



## April 2015 Board of Directors Meeting (Post-JCM)

Meeting called to order at 5:13 PM

### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

Matthew says he has the appeals committee decision

Teresa reads the Preamble. She thinks it's reasonable.

**MOTION by Matthew Lee to receive and approve the recommendation of the recommendations committee.**

Raffi seconds.

Pierre says it's automatically added to the Agenda because of the bylaw. No need for the motion to add it to the agenda.

**Agenda adopted at 5:21 PM.**

### 2. Approval of Minutes

- a. January Board of Directors Meeting: January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- b. March Board of Directors Meeting: March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015
- c. Finance Committee Meeting:

Finance Committee Minutes are to be approved in May

Stephen says there's an email thread regarding revisions for January minutes. He asks for an email response.

Tabish says VP Comm will reply.

**Minutes are approved except the Finance Committee minutes.**

### 3. Officer Reports

- a. President – Ernesto Diaz Lazano Patiño



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Ernesto says noting big has happened. He wants to say thanks to everyone who stopped by. The biggest part of EngSoc is the people. He's looking forward to an exciting year. He's almost done with the transition.

Rob looks forward to a good year.

- b. VP Finance – Rachel Reding  
(absent)
- c. VP Communications – Reena Cabanilla

Reena says she doesn't have any big updates. She's been transitioning and started doing a few of the simpler tasks like answering easy emails. She's excited to work with the Officer team and the Project Directors.

Rob looks forward to a good year.

Saarthak says good luck with minutes.

- d. VP Academic – Oghosa Igbinakenzua

Oghosa says same thing. He transitioned with Ryan. He's looking forward to a great year.

Rob looks forward to good year.

- e. VP Student Life – Madeleine Santia

Maddy says she met with past VPSLs to get some opinions on ideas and she is still transitioning with Cory.

Rob looks forward to good year.

**4. MOTION by Teresa Nguyen to receive and ratify the Appeals Committee Recommendation.**

**Seconded by Praneet.**

Teresa says that she took a back seat, Sonia and the registrar took the reins. As registrar, they have experience with university governance. If there are any questions, she'll try to answer.

Praneet says nothing further.



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Cory hopes this doesn't happen again in the future and hopefully it is not recommended to open again.

Pierre says if even one person votes yes, it passes. He says Teresa and the committee recommends to reopen spots.

Saarthak says Ryan couldn't be here, but he sent out an email: Ryan said that summer elections don't allow everyone to participate. Saarthak says he'll be abstaining.

Aidan asks for clarification of exactly which positions? And everyone involved?

Teresa says they were unsure too, they would have to look at the recommendation. She knows that for At-Large it was one of them. They recommend that it was all four At-Large positions.

Cory asks if by-elections is up to their discretion?

Matthew says from the perspective of the electoral process, it's up to board on how to do it. Board of Director positions are separate. There are four distinct seats and they can be considered to ratify two out of four seats. He reads Ryan's other comments in Ryan's letter.

Pierre says at this point, Tabish should make a call. Ultimately the motion is as presented. He says Tabish has to make a call as to how the motion should be read.

Tabish asks what positions are in contention? He interpreted it as four At-Large positions.

Pierre says if the Board chooses to challenge that, they have to speak now. If someone disagrees, they have to challenge Tabish now.

Billy says if they only open one or two of the seats, it might go against what the Appeals Committee was trying to do.

John asks if they are challenging the ruling to reopen 1 or 4 seats or 2 or 4 seats?

Tabish says the main reason is the At-Large is voted in one election and if they open one seat, they don't know if the person voted in beat the other candidate. It's unfair to other candidates running.

John says the way he sees it there are 4 separate positions, similar to the JCM. This is kind of the reasoning why they employ ranked ballots, where these kind of discrepancies don't have this kind of effect.



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Saarthak agrees with Tabish because the method that people vote might affect who they vote for. To make it really democratic have to open up all the positions again.

Ernesto asks John if they were to proceed, who of four elected Board of Director members should be removed?

John says the lowest one.

Ernesto asks if it's fair?

John says he has no idea, he wanted to open the discussion.

Aidan says if they add another player, it could it affect how the vote is distributed not just the lowest person.

Kevin says even if they go with one person, there's some ambiguity. The person who wins get more votes than the third person. If say it's invalid for any one, they have to say it's invalid for all four of them.

Matthew says from his point of view, there are two candidates elected straight up without redistribution from the STV voting. The election would not affect the first round. In terms of what Billy was saying, Andrew Sweeny, who was the appealee, only has problem with subsequent rounds not the first round.

Pierre didn't want to bring this up, but the formula which calculates quota is actually broken. Evidence in that is this election and another one 2 years ago. He was initially in favour of throwing out the last one. He thinks they all should be thrown, maybe not first. He says they never know how he would've preformed with one less candidate. He asks if it is just on redistributing they are arguing?

Matthew says Peter not attending the meeting.

Pierre says on the first place, fourth place, it's garbage anyways, throw away all the results. He would stand by Tabish.

Cory asks to clarify calculation method?

Pierre says the EngSoc way doesn't count quotas properly. Quota has to stay consistent throughout election. Because of the way the math works behind the scenes, Aidan able to win with less wins. It doesn't make sense how Aidan won with 48 votes, and Kevin won with 150.



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Saarthak says that the major debate isn't necessarily on how many people they are kicking out. First off it's whether they are redoing the election or not. He doesn't want people to automatically assume if election are redone.

Pierre says they are only discussing if to open 4 or 1 seat.

Raffi says it's important to note that only the final seat was very competitive.

Aidan says if they introduce another player to the election, the first spot has to go through redistribution. As well it could change results drastically.

Kevin says by having to add a person everyone sees that.

**Ernesto moves to call question.**

**Praneet seconds.**

**Question is called.**

Teresa puts trust in appeals committee. They went through it, took a lot time to go through it. Given the nature of appeals committee and their experience, it was unanimous that these elections were not smooth. It's transparent and democratic to reopen.

Milan ask if Matthew could clarify what happened?

Matthew says in September, they had half of the candidates removed for not attending meetings. They did less promoting to look at the documents due to the timeline. Considering half of them did not attend the meeting in September. They did not overturn any appeals. In September it was fine going around in circles and it's okay now.

Ernesto personally thinks the point of an appeals committee is to listen to it. This report was circulated with very little time to study it. It's not very clear on the reason why they have to listen to it. He doesn't see why they should reopen this.

Teresa says because of so many items the integrity of entire process is not held together.

Saarthak thinks two reason, most important reason is how the numbers aren't done correctly. If they do vote to reopen elections, they should do it for the right reasons and make clear why they are reopening.

Pierre suggests having a 5 minute recess to read the report. The point of an Appeals Committee is to have an Appeal Committee. 10 years ago, EngSoc unanimously rejected their decision. He wanted to ask if Tabish has copy of Bylaw 1. What happens to positions



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that are unfilled? Would the current Board members keep their seat? When does their term officially end?

Raffi thinks all seats are ratified, except First Year Reps.

Tabish says the At-Large seats would probably be vacant.

**Yerusha moves to call question.**

Milan says the reasoning seems vague. There are so many reasons to reopen a positon.

Teresa says there were 10 different topics they discussed. In terms of reason, they addressed each topic.

Milan asked what happens to the CE rep seat?

Pierre says to open the report and they'll know if they are affected or not.

Kevin says if their motivation is the integrity of election, why are they picking which ones to reopen?

Pierre says they are only discussing multi-seat positions.

Kevin says there is some ambiguity if they're discussing integrity overall.

Pierre says process A affects position 1 and 2, process B affects 3 or 4.

Kevin asks about the integrity of election.

Teresa says everyone needs to read the report.

**Milan moves for a 5 minute recess.**

**5 minute recess (5:52)**

**Recess ends (5:59)**

Tabish says Bylaw 1 doesn't specify when the Board members' term ends.

Pierre says Bylaw 1 doesn't technically say when the term ends, but does says when their term begins. Yerusha's term will not end, but Rob's will begin when the meeting is adjourned.



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Tabish says to his understanding Praneet's and Yersuha's term will end at the adjournment of meeting.

Yersuha says it doesn't say in the bylaw when her term will end.

Tabish says Yerusha and Praneet are not members, they're alumni members. Their seats will be vacant.

Teresa says this won't be confirmed until convocation.

Tabish makes a ruling that everyone's term ends at the adjournment of this meeting.

John says burp.

Peter says for people who aren't graduating, with a small board, there's still the question of being transparent and being a corporation that's accountable. Keep the old board members. Peter appeals his ruling. He thinks they should keep the old board members where the spot will be vacant if it's vacant for the next year.

Oghosa says that makes it too complex.

Yerusha likes it because it makes sense not to just have officers on the Board.

Saarthak doesn't think they've shied away from complexity. It makes sense if they're not moving on, in graduating or in positon on the Board.

Cory asks for proper wording.

**Pierre moves for the end of the term of office of board members is not defined unless they graduate, resign, a new board is ratified or they are in first year.**

Billy asks to maintain speaker list or call for recess.

**Praneet motions for a five minute recess.**

**Raffi seconds.**

**Five minute recess (6:08 PM)**

**Recess ends (6:16 PM)**

**Motion fails. Their terms end today.**



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Back to original appeal: **Yerusha moves to call the question.**

**Praneet seconds.**

**Question is called.**

**Saarthak and Peter abstain.**

**The recommendation report is received and ratified.**

Tabish says the At-Large and CE positions are open again. These positions will remain vacant until they are filled.

Matthew says when the by-election is called, any vacant positon will be open.

**5. MOTION by Matthew Lee to ratify the results of the 2015 Board of Directors Elections**

**WHEREAS** the Chief Returning Officer has submitted the results of the elections for the 2015-2016 Engineering Society Board of Directors;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the results of the 2015 Engineering Society Board of Directors Elections are received and ratified.

**Ratifying the Electrical, Materials Science, Industrial, Engineering Science and Mechanical Representative Results.**

**Vinson seconds.**

**Ben abstains.**

**Motion passes.**

**6. MOTION by Matthew Lee to ratify the results of the 2015 Discipline Club Elections**

**WHEREAS** the Chief Returning Officer has submitted the results of the elections for the 2015-2016 Engineering Society Discipline Club Elections;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the results of the 2015 Engineering Society Discipline Club Elections are received and ratified.

**Yerusha seconds.**

**Motion passes.**



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**7. MOTION by Matthew Lee to ratify the results of the 2015 Class Representative Elections**

**WHEREAS** the Chief Returning Officer has submitted the results of the elections for the 2015-2016 Engineering Society Class Representatives;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the results of the 2015 Engineering Society Class Representative Elections are received and ratified.

**Raffi seconds.**

**Motion passes.**

**8. MOTION by Matthew Lee to ratify the results of the 2015-2017 Club Levy Referendums**

**WHEREAS** the Chief Returning Officer has submitted the results of the referendums for the 2015-2016 Club Levies;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the results of the 2015-2017 Engineering Society Club Levy Referendums are received and ratified.

**Oghosa seconds.**

**Motion passes.**

**9. MOTION by Mehran Hydary to update the Policy on Finances**

**WHEREAS** in the 2014-2015 year, the Vice President Finance and Vice President Student Life has been working with the Faculty to create a new centralized process for club funding applications; and

**WHEREAS** the process has been implemented within the Engineering Society and the Faculty of Applied Sciences and Engineering; and

**WHEREAS** the current Policy on Finances does not accurately reflect the new process; and

**WHEREAS** the Finance Committee is also now responsible for reviewing budgets of the Discipline Clubs as per 2014-2015; and

**WHEREAS** the current Vice President Finance has updated the Policy on Finances to reflect the new and existing processes regarding finances of the Engineering Society;



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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Policy on Finances amended on April 3, 2015 be approved as amended in the attached appendix.

**Ben seconds.**

Mehran sent out this in the appendix. The motion speaks for itself. Need to improve funding for clubs. Before the President would review them. It was not the Finance Committee that approves them.

**Motion passes.**

**10. SPECIAL MOTION by Tabish Gilani to enforce Officers to undergo Equity Training**

**WHEREAS** at an open meeting of the Policy & Structures Committee, it was concluded that the officers and board did not have enough working knowledge on the matter regarding an equity event on campus to make a snap judgement; and

**WHEREAS** this training will be a step in the right direction to avoid unnecessary confusion and hold the officers accountable for their actions within this space; and

**WHEREAS** equity is largely unnoticed within the Engineering community and the Engineering Society should strive to achieve a level of excellence in all the diverse communities that Engineering students are associated with

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following be added to Bylaw 1, Chapter 3 and all sections be renumbered accordingly

"3.0.12. Each officer must attend a form of or equivalent of Equity Training, before the ~~September~~ November month of their term, provided by the University of Toronto and their resources or from an external organization deemed reliable at a meeting of the Board of Directors

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Engineering Society condemns all forms of discrimination including but not limited to racism, sexism, xenophobia, ableism, ageism, queerphobia, transphobia and discrimination based on status.

**Praneet seconds.**

Tabish says the motion is self-explanatory. This is to hold officers more accountable.

Praneet says since it was put forward by the committee, they should follow it.



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**Pierre amends to strike last BIFR and add: BIFRT the Engineering Society reaffirms the University of Toronto's Policy on Anti-harassment.**

Tabish says the Policy on Anti-harassment doesn't actually condemn any form of discrimination.

Pierre says that it says it doesn't tolerate it. Some of these things might be additional.

Tabish says this is coming straight from the policy.

**Ernesto moves to amend to add this to the Policy and remove it from Bylaw.**

Tabish says Dimpho submitted policy to EngSoc last year. It was a carbon copy of University of Toronto Governing Council's Policy. Equity training was the only thing not mentioned in the Governing Council Policy.

Ernesto doesn't think it's fair to recall officer on this particular issue. There is potential to be recalled for this.

Pierre says officer can be recalled only at the General Meeting.

Tabish says at the Accountability Meeting, they can say I was away during Equity Training.

Pierre says they can't get recalled automatically.

Billy says while it isn't an automatic recall, bylaws are bylaw. It's legislated to follow. Equity training is offered by the university and other groups. If it's not adequate to address concerns that they have it's a waste of Officers' times.

Cory says if the problem is they don't want to make a new policy, they could make an Officer Policy.

Pierre says it is also legislated to follow the policies. If they actually disagree that the University's training is not adequate, it's a fair concern. He went to training provided by the UTSU and he thought it was fine. The topics covered do include events planning. If the university can't provide adequate training, that's the university's problem

Tabish was trying to say they're doing their due diligence.

**Praneet amends to change term from "September" to before "November."**

**Yerusha seconds.**



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**Amendment passes. Now it says “November”.**

Pierre says equity training takes tops 3 hours of time. It's so simple, they're gonna spend one day of life doing this and they will learn a lot. Whether or not it changes their values doesn't matter. There is no reason to vote no.

Cory says keep in mind, if they disagree with something, they can disagree with it. The whole purpose is for people to realize they're taking it reasonably.

Ernesto asks if the Board would have to approve the training.

Tabish says they don't unless it's not from UofT.

**Yerusha calls the Question.**

**Question is called.**

**Motion passes.**

**11. SPECIAL MOTION by Tabish Gilani to create the position of Executive Secretary as a director of the Board of Directors**

**WHEREAS** the incoming Vice President Communications has recognized the need for quality minutes to be taken and such a position to exist for her to focus on more pressing issues affecting the Society at large; and

**WHEREAS** VP Communications will act in a supervisory role to the Executive Secretary scrutinizing and reviewing minutes before they are published; and

**WHEREAS** the Executive Secretary will also act as de-facto chair of the Policy & Structures committee; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following section be added to Bylaw 1, Chapter 4 and all other sections be renumbered accordingly

**4.12 Executive Secretary**

4.12.1 The Executive Secretary shall ensure that quality minutes are taken at each meeting of the Board of Directors

4.12.2 In the absence of the Executive Secretary, VP Communications shall ensure quality minutes are taken, except as determined by a majority of the Board

~~4.12.3 The Executive Secretary shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Directors~~

4.12.4 Nominations for the Executive Secretary shall be held according to Bylaw 3 – Bylaw on Elections



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4.12.5 The Executive Secretary will serve as de-facto chair of the Policy & Structures Committee, except as determined by a majority of the Board of Directors

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the following section be added to Bylaw 3, Chapter 3 and all other sections be renumbered accordingly

**3.2. Executive Secretary of the Board of Directors**

3.2.1. The Nomination Period for the Executive Secretary of the Board of Directors shall commence on a Monday at 9:00am two (2) weeks prior to the May meeting of the Board, and close on the Friday of the same week.

3.2.2. A Member shall be considered nominated upon receipt by the CRO, during the Nomination Period, of a completed Nomination Form, which shall include:

- a) The Member's name, student number, contact information, and signature;
- b) The names, student numbers, and signatures of ten (10) Nominators, all of whom shall be members.

3.2.3. At the May meeting of the Board, each candidate shall be given the opportunity to speak before the election for this position.

3.1.4. Each Board member shall have one (1) vote to elect the Executive Secretary of the Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the following be added to Bylaw 3, Chapter 8 and all sections be renumbered accordingly

8.0.1 There shall be an Election Rules Committee, consisting of  
d. The Executive Secretary of the Board.

**Cory seconds.**

Tabish says this past year, BoD meeting minutes were not up to quality. At the March board meeting, Teresa suggested the Policy and Structures committee define the role of the Executive Secretary. Major point is that this person will be taking minutes and is Chair of the Policy and Structures committee.

Cory says if they wanted to formalize it it's fine, the question is whether or not make it available to a board member itself.

Tabish hasn't asked anyone.

Yerusha asks why they think it's necessary to formalize the position, because VP Comm does have the discretion to have an Executive Secretary position. Putting it down in Bylaw is making it necessary to absolutely have it every year.

Tabish says he had this conversation with Reena, this is end result.



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Pierre thinks this is relatively okay. When he was Executive Secretary, it was a shitty job because he had to do the Digest too. Just taking minutes isn't that bad. He was talking to Reena a while ago that the role should exist if they're getting something out of it, like chair of Policy and Structures committee to help navigate the mess of bylaws.

Mehran thinks the fact that they created the role is good, but doesn't know if they have to put it in the bylaw. He's not sure. Now that documentation is there, he doesn't know if making it a bylaw is something that they need. He doesn't think it's fair to tie it down.

Tabish says he also wanted to put in consideration for VP Comm to choose if they wanted to have Executive Secretary.

Saarthak asks if the Speaker no longer sits on the Policy and Structures Committee?

Yerusha says it doesn't change any of the other positions.

Peter would like to hear what Reena thinks of this.

**Yerusha would like to call question.**

**Question is not called.**

**Cory motions to amend to strike out 4.12.3.** He doesn't think they should define their role on board in case the Civ, or Min, or etc. Rep wants to do it.

**Saarthak seconds.**

Saarthak asks if they are made a non-voting member, would it affect quorum?

Matthew says it doesn't affect quorum.

Matthew says the concern about letting an elected board member do this position is that they're not doing their role to their full ability if they're taking minutes. Now they have to multitask, taking good minutes and participating in meetings.

Billy points out that VP Comm takes minutes.

Tabish says VP Comm is taking minutes, but they could say their opinion.

**Amendment passes.**

Reena says she didn't realize at time that this makes it mandatory to have a secretary.



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Tabish says why did you make me do all the work?

Reena says sorry. She offers to buy him Timbits or Popeyes.

Billy says there is nothing in the motion of the amendment that prevents VP Comm from running for Executive Secretary.

Matthew says there's a new procedure for her to become Executive Secretary.

Ben asks what if no one runs?

Pierre says the nomination period only opens 2 weeks prior to the meeting. If no one runs for it, Reena becomes Executive Secretary for the entire year.

Tabish says this is what it says in the Speaker bylaw as well. He's trying to say there's a policy for by-election as well.

Raffi thinks it's pointless to make it a bylaw. He thinks it should go to Reena's discretion.

Tabish says the thing now is if Reena can take good minutes.

Pierre asks how democratic it needs to be?

**Praneet motions to call the question.**

**Question is called.**

**Motion fails.**

**12. MOTION by Tabish Gilani to amend the structure of the Election Appeals Committee**

**WHEREAS** the Engineering Society has criticized SAC for the inclusion of their executive members on their Election Appeals Committee; and

**WHEREAS** to maintain a neutral, but student, representative on the appeals committee;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** that the President be replaced by the Speaker of the Board on the Election Appeals Committee; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Articles 7.0.1 and 7.0.2 of Bylaw 3 The Elections Bylaw be amended to say



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7.0.1. Any appeals or complaints related to elections shall be brought in writing, within seven (7) days of the announcement of results, to an Election Appeals Committee comprised of:

- a. the Speaker
- b. a representative from the Engineering Alumni Association; and
- c. the Registrar of the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering.

7.0.2. In the event that one of the members above is unable to serve on the committee, reserve members will be selected from: a. The President;  
b. The Chair of the Academic Appeals Board of Faculty Council;  
c. A graduating Officer.

**Matthew seconds.**

Pierre asks when they criticized SAC for including executive members?

Matthew says at a board meeting this year.

Saarthak says it's for transparency.

Pierre asks who passed that?

Matthew says it was a point of discussion.

Pierre says it was not passed.

**Tabish strikes first clause.**

Tabish says by adding the Speaker he was hoping to add some credibility to it. The Speaker serving on the Election Appeals Committee is supposed to be a neutral party.

Matthew says other than the CRO, the neutral students are supposed to be Ombudsman and Speaker.

Pierre says it makes no sense to put Speaker on the committee because the President is graduating. The reason for a graduating member is because they have no stake in it next year. There is nothing wrong with current process. The only concern is that election is democratic.

Tabish says it's not against Teresa.

Pierre says nothing wrong with the current process.

**Billy amends that “comprise of” should be “comprising”.**



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Tabish says that's semantics.

**Motion fails.**

**13. SPECIAL MOTION by Tabish Gilani to add quorum requirements for the Joint Council Meeting**

**WHEREAS** currently the Bylaw has no quorum requirements for the Joint Council Meeting; and

**WHEREAS** at this past Joint Council Meeting, quorum was set at 50% at the discretion of the Speaker to ensure a fair voting process; and

**WHEREAS** it is prudent to establish quorum requirement for future Joint Council Meetings

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following section be added to Bylaw 1, Chapter 5 and all other sections be renumbered accordingly

**5.2 Quorum**

**5.2.1** Quorum at a meeting of the Council shall be fifty per cent (50%) of voting members present

**5.2.2** Proxy members shall count towards Quorum

This was discussed in the emergency Board Meeting Pre-JCM.

**14. OTHER BUSINESS**

**MOTION by Maddy Santia to instruct the Chief Returning Officer to hold a by-election in the first week month of May and in a similar fashion as summer month Officer elections.**

**WHEREAS** the Board has accepted the recommendations of the Elections Appeals Committee's Ruling, dated on April 11, 2015;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board instructs the CRO to hold by-elections for vacant positions by May 2015;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** in accordance with the Committee's recommendation, the voting period shall be open for at least five business days.

**Praneet seconds.**



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Maddy says she thinks it should be in the first week of May due to exams. People are studying. This is the most ideal time to do this and it would be the soonest possible day.

Matthew says this discussion has been had (about summer elections). The only issue is that should summer election be run, the main concern is that the turnout is terrible for summer elections. People can get friends to vote for them. Also, it requires signatures. It puts people outside of Toronto and outside of Downtown at a disadvantage to get required signatures. He is not comfortable with summer elections unless it is absolutely required and unless voter turnout quorum is required.

Maddy agrees that the timing could have less people, but doesn't see why nominations can't be opened early enough for people to pick up a nomination form. She doesn't see why the nomination period can't be opened earlier and for a longer period of time.

Mehran says to do it online.

Matthew says they don't have the infrastructure.

Cory says they can send the document to a friend.

Pierre says it'll be extremely difficult, but not impossible.

Maddy thinks that since there are so few people on the Board right now, sooner it can be fixed. It's better to have democratic appearance.

Pierre says it's a terrible idea. No one has time to fill out a nomination form during exams. He says to move the elections to the second week of May.

Maddy says they can change it to second week of May.

Cory says to just make it in month of May. He mentions that the CRO can figure out the most democratic way to make it as democratic as possible. **Cory amends to strike the "first week" and put "month" and add "hold in a similar fashion as summer month Officer elections."**

**Maddy seconds.**

**Amendment passes.**

Back to motion:

Raffi doesn't know if summer elections are the most democratic process. They risk alienating a large student population.



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Kevin asks if there is a set amount of time for the nomination period.

Raffi says it's specific.

Tabish says even the Recommendation report says five days.

Kevin says if the concern is timing for people during exams, they should have two weeks during exams for nominations.

Pierre says it's fine. The policy on summer elections for Officers covers that.

Saarthak asks is there minimum amount of people to have turnout?

Tabish says there's nothing.

Matthew says the policy related to election turnout is under the CRO.

Tabish says he doesn't have that much freedom.

Pierre says he's done.

Cory says the question is whether it's more democratic to run elections in the summer or have a Board that's completely empty.

Raffi says it's more democratic to have elections while school is happening, as opposed to having an empty election.

Cory says to set a percentage as CRO.

Saarthak ask if this fails, are incoming First Years allowed to vote for any open seats?

Matthew says they will be in September.

Mehran thinks more important to have a more comprehensive Board over the summer because VP Finance interviews all of the Project Directors for budgets. If the Officer team decides to get bad with the budget, with lower members, it's easier to pass something like that. Club funding happens over summer and Orientation. A team of 10 people is risky. 4 months of a smaller Board is not worth the risk.

Kevin is confused. Raffi keeps saying to have elections in May, what's the problem with having them during exams? He looks forward to finals because he gets sleep. People will find time during exams. People can log online and vote.



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**Raffi moves to amend that if there are summer elections, there should be a turnout of 10% to be valid.**

Matthew says there was a 20% turnout for the spring election.

Pierre says that was because there were 8 elections running at once.

**Ben calls the question.**

**Praneet seconds.**

Matthew says it's not just these five, any open positions get opened as well. They could potentially get up to 30 elections. That's why quota should be that high.

**Ben still calls question.**

**Praneet seconds.**

**Question is called.**

**Amendment fails.**

Mehran thinks as long as they follow the process, the turnout will happen or it doesn't. As long as they going through processes, they know they are not meeting transparency but it is up to them to advocate and advertise elections.

Raffi thinks it is a little contradictory to run summer elections to increase transparency.

Saarthak asks what is the problem with running it before hand?

Tabish says it's not democratic.

Matthew says they are trying to keep the same transparent and democratic process as the other ones. By having people not in school or not focusing on exams, it's not equal.

Pierre thinks one of things is that no one wants to campaign during exam. That's the argument. People who have better grades have an advantage over someone on probation.

Tabish says it's up to the CRO's discretion over the month of May.

**Cory moves to call the question.**



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**Maddy seconds.**

**Question is called.**

**Motion as proposed passes.**

Tabish says elections will happen in May.

**Motion to adjourn by Cory.**

**Mehran seconds.**

**15. ADJOURNMENT (7:16 PM)**



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VP Finance	Rachel Reding	
VP Communication	Reena Cabanilla	
VP Academic	Oghosa Igbinakenzua	
VP Student Life	Madeleine Santia	
At-Large	Praneet Bagga	
At-Large	Peter Luo	
At-Large	Yerusha Nuh	
At-Large	Marissa Zhang	
Chemical Representative	Ishan Gupta	
Civil Representative	Ernesto Diaz Lozano Patino	
Computer Representative	Shubham Manchanda	
Electrical Representative	VACANT	
Engineering Science Representative	VACANT	
Industrial Representative	Benjamin Leung	
Materials Science Representative	Vinson Truong	
Mechanical Representative	Faizan Akbani	
Mineral Representative	VACANT	
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**