase in the cost-of-living, as determined by Government of Canada; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has set the Consumer Price Index increase at 1.5% for 2014

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Engineering Society requests that the University of Toronto increase the membership fee levied on its members by 1.5%, effective beginning in the Fall 2015 session

Seconded by Ishan.

Karan says that the student should not feel that more money is being taken from them. Mehran says its a procedure in the bylaw.

Motion passes.

16. MOTION by Mehran Hydary to approve Levy Fund allocations

WHEREAS the undergraduate student levy voted two years ago to establish a levy fund whose purpose is to improve the undergraduate student experience; and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee believes these projects will improve the academic experience of the student body and help our facilities to grow and develop; and



WHEREAS additional documentation and individual applications will be hosted online;
and

WHEREAS the Vice-President Finance is now in the process of contacting departments to ensure these projects have not already been funded;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Engineering Society Board of Directors approves the disbursement of funds as indicated in Appendix B;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Vice-President Finance may lower any disbursement should the costs of the projects have fallen throughout this process.

Seconded by Praneet

Mehran: We have spent over \$600 000.00. We are changing MIE01 (Mechatronic Labs) as they have appealed to remove their furniture funding to only student equipment.

Praneet says it's a good idea.

Karan : the mechatronic labs is terrible

Pierre: We have a flow visualization lab in EngSci but the camera never works so this is good to get the lab to work

Motion carries, Ryan abstains

17. MOTION by Cory Sulpizi 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; and

WHEREAS all applications were reviewed by the Vice President Student Life 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 club TechXPlore is affiliated with the Engineering Society until the end of this fiscal year.

Second by Mehran

Cory: They do technical workshops as outlined in appendix, including excel and graphical design

Mehran: No further comments

Motion carries

18. MOTION by Mehran Hydary for club funding to affiliated clubs

Seconded by Teresa

Mehran: WE did not have affiliation sheet at Finance Committee meeting but they were so this motion is meant to counteract the minutes. The two allocated \$0 did not attend the funding interview. The reduced funding is due to their plans to do future costs which did not reflect current operating budget.

Motion carries

19. MOTION by Matthew Lee to change Bylaw 3 Article 3.0.1 regarding Board of Director election period

WHEREAS to continue opening the nomination period for Board of Director positions in conjunction with Project Director positions; and

WHEREAS to allow for flexibility to prevent voting period conflict with SAC elections; and

WHEREAS Bylaw 3 Article 3.0.1 currently reads 'The Nomination Period for Board of Directors shall commence at 9:00am on the Monday of the fourth week after Reading Week in the Winter Term, and close at 5:00 pm on the Thursday of the same week'; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 3 Article 3.0.1 reads 'The Nomination Period for Board of Directors shall commence **no later than** 9:00am on the Monday of the fourth week after



Reading Week in the Winter Term, and close at 5:00 pm on the **Friday** of the same week'

Second by Ben

Matthew: Just to reflect election rules

Ben: No further comment

Cory: Is there an issue with changing bylaws multiple times per year.

Tabish: No

Ernesto: Does this come into effect now?

Tabish: Yes

Ryan: Can we add flexibility?

Matt: This motion does that by only stipulating a deadline and duration and no start time

Motion carries.

19. MOTION by Matthew Lee to change Bylaw 3 Article 4.0.1 regarding Project Director election period

WHEREAS to allow for greater time in the project director nomination, interview, and appointment process; and

WHEREAS to continue opening the nomination period for Project Director positions in conjunction with Board of Director positions; and

WHEREAS Bylaw 3 Article 4.0.1 currently reads 'The Nomination Period for Project Directors being elected at the JCM shall commence at 12:00pm on the Monday of the 4th week after reading week of winter term and close at 5:00pm on the Thursday of the same week.'

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 3 Article 4.0.1 reads 'The Nomination Period for Project Directors being elected at the JCM shall commence **no later than 9:00 am** on the Monday of the 4th week after reading week of winter term and close **no earlier than 4 full business days later.**'

Second by Ryan

Matt: Same as previous motion, we are adding flexibility.

Ryan: No further comment



Motion carries.

20. Motion to hold a referendum on Fossil Fuel Divestment at the University of Toronto

Whereas fossil fuel divestment of the University Endowment is officially on the agenda of the Governing Council of the university;

Whereas most other major student bodies on campus have voted to support divestment;

Whereas the Society has an obligation to represent the concerns of its members to university;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Engineering Society Board of Directors authorizes the Chief Returning Officer to conduct a referendum asking full-time members of the Society whether they support the Engineering Society advocating the University of Toronto divest its endowment of direct stock holdings in the fossil fuel industry, and reinvest these funds in the rest of the endowment portfolio

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 CRO in consultation with society members within the fossil fuel divestment campaign, and the Society Officers

Second by Ryan

Mazhar: Other student societies have made stances on this but we have not so we should establish a stand on this issue

Ryan: (statement from mover) Reiterate Mazhar's comments. What is being asked is for referendum to the student body to make the decision and not for the Board to decide. Not taking a stand could itself be seen being political

Saarthak: I support the idea of asking the students. But, if this passes, how does it affect our students going into that industry in terms of backlash

Ryan: I don't foresee the industry holding grudges against the student body

Matt: Election will be moved to March. We could have a problem about counteracting the interests of 2 of our programs (Min and Chem) if this possibly passes.

Ryan: I understand those concerns but I feel the students should still be making the decision.

Stephen: The informal policy doesn't seem binding



Cory: We are holding a lot of referendum so are we diluting it. And also is it in our student's interest to ask the University administration about their ethics

Pierre: Having a referendum is fine but this specific one is not because there is not a very clear.

Ryan: I want to clarify that SAC moves its motion in the same manner

Pierre: It is unclear that if we vote "no", is EngSoc now taking a mandate against the issue or removing itself from it? That is the issue. We need a clear question about what the "yes" and "no" are supporting.

Teresa: Students should have the right to hold a referendum question but EngSoc's role is to represent the interest of **all** students which this referendum does not. If we hold this referendum and it passes, it mandates that we need to use our budget to support this movement. EngSoc is not the vehicle for this as our budget would have to be shuffled in order to support this. Our mandate is to represent students and not fund these movements. So EngSoc itself should not run the referendum as we cannot benefit the entire body

Ryan: This motion is only to go to the university and "state" our stance and not use the budget. WE have used budget money on controversial referendum before. We should ask the question and this board should not be stopping the question to be asked.

Faian: What would happen at the conclusion of the referendum, regardless of the result

Ryan: We have 3 options, we tell the school to divest, we tell them to not divest, or we do nothing

Teresa: Because Fee Diversion was within the scope of the Society as we were fighting for representation of the entire student body. We need to be prudent in what we do. I have no documentation regarding this movement so I cannot confidently stand with the other societies in this movement. This could put EngSoc at risk of how we define our operating budget. A referendum is very mandating and this cause is very ambiguous

Ishan: Speaking in Chem, I see this dividing our membership as everyone has their political views but there will be a divide with the Chem and Min. I have yet to hear a good reason, beyond that everyone else has, to run this referendum

Yerusha: I don't think we can claim we represent all engineers since we have groups that this does not serve. Historically, all of our referendum do things that benefit all students in some way. Like Pierre says, we could be marginalizing groups of our students given the



ambiguity. I would suggest students to do more consultation but I do not see a referendum being the best way to pursue this.

Saarthak: Is there a way that the referendum is given a “yes” vote but the Board can make a stand decision after the vote

Pierre: I don't care if students vote on this or not but we need a clear outcome for each position.

Cory: **Motion to call the question, second by Praneet**
Noted Ryan votes against, Questions called

Motion fails, Note Ryan votes in favour of motion

Motion to move UTAT motion time to 2:40. See motion 14
second by Mehran, motion carries

20. MOTION by University of Toronto Formula SAE (FSAE) regarding the renewal of the FSAE levy

WHEREAS the team has submitted an updated budget and a letter addressed to Engineers about the teams' needs as well as their past accomplishments;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the preamble (subject to minor revisions in the wording) in Appendix C be put to a referendum to full time members of the University of Toronto Engineering Society at the upcoming Board of Directors Elections in March 2015

Seconded by Ryan.

Mehran says FSAE sent their referendum late, so it'll be done in March. FSAE is renewing it, not adding a new levy. Motion passes.

21. MOTION by Mehran Hydari to allocate money from the club funding pool to affiliated clubs

WHEREAS the Skule Stress Release, Biomod Team, Bangladeshi Engineering Students Association (BESA) clubs were recently affiliated with the Engineering Society; and

WHEREAS Skule Stress Release requested \$890.00 from the club funding pool, and

WHEREAS Biomod Team requested \$1 500.00 from the club funding pool, and



WHEREAS BESA requested \$300.00 from the club funding pool, and WHEREAS affiliation information was not available at the Finance Committee meeting for February 2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Skute Stress Release receive \$200.00 from the club funding pool in the Engineering Society 2014-2015 Budget,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Biomod Team receive \$0.00 from the club funding pool in the Engineering Society 2014-2015 Budget,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT BESA receive \$0.00 from the club funding pool in the Engineering Society 2014-2015 Budget;

Seconded by Ryan

Mehran says that the Finance Committee did not know that they were affiliated.

Motion passes.

22. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION – Club Affiliation Policy & Scope

Cory: We are currently affiliating any club that is not hazardous to EngSoc's image or to the student body but there is no other real guideline on what clubs to affiliate

Mehran: We should have clubs that have to operate in English

Ernesto: Affiliation can become a legal issue so if we make a more stringent policy, we should consult other groups about it

Ishan: Its good for the ease of getting things started but could be laborious for Rhonda with bookings.

Pierre: There is no process to review affiliation so, temporarily, we should add an investigative process for breaching any of the affiliation requirements

Cory: So I will look into revising the current policy but leave hard changes to the next VPSL

Motion for 5 min Recess Second by Praneeet

23. OTHER BUSINESS

22. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned 3:15



Attendance

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President	Teresa Nguyen	
VP Finance	Mehran Hydary	
VP Communication	Karan Shukla	
VP Academic	Ryan Gomes	
VP Student Life	Cory Sulpizi	

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At-Large	Yerusha Nuh	
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Industrial Representative	Benjamin Leung	
Materials Science Representative	Vinson Truong	
Mechanical Representative	Faizan Akbani	
Mineral Representative	<i>Vacant</i>	
First Year	Stephen Xu	
First Year	Francis Kang	
First Year	Saarthak Saxena	
Speaker (Non-Voting)	Tabish Gilani	

A – Absent

AwR – Absent with Regrets

P – Proxy