



## January 2015 Board of Directors Meeting

### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

Meeting begins at 6:13

Teresa moves to appoint Matt Lee as the Speaker.

**Seconded by Mehran**

**Motion passes**

Matt Lee adds the following motion to the Agenda regarding E2P:

**MOTION by the Ombudsman to bar E2P from representing itself as an Engineering Society initiative;**

**WHEREAS** Engineering to Policy has been marketing itself as a Society initiative for the past three months; and

**WHEREAS** this distinction is beneficial, but not critical to E2P's ability to fulfill its mandate; and

**WHEREAS** a sudden change in E2P's status could send the inaccurate message to the membership that E2P committed a wrongdoing; and

**WHEREAS** further reasons for and against this motion are set out in the attached investigation; and

**WHEREAS** failure of this motion or a similar one to pass will constitute permission by the Board for E2P to continue marketing as it has been;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Engineering to Policy be directed to cease to represent itself as an Engineering Society initiative, and to change all written media accordingly, as outlined in Recommendation #2

Teresa moves to adopt Agenda. Ernesto seconds. **Agenda adopted.**

### 2. Approval of Minutes

- a. December Board of Directors Meeting: December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- b. Finance Committee Meeting: January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015



Mehran will send minute adjustments to VP Comm. Ernesto says that there is an error in the attendance list. Karan says he will follow up with the speaker.

### 3. Officer Reports

a. President – Teresa Nguyen

Faizan asks about having the town hall at a different time next year. Teresa says that it has been debated, and that the turnout would be low at 6pm or later. She also says that the officers are proxies.

b. VP Finance – Mehran Hydary

c. VP Communications – Karan Shukla

Shubham asks whether transitioning to the new Ontario Corporations Act will affect Board Structure. Ryan says it depends. He says there may be an issue with everyone voting and discipline clubs reps

d. VP Academic – Ryan Gomes

Peter asks Ryan to talk to the Discipline Clubs. Ryan says he met with them.

Teresa asks about the meeting with the class reps. Ryan says that there were scheduling issues, so it didn't happen.

Peter Murphy says there were problems with the parliamentary debate

Ashkan says there some demo problems in the second day.

e. VP Student Life – Cory Sulpizi

Ryan asks about SCOREs plan for mental health awareness week. Cory says the Community Outreach Director is planning it.

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**Cory seconds.**

Cory asks about how they're displaying themselves. Teresa says that it's a President supported committee. Cory wants to officially declare it as something and define it.

**Motion by Teresa to officially declare E2P as an Engineering Society Initiative backed by the President.**

**Seconded by Francis**

Francis says that the conversation has gone too long and doesn't hurt anyone.

Mehran doesn't like the precedent that it sets. Teresa says that it's a one off thing.

Ernesto asks about committees being controlled by the President. Teresa says that Committees always have an executive overseeing them and are appointed.

**Motion 4 defeated.**

## 5. Election of Orientation Chair 1T5-1T6

**Motion to add Oath of Office to the end. Seconded by Mehran. Motion passes. Oath added to the end of the election.**

**Election**



**Milan and Peter speak to the Board.**

Marissa asks about a mystery event and states that it was run well, but asks how it will be done next year.

Milan says the group who run it is not involved with EngSoc, but the OC should liase with them.

Peter says the leadership of the group were aware of the issues that could've risen.

Jonathan says that there was a big divide between arts and engineering during his frosh week. He asks about collaborating with the arts faculty for frosh week.

Peter says that the OC doesn't have control over any collaboration. He says that they can control the perception of artsies from engineers. He says he likes the rivalry as a sports event, which doesn't extend past the week.

Milan agrees with Peter. But he wants to liase with other orientation leaders on campus. Milan wants it to be a very friendly rivalry because we share the campus.

Ishan says that a lot of people tell the OC what to do. How are you going to manage people saying different things to you?

Peter says that the frosh comes first, and that you have to weigh decisions to benefit the frosh the best.

Milan says that it's important to define your goals and what you want. He says the idea is to bring people together with the same mindset.

Ryan asks about chants and about defining proper chants.

Milan says that it's about being explicit. Milan says that he wants to tell the Head Leedurs which chants are unacceptable and which ones are not.

Peter says that some chants were called off last year. Peter says that they need to decide whether a chant actually advocates itself something derogatory or not.

Praneet asks about Leadership development and any plans moving forward.

Peter says he was in charge of leadership development last year. He says there was a small committee of head leaders which ran LDs. He would reinstate VC spirit and adding LD to their responsibility portfolio.

Milan says the VC spirit needs to be properly defined. Milan wants to speak to Head Leaders individually and ensure they know what they're doing.



Ashkan asks if we're incorporating multiculturalism and differences in religion. Peter says we're doing a good job. Peter says we've been good about it. He says that there is room for improvement.

Milan says we already have a virtue of diversity. He says that there is an issue of language barrier, but it's addressed by having people everywhere. Peter says that the bus shelter is a problem sometimes, because people don't like the close contact.

Marissa asks about Head Leader and Leader distribution.

Peter says that there is no difference between a good leader and a head leader.

Milan says that the only difference is that the Head leader is accountable. He says we're building a team.

**Milan is elected as Orientation Chair. Oath is taken**

**6. MOTION by Peter Luo to temporarily move the Webmaster under the President's oversight until the end of the term of office.**

**WHEREAS** the webmaster cited work that he had completed over the 2014-2015 academic school year at the November 2014 Board of Directors meeting;

**WHEREAS** the work cited was deemed sufficient and acceptable by the Board of Directors at the November 2014 Board of Directors meeting;

**WHEREAS** there was an obvious disconnect between the webmaster and the VP Communications evident at the November 2014 Board of Directors meeting as referenced by the attached email from the VP Communications on November 22, 2014 to [bod@g.skule.ca](mailto:bod@g.skule.ca).

**WHEREAS** it is prudent for the Board of Directors to facilitate a healthy work environment for all volunteers of the Society,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Webmaster portfolio is temporarily moved under the President's oversight until the end of the term of office of Engineering Society 2014-2015.

**Seconded by Karz.**

Peter Luo wants to clarify that it's not an attack. It was a follow up from the November BoD Meeting.



Karan says that this motion does not set a healthy environment for the webmaster.

Marissa says that this may set a precedent for officers stepping on their toes

Mehran says that it's not meant to be an attack

Ryan explains that they had a meeting with Ombudsman. Ryan says there is an action plan for the webmaster moving forward. He says it's unwise to move it to someone else.

Francis says that moving the webmaster will not accomplish anything.

Karan says that Abdul didn't understand how EngSoc operates, and that he does now.

Peter asks why the meeting occurred after the motion to recall. Ryan says that there was a lack of communication from Abdul and that's why he wanted to recall.

Teresa thinks that there was a line of disconnect between the officers and the webmaster.

Ashkan says that the reason this was brought up because there was a recall motion.

**Questions called by Stephen.**

**Motion defeated.**

**6. MOTION by Matthew Lee to approve the attached Election Rules 1T5-1T6**

**WHEREAS** the Election Rules Committee has convened and reviewed the attached rules for Winter 2015

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** that the Election Rules be adopted effective immediately

Seconded by Teresa

Teresa says that there's no major changes (see appendix for more details)

Marissa asks how she can influence the time for the election period. Marissa cites the time frame of the fall elections

Ernesto asks about the problems in the JCM. Teresa says that she is working to resolve them.

Karan asks about the notwithstanding clause. Teresa says that it's been there every year.

Ryan asks about a difference between the bylaws and the elections code. Teresa says that the elections code are made every year in accordance with the bylaws.



**Motion amended to accept everything for chapter 3 of the elections code.**

**All chapters sans Chapter 3 passed.**

**7. MOTION by Matthew Lee to ratify the Mineral Board of Director Representative appointment**

**WHEREAS** an appointment process has been conducted with the Mineral Club for an Interim Representative to the Board of Directors

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the appointee be accepted as the Representative - Mineral for the remainder of the 2014-2015 academic year

Seconded by Karan.

Mehran says that there should be an election instead of an appointment. Matt Lee says that the representative was already elected.

Cory asks whether this is allowed. Matt Lee says that there is no policy on by elections.

Ryan says this sets a dangerous precedent for the board being stacked by appointees. Matt Lee says that there was a by election but no one ran.

Teresa explains the history behind the board, and she opposes this.

Saarthak asks why Sandra did not nominate herself. Matt Lee says min club wanted to retain the previous rep.

Ishan thinks that there are no real ramifications to leaving min alone.

Mehran asks why Ivan was able to run again. Matt Lee says different years.

Saarthak asks about the timeline. Matt Lee says that if there is an election run, the electee will be only there for one meeting.

**8. MOTION by Mehran Hydary 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 to the 2014-2015 Operating Budget of the Engineering Society be approved.

Seconded by Ryan

Mehran explains that legal funds was reduced to cover for orientation's loss. Mehran says he will sort out the people who didn't pick up SEF cheques last year.

Cory asks why orientation was at a loss. Mehran says that it was expensive to hire campus police for Orientation expenses.

**9. 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 clubs Skule Stress Relief, Engineering World Health Organization, and Biomedical Design Team UofT are affiliated with the Engineering Society until the end of this fiscal year.

Cory adds Super Smash Brothers Club, Bangladeshi Student Association and Skule Stress Relief to the affiliation list.

Cory says the smash brothers want to host tournament. Bangladeshi wants to promote the culture.

Mehran asks whether the smash bros will have to abide by the room bookings procedure as they currently use the pit. Cory says yes.

Karan asks whether they have an exec structure. Cory says yes.



Teresa says its important to consider the alumni perspective when affiliating clubs.

**Clubs affiliated.**

**10. Motion by Teresa Nguyen to condemn the Students' Administrative Council of the University of Toronto a second time.**

**WHEREAS** In the November 2012 Engineering Society Board meeting, former Engineering Society President Rishi Maharaj motioned to condemn the Students' Administrative Council (SAC) of the University of Toronto for enacting bylaws that preclude the submission of proposals' to its Annual General Meeting without the express approval of its Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS** this motion of condemnation carried; and

**WHEREAS** over the past 10 months, SAC has demonstrated very little effort in adequately consulting with the engineering constituent about reforming their board structure to exclude explicit engineering representation; and

**WHEREAS** the presentation at the September Engineering Society Board Meeting by SAC did not perform in good faith to inform the Engineering Society of the SAC board restructuring; and

**WHEREAS** for the October 2014 SAC Annual General Meeting, SAC had no formal record or documentation of proxies and proxy forms, which is innately a fundamental mechanism of keeping track of votes; and

**WHEREAS** members of the Engineering Society are also members of SAC and the Society ought to safeguard their best interests;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Engineering Society condemns in the strongest possible terms the fashion in which the 2014 SAC AGM has been administered and how SAC has consulted with engineering students regarding their board reform;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Engineering Society reaffirms since November 2012 its opinion that SAC still does not function in an open and democratic fashion.

**Seconded by Faizan.**



Teresa says the law society feels the same way. Teresa says that there is a policy in the works to have a cro and an appeals board for these matters.

Faizan says that the UTSU has not helped engsoc in any way for the past few years.

Saarthak wants to know how we're informing engineering students about what's going on. Teresa says that there will be a letter sent, and that there may be a referendum about diverting representation.

Faizan asks how that would be different from last time. Teresa says that back then the University didn't recognize it. She says now the university is paying attention. She says our meeting minutes prove our commitment to improving Engineering students on campus.

Ryan asks about diverting representation. Teresa says that instead of UTSU speaking about issues with the provost, it would be engsoc.

Ernesto asks whether this will affect utsu membership. Teresa says that they will still be members, but that at any formal meetings, there will be an engsoc representative and in utsu.

**Vote by role call.**

**Ryan abstains. 17/20 members vote yes. 1 abstention 2 absent. Unanimous.**

## **11. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION - Student Research Teams**

Stephen says that student research teams are about students coming together to apply their knowledge to issues on campus.

Mehran asks about ideas he had. Stephen states that its about fixing segregation and other academic issues.

Teresa applauds Stephen's initiative.

Ernesto asks what the outcome of the discussion. Stephen says he plans to coordinate with engsoc.

Peter asks about students. Stephen says there are a mix of peoples.

Marissa thinks it's a good idea, and whether it will be a part of engsoc. Stephen says it is a pilot project.

Ashkan thinks that it really empowers young students.



## **12. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION - Blue & Gold Break-In(cident)**

Saarthak says there was no money for damages. Mehran says that there was a budget of repair. Cory says there was 600 dollars of damages.

Ernesto asks about cameras and security. Cory says the property manager deals with that

Karan reminds everyone of the hard hat theft discussion.

Mehran says there are cameras in caf. Cory says that Blue and gold have looked at getting a camera for themselves.

Francis asks about the identity of the perpetrators. Cory says that it may have been another college.

Ashkan asks about reading more about it. Teresa says that there will be a news statement.

Teresa says that the culprits are on this campus. Moving forward, she will speak with other student leaders. She will revisit prankers code to define what is rivalry.

## **13. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

**Seconded by Ryan. Motion passes. Adjourned at 8:18.**



## Attendance

<b>Officers</b>		
President	Teresa Nguyen	
VP Finance	Mehran Hydary	
VP Communication	Karan Shukla	
VP Academic	Ryan Gomes	
VP Student Life	Cory Sulpizi	
<b>Directors of the Board</b>		
At-Large	Praneet Bagga	
At-Large	Peter Luo	
At-Large	Yerusha Nuh	A
At-Large	Marissa Zhang	
Chemical Representative	Ishan Gupta	
Civil Representative	Ernesto Diaz Lozano Patino	
Computer Representative	Shubham Manchanda	
Electrical Representative	Anamjit Singh Sivia	A
Engineering Science Representative	Ashkan Parcham-Kashani	
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	AwR

**A – Absent**

**AwR – Absent with Regrets**

**P – Proxy**