



November Board of Directors Meeting

1. **Adoption of the Agenda**
2. **Approval** of the October Board of Directors Meeting Minutes (Appendix A)
3. **Oath of Office** of the UTSU Representative
4. **Approval** of the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Appendices B)
5. **Approval** of the Academic Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes (Appendices C1-C2)
6. **Approval** of the Policies and Structures Committee Minutes (Appendix D)
7. **Approval** of the Affiliation Committee Minutes (Appendices E)
8. **Officer & Orientation Reports**
 - a. President – Ernesto Diaz Lozano Patino (Appendix F)
 - b. VP Finance – Rachel Reding (Appendix G)
 - c. VP Communications – Reena Cabanilla (Appendix H)
 - d. VP Academic – Oghosa Igbinakenzua (Appendix I)
 - e. VP Student Life – Madeleine Santia (Appendix J)
 - f. Orientation Chair – Milan Maljkovic (Appendix K)
9. **DISCUSSION ITEM on mature student issues within the faculty**
10. **MOTION by Raffi Dergalstanian to elect two (2) Directors the Board to the Election Rules Committee**

WHEREAS bylaw 3, section 8.0.1 states:

8.0.1. There shall be an Election Rules Committee, comprising:

- a. The CRO;
- b. The President;
- c. The Speaker of the Board; and
- d. Two (2) Directors of the Board.

WHEREAS it would be prudent for the Office of Returning Officers and the Election Rules Committee to begin their work on the Official Election Rules immediately.

WHEREAS the Official Election Rules must be approved by the Board of Directors at the January Board meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors elect two (2) of its own



members to this committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the committee begin its work immediately and present the Official Election Rules pending approval at the January Board meeting.

11. **ELECTION** of the Election Rules Committee members
12. **ELECTION** of the Mental Wellness Director (recommendations in Appendix L)
13. **MOTION by Madeleine Santia to accept the affiliation of new clubs within the Engineering Society**

WHEREAS the Policy on Club Affiliation requires that Trial Status clubs within the Engineering Society apply and for Full Status Engineering Club designation after a 4 month period; and

WHEREAS this round of Trial to Full Status club affiliation was advertised to all Trial Status clubs; and

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the recommendations provided in the latest revision of the Club Affiliation Report, November 2015 (Appendix E) be adopted

14. **MOTION by Ernesto Diaz Lozano to hold a referendum on a 2 day Fall break**

WHEREAS the University of Toronto Student's Union recently held a referendum on the topic of implementing a campus wide Fall Reading week, and

WHEREAS an overwhelming majority (92.5%) of the students that voted supported the implementation of a Fall Reading week, and

WHEREAS the referendum had a significant voter turnout (22%), therefore it is a legitimate representation of the students' opinion on the matter, and

WHEREAS implementing a full reading week in the fall is challenging in the Faculty of Engineering because of CEAB requirements, and

WHEREAS the UTSU referendum was campus wide and thus does not provide



an clear indication of the position of engineering students on the matter,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Engineering Society Board of Directors authorizes the Chief Returning Officer to conduct a referendum asking full-time and part-time members of the Society whether they wish for the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering to create a 2 day Fall break, in lieu of a full Reading week

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 Office of Returning Officers in consultation with the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering and the Officers of the Society; and ratified by the Board of Directors at the January 2016 meeting

15. SPECIAL MOTION by Ernesto Diaz Lozano to amend Bylaw 2: The Directors Bylaw to mandate directors to produce transition reports.

WHEREAS effective transitioning is one of the largest challenges the Engineering Society faces, and

WHEREAS there is currently no clear indication that directors need to write transition reports, and

WHEREAS Bylaw 4, Section 1.0.1, subsection c reads:

[The president is responsible for:]

c) Transition of the Engineering Society

and,

WHEREAS it is reasonable that the ultimate responsibility for transition lies on the President for accountability purposes, however, there also needs to be a clear responsibility for each director to proactively participate in the transition process by writing transition reports,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 2, Section 1, subsection 1.0.2 be added to read 1.0.2 All project directors must submit transition reports in accordance to the guidelines for transition reports prepared by the President.

16. SPECIAL MOTION by Reena Cabanilla to amend Bylaw 4, the Officers Bylaw

WHEREAS the Policy and Structures Committee has reviewed and revised Bylaw 4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the revised version of Bylaw 4 as presented in



Appendix M be adopted.

17. SPECIAL MOTION by Billy Graydon to amend Bylaw 1, the Constitution to allow for no Board meeting in December

WHEREAS Bylaw 1 Section 4.6.1. mandates that the Board meet at least once each month during the academic year

WHEREAS the Board has not held a meeting in December for 3 out of the 5 years it has existed, contrary to that clause

WHEREAS the December meeting last year carried no substantive motions;

WHEREAS scheduling of the December meeting conflicts with examinations, as well as Board members leaving for the holidays

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 1 Section 4.6.1., which currently reads:

4.6.1 The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a month during the Academic Year.

be amended to read:

4.6.1 The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a month during the Academic Year, except for the month of December

18. DISCUSSION ITEM on whether and when to have a December meeting

19. OTHER BUSINESS

20. ADJOURNMENT



Attendance

Officers		
President	Ernesto Diaz Lozano Patino	
VP Finance	Rachel Reding	
VP Communication	Reena Cabanilla	
VP Academic	Oghosa Igbinakenzua	
VP Student Life	Madeleine Santia	
Directors of the Board		
At-Large	Kevin Rupasinghe	
At-Large	Ryan Gomes	
At-Large	Aidan Solala	
At-Large	John Sweeney	
Chemical Representative	Jason Tang	
Civil Representative	Peter Luo	
Computer Representative	Milan Maljkovic	
Electrical Representative	Andrew Boetto	
Engineering Science Representative	Apurv Bharadwaj	
Industrial Representative	Benjamin Leung	
Materials Science Representative	Amy Zhao	
Mechanical Representative	Robert Goldberg	
Mineral Representative	Ognjen Kelec	
First Year	Victoria Cheng	
First Year	Christopher Choquette	
First Year	Twesh Upadhyaya	
UTSU Representative	Benjamin Coleman	
Speaker (Non-Voting)	Billy Graydon	
Members of the Society (Non-Voting)		

A – Absent

AwR – Absent with Regrets

P – Proxy