



June 2015 Board of Directors Meeting

Disclaimer: Original minutes were lost due to a virus corrupting the file, so a condensed version is shown below

1. Adoption of the Agenda (12:20 PM)

Ernesto moves to add a motion to the agenda:

MOTION by Ernesto Diaz Lozano Patino to allocate \$2640 to procure a parking spot for the Engineering Society from July 2015 to June 2016

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WHEREAS Many affiliated clubs and directors need to use parking for their operations,

BE IT RESOLVED That the Engineering Society allocates \$2640 to procure a parking spot from July 2015 to June 2016 that will be made available to affiliated clubs and members of council (directors, ex-officio members and officers) at no cost, through a booking procedure to be determined.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the booking procedure for the parking spot be developed by the officers and approved by the board at a later meeting, to ensure that it includes reasonable mechanisms to prevent the spot from being used inappropriately such as for personal use, for illegal activities, or for any other activity that the board considers inappropriate.

Motion passes. Now it is new Motion 8.

Agenda as amended is adopted.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. May Board of Directors' Meeting: May 31st, 2015
- b. Finance Committee Minutes: June 16th, 2015

Minutes approved.

3. Officer & Orientation Reports

- a. President – Ernesto Diaz Lozano Patino
- b. VP Finance – Rachel Reding



- c. VP Communications – Reena Cabanilla
- d. VP Academic – Oghosa Igbinakenzua
- e. VP Student Life – Madeleine Santia
- f. Orientation Chair- Milan Maljkovic

~~4. Presentation by Tabish Gilani on Robert's Rules of Order~~

5. By-Election & Oath of Office of the Speaker of Council for the 1T5-1T6 Skule™ year

Candidates - Matthew Lee and Billy Graydon

Speaker - Billy Graydon

6. By-Election & Oath of Office of Computer Systems Administrator for the 1T5-1T6 Skule™ year

Sysadmin - Florence Chan

7. MOTION by Rachel Reding to approve the 2015-2016 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 the budget requires approval on three separate occasions, including a Spring Budget which shall be presented before July 1st, in accordance with the Bylaws of the Society;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2015-2016 Operating Budget of the Engineering Society be approved.

The following changes were made:

- Track One changed to \$1200
 - Original amount was too low
- ESSCO now has \$0
 - There were concerns about allotting money for membership before the Board passes a motion to affiliate
- 2nd year committee to \$0
 - This committee no longer exists

Motion as amended passes.



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There were concerns about the logistics of the parking spot. It was mentioned that clubs mostly need parking for pickup and drop off. There were also concerns that people would abuse the use of the spot. It was mentioned that the spot can be cancelled at any time. It was agreed to test this out.

Motion passed.

9. **MOTION** by Tabish Gilani to update Bylaw 3 - Elections Bylaw - Chapter 3 - Board of Directors

WHEREAS in the past 1T4-1T5 year, the election schedule was tested to work on an earlier timeline; and

WHEREAS there seemed to be an exorbitant amount of complaints with the revised election process; and

WHEREAS the majority of first years participating in the election voiced their concerns and voter turnout was relatively low; and

WHEREAS it is prudent to allow first years to make an informed vote and cannot exercise this properly due to a rushed schedule;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 3 which currently reads 3.0.2 The Nomination Period for First Year Representatives of the Board of Directors shall commence at 9:00 am on a



weekday where classes have begun prior to the Friday of the first full week of classes in the fall term, and remains open for three (3) business days.

Be amended to read:

Bylaw 3.0.2 which currently reads The Nomination Period for First Year Representatives of the Board of Directors shall commence at 9:00 am on the Wednesday of the first full week of class in the fall term, and close at 5:00 pm on the following ~~Sunday~~ Monday;

Raffi moves to amend the BE IT RESOLVED clause: strike “Sunday” and add “Monday”.

Amendment passes.

Motion as amended passed.

10. MOTION by Tabish Gilani to update Bylaw 3 - Elections Bylaw - Chapter 5 – Referenda

WHEREAS a referendum is a tool used to overrule the decision of the board by the whole electorate; and

WHEREAS currently there is no provision for society members to run a referendum without a motion from the board; and

WHEREAS allowing student driven referenda is a crucial step in functioning as a democratic student government

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 3 which current reads

5.0.1. A referendum shall be called only upon a motion of the board

a. Any referendum concerning student fees shall require a Special Resolution of the Board.

Be struck and the following new section(s) be added

5.0.1. A referendum that affects the whole membership shall be called by either

a. A motion of the Board

b. A completed referendum form of at least 500 Engineering students must contain

i. Each signer’s Name, Year of Study, Student Number, Discipline, Signature

ii. The following distribution of constituencies

1. TrackOne - 4%

2. Chemical - 10%

3. Civil - 11%

4. Computer - 9%

5. Electrical - 17%

6. Engineering Science - 18%



7. Industrial - 8%
8. Materials - 4%
9. Mechanical - 16%
10. Mineral - 3%

- 5.1.2 A student led referendum concerning a specific constituency must have
- a. At least 50% of Members' signatures of that constituency
- 5.0.3 Any referendum concerning student fees can only be called by and will require a Special Resolution of the Board. **And all other sections be renumbered accordingly**

Motion is referred to the PSC.

11. MOTION by Madeleine Santia to revoke Policy Number 2004-10-02 and adopt Policy Number 2015-06-21 in its place

WHEREAS the Engineering Society's policy on affiliated clubs has not been fully revised for several years; and

WHEREAS the current provisions are not stringent enough; and

WHEREAS this has led to multiple clubs being affiliated that have overlapping mandates as well as clubs obtaining affiliation without proving their value to the Engineering Society members; and

WHEREAS increasing the amount of clubs reduces the resources that can be made available to each club (funding, space, time); and

WHEREAS the Engineering Society's affiliation status is taken seriously by external parties (such as the faculty when granting Co-Curricular record);

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Policy Number 2004-10-02 be revoked; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Policy Number 2015-06-21 is adopted.

It was agreed that the process to obtain affiliation was not strict enough.

Motion passed.

12. MOTION by Madeleine Santia to strike the Affiliation Committee as a Standing Committee of the Board of Directors

WHEREAS Policy Number 2015-06-21 requires an Affiliation Committee to process and approve affiliation requests; and



WHEREAS this committee does not currently exist;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 1 Section 4.13.1 be amended to read:

4.13.1. The following shall be considered Standing Committees of the Board:

- a. The Executive Committee;
- b. The Finance Committee;
- c. The Policy and Structure Committee;
- d. The Election Rules Committee;
- e. The Academic Advocacy Committee;
- f. The Affiliation Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Section 4.13 be amended to include the following, and all subsections be renumbered accordingly:

4.13.7. The Affiliation Committee shall consist of the Vice-President Student Life and other members of the Board that may be appointed

- a. The Vice President Student Life shall serve as the Chair of the Affiliation Committee
- b. The Affiliation Committee shall have the authority to approve Trial Status applications as well as Full Status Renewal applications without ratification from the Board of Directors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Affiliation Committee be composed of the Vice-President Student Life, Two (2) members of the Board of Directors, and Two (2) Faculty of Engineering students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors direct the Speaker to conduct the nominations and election process for the two (2) Board of Directors members of the Affiliations Committee immediately.

Motion passed.

Nominated: Aidan, John, Ryan

AC members: Aidan, John

13. MOTION by Raffi Dergalstanian to add chapter 9 to Bylaw 3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be added as Bylaw 3 – Chapter 9

CHAPTER 9 - VOTING

9.0.1. Voters shall rank candidates on their ballot in order of preference. Voters may rank as many candidates as they prefer.



- 9.0.2. There shall be a 'Re-Open Nominations' option on each ballot
- 9.0.3. Ballots that contain a mark for only one candidate shall be considered to contain a single first-place vote for that candidate.
- 9.0.4. All elections shall be held under a Single Transferable Vote system, as follows:
- a. Each voter's first preference candidate receives one (1) vote.
 - b. The quota of votes needed to win is $(N/(S+1))+1$
Where N is the number of valid first preference votes and S is the total number of seats needed to be filled in the election (fractional votes are dropped).
 - c. If, after all the votes have been transferred, a candidate achieves the quota, then
 - i. S/he is elected to a seat and is ineligible to receive any additional votes.
 - ii. His/her votes are transferred to the voter's next preference at a value of $V(C-Q)/C$
Where V is the value of the vote when the candidate was elected, C is the candidate's vote-total when elected, and Q is quota.
 - d. If, after all the votes have been transferred, no candidate achieves the quota, then
 - i. Each candidate with the least vote-total is eliminated, and s/he is ineligible to receive any additional votes.
 - ii. Each voter's vote (which was cast for these candidates) remains at its present value.
 - e. Each vote that belonged to the eliminated or elected candidate(s) is transferred to the voter's next preference at its present value.
 - i. If this candidate is one who was previously eliminated or elected, Step 5 is repeated.
 - ii. If the voter has not listed any additional preference or was unable to do so, his/her ballot is exhausted.
 - f. Steps c) through e) repeated until
 - i. All of the seats are filled by election; or,
 - ii. At the end of Step d), if the number of eligible candidates is equal to or less than the number of unfilled seats, then these candidates are elected.
 - g. If "Re-Open Nominations" receives equal to or more than Q votes, the election iterations are stopped and the unfilled seats are reopened in a by-election.

There were concerns that this resembles a policy more than a bylaw.

Motion is referred to PSC.

14. MOTION by Rachel Reding to affiliate the University of Toronto Engineering Society to the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students (CFES)



WHEREAS the affiliation requires a \$1800 payment to the CFES; and

WHEREAS the affiliation will enable the University of Toronto Engineering Society to send students to the Canadian Engineering Competitions (CEC) on behalf of University of Toronto; and

WHEREAS The CFES aims to provide bilingual opportunities in support of an all-encompassing education for engineering students in Canada to become unparalleled professionals in their field;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Engineering Society allocates \$1800 for CFES in the 2015-2016 Engineering Society Budget to pay CFES such that the Engineering Society is affiliated with the CFES

It was mentioned that non-members can compete in CEC, however conclusive information could not be found during the time of the meeting.

Amendment: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if the Engineering Society can send students to the CEC without being a member of CFES, then the Engineering Society is directed to withdraw membership.

Amendment passes.

Motion as amended is passed.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT (4:02 PM)



Attendance

President	Ernesto Diaz Lozano Patino	
VP Finance	Rachel Reding	P
VP Communication	Reena Cabanilla	
VP Academic	Oghosa Igbinakenzua	
VP Student Life	Madeleine Santia	
At-Large	Kevin Rupasinghe	
At-Large	Ryan Gomes	
At-Large	Aidan Solala	
At-Large	John Sweeney	
Chemical Representative	Jason Tang	P
Civil Representative	Peter Luo	
Computer Representative	Milan Maljkovic	
Electrical Representative	Andrew Boetto	P
Engineering Science Representative	Apurv Bharadwaj	P
Industrial Representative	Benjamin Leung	
Materials Science Representative	Amy Zhao	P
Mechanical Representative	Robert Goldberg	P
Mineral Representative	Ognjen Kelec	AwR
<i>First Year</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	
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Speaker (Non-Voting)	<i>Vacant</i>	

A – Absent

AwR – Absent with Regrets

P – Proxy