

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ENGINEERING SOCIETY

Speaker of the Engineering Society
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Meeting called to order.

MOTION by Aleksei Wan to move item 3 to new motion 9.

Seconded by Aron Sankar.

No objections.

Motion carried.

MOTION by Aleksei Wan to add the following motion to the agenda as the new motion 5:

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WHEREAS the CRO has been entrusted in the effective and faithful discharge of his duties and responsibilities by the Joint Council

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MOTION by Jonathan Swyers to add the following motion to the agenda as the new motion 3:

MOTION by Jonathan Swyers to re-run the Temporary Special Levy and SEF Levy Referenda

WHEREAS the date is dependent on the transition of the CRO, the affirmation that students from the 2017 Winter Semester are eligible to vote in the election, and the approval of this motion by the Board of Directors.

WHEREAS if the referenda are not re-run now, the Engineering Society will not see funding from these funds in the Fall Semester.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Temporary Special Levy and Skule Endowment Fund Levy Referenda from the 2017 Spring Elections with altered wording as provided in the SEF and Levy Fund Referenda document as soon as possible, assuming vote.skule.ca provides the opportunity to exclude fourth years from the referendum, then the fourth years shall be excluded from this referendum, as long as doing so is consistent with the bylaws.

Aron Sankar seconds.

No objections.

Motion carried.

1. ADOPTION of the Agenda

Aleksei Wan seconds.

In favour: Aron Sankar (Indy Rep), Aron Sankar (VP Finance), Oghosa Igbinakenzua, Danil Ojha, Jason Tang, Ryan Williams, Harry Jiang, Sofia Tijanic, Mahsa Naserifar, Jonathan Swyers, Kevin Rupasinghe

Motion approved.

2. REPORTS by Officers or their designates

2.1. President

Kevin Rupasinghe: Could you elaborate on the common room discussion?

Jonathan Swyers: There was an audit of common rooms on regulation (i.e. space, safety) compliance as well as culture in the common rooms (i.e. whether the disciplines are representing their students). This is an ongoing discussion for the summer.

Kevin: Things don't get committed properly on the discipline side because of turnover; let faculty be responsible to some degree.



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2.2. VP Finance

Aleksei Wan: What do we do with the SEF Refund data? Do we destroy them or keep them in storage?

Aron Sankar: We keep them for records, EngSoc records sensitive info already and they will be locked somewhere. I'll mention this to Rhonda and our auditors.

2.3. VP Communications

2.4. VP Academic

Aleksei: Who is responsible of overseeing Project Directorship elections?

Eric Bryce: The responsibility falls on CRO; the Speaker was only acting CRO for this year.

2.5. VP Student Life

Sofia Tijanic: Where will the Council Retreat be?

Mahsa Naserifar: TBD; it will be polled on the Council Facebook group to be made later.

Kevin: What's the showcase for the CEIE?

Mahsa: It's the tour of the CEIE

Kevin: It's on the 11th of May.

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Aron seconds.



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Jonathan: I express regrets that not enough Board members have shown up for this as it is an important motion. We had to re-run the Referenda as the wording in the Referenda were inappropriate. We have 3 weeks to run the Referenda from the beginning of May; otherwise it has to be run in Sep, in which case the money from the levies won't be seen until Winter 2018. We need to make sure not only Summer students can vote; Aleksei and Aron have proposed to exclude 4th years. The Referenda needs to be run by Aleksei, but is being transitioned.

Kevin: Has faculty approved of the new wording?

Jonathan: Yes.

Kevin: What was wrong with the wording?

Jonathan: It was not appropriate to reference academia and use of funds in courses.

Kevin: Is there a way to contact the UAB (University affairs board)?

Aron: We cannot use student levy funds for academic purposes at all; UAB would not pass it.

Aleksei: I think the point of their rules is to comply with laws/regulations prohibiting "sneaking" tuition fee increases in as ancillary fees.

Kevin: What policy changes have come about to reflect this change?

Jonathan: I'll give some context – this fund used to be fine; changes were made since the last time the Levy was passed. At the time, as long as the material is used to provide to students outside of class hours, it was okay. Moving forward the fund can only be used on co-curricular items.

Kevin: Could you clarify co-curricular?

Jonathan: Non-academic, i.e. common rooms, renovations, etc. "Extracurricular" might be a better word

Aleksei: The UTSU has a good list of what isn't allowed on levies.

Aron: If this doesn't pass; we're not getting the funds in the first place, so I recommend passing it.

Sofia: Is outreach only from Facebook? How is notice going to be given?

Jonathan: Ideally official notice should be given, i.e. from the VP Comm email.

Kevin: We shouldn't reword the uses of the Levy after it's passed.

Aron: This is why we're re-voting.

The Speaker stops discussion as it is not substantive anymore.

Kevin: I disagree with excluding 4th years; especially in May.

AMENDMENT by Jonathan Swyers to add to the motion:

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[Minuter's note: this is the final version as further amended below.]



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Aron: Technically the 4th years are non-members.

Aleksei: A large outreach should be needed and Officers should be involved in spreading the word. Membership is defined by Faculty: if 4th years count as graduated, they cannot vote under the bylaws.

Kevin: If so, then only Summer students can vote

Aron: Students on break are invited for Fall Term

Kevin: I'm invited for Summer Term

Aron: but not Fall Term.

Kevin Zhang enters.

Vote on amendment:

In favour: (8) Ryan, Jason, Aron+Aron, Danil, Sofia, Danja Papajani, Oghosa

Opposed: (2) Kevin R., Mahsa

Amendment passed.

Aleksei: If there is ambiguity, the amendment runs; however, if bylaws have explicit rules, then the bylaws hold.

Kevin R.: What's the timeline?

Jonathan: I suggest getting it done in May; if it's not passed in 3 weeks, the funds won't be received in the Fall.

Kevin R.: if it doesn't pass?

Jonathan: The Referenda will probably run in the Fall again, after discussion by the Board.

Aron: If there's no way to guarantee 4th years are blocks, can't we not run the vote if non-members are not guaranteed to not be able to vote?

Jonathan: Keep in mind that technically a 4th year can be still around if they fail

The Speaker rules this not relevant to discussion.

Kevin R.: It is relevant. We need to prepare for the case where it doesn't pass

Aron: We have nothing to lose by trying

Mahsa: Aleksei will check if 4th years can still vote; if so, they still can vote

Aleksei: I'll only exclude 4th years if bylaws allow or has ambiguity. I'll have the Officers weigh in.



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AMENDMENT by Jonathan Swyers to further amend the previous amendment to:

WHEREAS the date is dependent on the transition of the CRO, the affirmation that students from the 2017 Winter Semester are eligible to vote in the election, and the approval of this motion by the Board of Directors.

Aleksei seconds.

No objections.

Amendment passed.

Aleksei moves to call question.

In favour: 7

Opposed: 1

Abstain: 3

Question called.

Vote on main motion:

In favour: (12) Mahsa, Sofia, Harry, Ryan, Jason, Danil, Aron + Aron, Oghosa, Kevin R., Jonathan, Twesh.

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 0

Motion carried.

4. MOTION by Twesh Upadhyaya to amend various bylaws to bring the Society further into compliance with the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act

WHEREAS the Policy and Structures Committee was tasked with reviewing the Engineering Society's bylaws and constitution to ensure compliancy with the upcoming ONCA.

WHEREAS the PSC has completed its review of the written documents.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Section 1.1.5. be amended to read:

1.1.5. The UTSU Representative shall be considered an Ex-Officio Member of the Engineering Society.

Section 1.3.3. be amended to read:



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1.3.3. Ex-Officio Members shall enjoy no rights of Membership other than the right to speak and vote at General Meetings and speak at meetings of the Board of Directors, unless they have been individually granted other rights of membership.

Section 2.1.2.b be amended to read:

b. The receipt of a requisition by the Speaker requesting such a meeting signed by one hundred (100) Members;

Section 2.2.1.a be added as follows and all subsequent clauses be renumbered accordingly:

Appoint an auditor until the close of the following AGM.

Section 2.1.2.b.i be added as follows:

i. If the directors do not call a meeting within 21 days after receiving the requisition, any member who signed the requisition may call the meeting.

Section 2.2.1.e be amended to read:

e. Perform any other functions specified by the Not-for-Profit Corporations Act of Ontario and other relevant legislation.

Section 2.3.1 be amended to read:

2.3.1. Notice shall be given at least fourteen (14) days prior to any General Meeting.

Section 2.3.2.b be amended to read:

b. In a Society publication which prints within the fourteen (14) days prior to the General Meeting; and

Section 2.3.4. be added to read:

2.3.4. If a General Meeting is adjourned for less than 30 days, notice by the aforementioned means shall be given at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting that continues the adjourned meeting.

Section 2.4.2 be renumbered as 2.4.2a

Section 2.4.2.b and c be added to read:

2.4.2 b Every proxy must be in a form that complies with the regulations of the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, Section 64.3.

2.4.2 c The Proxyholder shall bring the signed proxy form to the Speaker at the start of the AGM.

Section 2.4.3. be amended to read:

2.4.3. No person shall hold more than four (4) votes at a General Meeting, including their own.

Section 2.5.1. be amended to read:

2.5.1. Quorum is fifty (50) Members present in person or by proxy.



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Section 2.5.2. be stricken and replaced with the following:

2.5.2. At least half of quorum shall be maintained after the meeting has started

The following be inserted before the current 2.7.1, and subsequent sections be renumbered accordingly:

2.7.1. The Society's audited financial statements are to be approved by the Board of Directors before they are circulated in advance of the Annual General Meeting.

Section 2.7.2. be amended to read:

2.7.2. At least twenty-one (21) days before the Annual General Meeting, the Vice-President Finance shall cause a copy of the Society's audited financial statements and the auditor's report to be:

Section 3.2.4. be amended to read:

3.2.4. In accordance with the Not-for-Profit Corporations Act of Ontario and generally accepted accounting principles, the Vice-President Finance shall be responsible for the keeping of all accounting records with respect to all financial and like transactions of the Society.

Section 3.4.1. be amended to read:

3.4.1. In accordance with the provisions of the Not-for-Profit Corporations Act of Ontario, the Vice-President Communications shall be responsible for the maintenance of:

Section 3.4.2. be amended to read:

3.4.2. For all purposes of the Not-for-Profit Corporations Act of Ontario or other legislation, the Vice-President Communications shall serve as the Secretary of the Corporation.

Section 4.1.2. be added to read:

4.1.2. All Directors of the Board must be at least 18 years age when their respective term of office begins, as described in Section 4.2.

Section 4.3.2., 4.3.3., 4.3.4., 4.3.5., and 4.3.6. be stricken.

Section 4.5.1. be amended to read:

4.5.1. Every Board Member shall follow the provisions of the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, Section 41.

Section 4.8.3. be added to read:

4.8.3. Notice is not required for a meeting that continues an adjourned meeting of Directors if the time and place of the continued meeting is announced at the meeting that is adjourned.

Section 4.10.1. be amended to read:



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4.10.1. Quorum of the Board shall be a majority of Directors of the Board.

Section 4.11.1. be amended to read:

4.11.1. The Speaker shall act as Chair of the Board of Directors and shall ensure proper procedure during all meetings of the Board.

Section 4.11.5. be amended to read:

4.11.5. The Speaker shall act as the Chair for Council, where necessary.

Section 4.11.8. be amended to read:

4.11.8. All decisions of the Speaker may be reversed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board, except regarding applicable law, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society from which there is no appeal.

Section 4.12. be renamed to read:

4.12. Recall

Section 4.12.1. be amended to read:

4.12.1. A Board member shall be automatically recalled upon cessation of his membership of the constituency or constituencies which elected him.

Section 4.12.2. a b and c be stricken and replaced with the following:

4.12.2. Upon a resolution to recall a Director, the Chief Returning Officer shall hold a referendum for the recall. Only members of said Director's constituency or constituencies are eligible to vote. Grounds for recalling a Director include, but are not limited to, the following condition:

a. Absence without regrets from two (2) regular meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 7.1.2.a be amended to read:

a. A two-thirds majority vote at a General Meeting; or

Section 7.1.2.b be amended to read:

b. A two-thirds majority vote at a Board of Directors Meeting

Aron seconds.

Sofia: Did anybody read through this to make sure its legit?

Eric Bryce: The PSC, Milan, etc.

In favour: (13) Mahsa, Sofia, Harry, Ryan, Jonathan, Danil, Aron + Aron, Oghosa, Kevin Z., Kevin R., Jonathan, Twesh.

Unanimous.

Motion carried.



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Sofia seconds.

In favour: Unanimous.

Motion carried.

Eric: I have received an anonymous Complaint that Muskan Sethi may have acted as a Voting Booth clerk which shows bias as she ran in the elections; the complaint was discharged as she probably had not known about the implications and judging that the Board passed the Voting Booth without complaints.

Aron: Is this independent of EAC complaint?

Eric: Yes

Aleksei: Did the Board know she was running?

Eric: No, but no complaints were made during the approval process. I have discussed with people and the framework that suggested to assess this under is whether there is a reasonable inference of bias; in my opinion there wasn't a reasonable inference of bias on the basis that her actions wouldn't have been able to affect the election in a substantive manner.



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6. MOTION by Jonathan Swyers to ratify the results of the 2017 Spring Elections of the Engineering Society as recorded in The Spring Election Results, ignoring the post-election disqualification of Muskan Sethi and Samuel James McCulloch

WHEREAS Bylaw 3 Chapter 7 addresses the processes for Appeals and Complaints, but was recently updated and can be referenced in The Updated Bylaw 3 Chapter 7;

WHEREAS the Election Appeals Committee received an Appeal from Isabella Williams, provided a report on the matter as has been provided in Election Appeals Committee Report - Isabella Williams, and has decided to rule in favour of the CRO;

WHEREAS the Election Appeals Committee received an Appeal and Grievance from Krysten Szatan, provided a report on the matter as has been provided in Election Appeals Committee Report - Krysten Szatan, and has decided to rule in favour of the CRO; and

WHEREAS the Election Appeals Committee received a joint Appeal from Muskan Sethi and Samuel James McCulloch, provided a report on the matter as has been provided in Election Appeals Committee Report - Muskan Sethi and Samuel James McCulloch, and has decided to rule against the CRO and in favour of the Appellants, resulting in a nullification of their disqualifications.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the results of the 2017 Spring Elections be ratified as per the rulings from the Election Appeals Committee.

Aron seconds.

Aleksei: Clarification – Muskan and Sam ran a voting booth and Ryan Gomes (the CRO at the time) found that in running the booth they were acting as clerks. There are details on why the CRO's decision is overturned in the docs.

Aron: Oghosa disagrees with Krysten.

Opposed: Oghosa

In favour: Everyone else.

Motion carried.



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7. MOTION by Aron Sankar to direct the CRO to hold a by-election NOT LATER THAN THE JULY BOARD MEETING for positions left vacant in the Spring election

WHEREAS currently there are four (4) discipline BoD representatives vacant and four (4) Discipline Club chair positions vacant;

WHEREAS there are a number of bylaw changes and policy decisions that will take place this summer that ought to have input from all discipline representatives on the BoD; and

WHEREAS it is also vital to have Club Chairs elected by the summer so that they can prepare for the upcoming year as well as recruit for any vacancies in their executive team.

BE IT RESOLVED that the CRO be directed to hold elections in the month of May for the Industrial, EngSci, MSE, and Mineral representatives on the BoD; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CRO be directed to hold elections in the month of May for the Computer, Mechanical, MSE, and Chemical Discipline Club Chairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CRO be directed to call for nominations for any vacant project director positions to be elected NOT LATER THAN THE JULY BOARD meeting

Harry Jiang seconds.

Aleksei: The general caveat is that it's challenging to get the forms and process out in the Summer; we might not fill the vacancies now.

Jonathan: There is also uncertainty of holding the vote with the Referenda; we will run into issue of who votes.

Harry Jiang: Is there precedence on summer voting?

Eric: Yes.

Aleksei: There exists provisions in the bylaws.

Aron: We ran a provision for Twesh last year. Club chairs need to use the Summer to plan; this should be run now.

Mahsa: The Referenda and BoD elections both need to happen ASAP. We cannot pick up nomination forms in the summer as easily, so how would we distribute them?

Aron: I know people who are interested in BoD as I think Clubs will try to get a better showing

Aleksei: There's definitely interest in BoD; I can try to make forms available online, i.e. thru VP Comm.

AMENDMENT by Jonathan Swyers to add to the motion:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CRO be directed to hold elections in the month of May for the vacant Project Director positions.



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Aron: Point of Information – has DTA been renewed?

Kevin R.: in March.

Aron seconds.

Aleksei: Projects Directors need to work with Officers; they need to circulate the notice and actively recruit.

For: Unanimous.

Amendment passed.

Aleksei moves to call question.

Jonathan objects.

Jonathan: we need to provide proper notice, which could be 3-4 weeks; it might not happen as immediately as we need to process nominations. It not something I'd like to like to rush with the Referenda. I'd like to hear more discussion to move this to June.

Aleksei: Also the Speaker is up for elections and quite a lot will happen in May anyway.

Aron: Ideal would be BoD, Clubs, and Levy at the same time for turnout. We need to fill Club Chairs and Project Directors asap, i.e. Sysadmin.

Kevin R.: What's minimal timeline for each election?

Jonathan: We haven't looked formally.

Eric: The motion could be amended to "not after the June/July meeting"

AMENDMENT by Aron Sankar to change the motion's wording from "in May" to "not later than the July BoD meeting" for all elections.

Harry seconds.

For: Unanimous

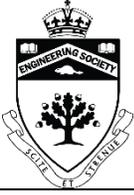
Amendment passed.

Danja Papajani: I don't want it in June; honestly we're completely excluding international students. I suggest a Fall by-election.

Mahsa: I've brought up the question that the nomination forms can be available online.

Aleksei: The forms need to be given in hard-copy to the EngSoc Office; I have discretion as to how that could be changed. Getting signatures will be hard nonetheless. There are logistical issues with people not around.

Danja: If we do pass, will you look at them after passing or now in discussion.



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Aleksei: I'm bringing this up only as awareness.

Aron: Clubs and Project Directors need to be filled ASAP, but their roles would be limited anyway if they're not around. Pushing to Fall will do more harm than good, plus it will reduce turnouts for Referenda.

Kevin R.: The Club concern is justified.

Mahsa: Ryan Gomes said signatures could be collected online for my election.

Aleksei: This is up to the CRO's discretion.

Eric Bryce moves to call question.

Vote on main motion:

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In favour: Sofia, Harry, Ryan, Jason, Aron + Aron, Oghosa, Kevin Z., Jonathan, Mahsa

Opposed: Danja, Kevin R.

Abstain: Danil

Motion carried.



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MOTION by Aron Sankar to table motions 8 and 9 until the May meeting

Ryan Williams objects.

MOTION by Aron Sankar to move motions 8 and 9 until after Other Business

Ryan seconds.

For: Mahsa, Ryan, Jason, Aron + Aron, Oghosa, Kevin Z., Kevin R., Jonathan

Opposed: None

Abstain: Sofia, Harry, Danil, Danja

Motion carried.

10. **MOTION to automatically recall a member under Bylaw 1 4.12.1(b)**

WHEREAS Bylaw 1 4.12.1(b) requires that:

A Board member shall be immediately recalled upon: [...] absence from three regular meetings of the Board of Directors, except those taking place in the summer months.

WHEREAS the minutes for the September through February meetings inclusive have now been ratified;

WHEREAS Jason Tang was recorded as absent for three regular meetings of the Board of Directors in the 2016-17 academic year but has provided sufficient evidence to show that he was in fact late and not absent;

WHEREAS the minutes show Danja Papajani was absent without regrets from the January and February Board of Directors Meetings;

WHEREAS notice was provided either verbally or by email to all members at a risk of automatic recall providing an opportunity to justify their absences as extraneous which would exempt them from recall; and

WHEREAS it is unclear who is actually required to make this motion and/or whether this is actually required to take the form of a motion whatsoever – but it is good practice to make any substantive actions as a motion;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Danja Papajani be recalled.

Sofia seconds.

Danja Papajani: I spoke to the Speaker in December after the meeting.

AMENDMENT by Danja Papajani to remove mention that she has not shown up to the December Board of Directors meeting.

For: Unanimous.



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Amendment passed.

Vote on main motion:

For: Unanimous

Motion carried.

DP is no longer a member of the Board, and loses the right to vote on the Board.

MOTION by Ryan Williams to move motion 11 and 12 to the end of the meeting

Aron seconds.

For: Unanimous

Motion carried.

MOTION by Aron Sankar to recess for 5 minutes

Sofia seconds.

For: Unanimous

Motion carried.



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The Speaker calls order.

8. MOTION by Ryan Gomes to Revising the Policy on Awarding Society Awards

WHEREAS the annual bestowing of Society Awards is currently the only avenue by which members of the Society who make meaningful contributions can be recognized; and

WHEREAS the current committee is majority officers and discipline club chairs at the moment, who de-facto control who gets awards; and

WHEREAS the current makeup of the committee has on multiple occasions been content to simply hand out awards to their friends, at the expense of outsiders; and

WHEREAS the lack of recognition towards those who make meaningful contributions to the society and aren't part of the 'in-crowd' is disappointing.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 1 of the current Policy be replaced with the following:

1. Awards Committee

1.1. The Awards Committee will consist of a maximum of twenty members, including:

- a. Two Members from each year, including PEY;
- b. The Speaker of the Society;
- c. The Ombudsperson of the Society;
- d. The Officers of the Society; and
- f. The Business Manager.

1.2. The Speaker shall chair the committee. Alternatively, he may designate any other person as Chair. If that person is not otherwise a member of the committee, they will be a nonvoting member.

1.3. The year representative positions on the committee shall be filled by a special election from amongst the current class representatives, to be held by the CRO as per Bylaw 3. Committee members elected by this process will be ineligible to receive an award.

1.4 The Discipline Club chairs shall sit as non-voting members on the Awards Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 3, Chapter 6 be amended to include the following:

6.2 Award Committee Representatives

6.2.1. Two Award Committee Representatives shall be elected by a vote of the Members of each year, including PEY;

6.2.1.1 Eligibility to run for this position will be restricted to current Class Representatives

6.2.2. The Nomination Period for the election of Award Committee Representatives shall commence at 9:00 am on the third Monday of January, and shall close at 5:00 pm on the Friday of that same week.



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Jonathan: I'm concerned about whether removing the Club Chairs is necessarily removing bias.

Aleksei: I'm concerned members will be afraid to vote on too many things, and that this adds more unnecessary elections.

Aron: This is unnecessary.

Harry: Removing Club Chairs removes our sight over certain areas of Skule life.

Samuel McCulloch, Muskan Sethi, and Ankita Khanda enter.

Samuel McCulloch: The Ombudsperson being on the Committee could be conflict of interest. Also, Reps don't do much and don't see as much as Club Chairs do.

Muskan Sethi: We could end up with a popularity contest.

Aleksei: Clarification – not class reps; we would hold a special by-election for representatives on the Committee.

Ankita Khanda: Special by-elections could be intimidating to the voters.

Ryan: A popularity contest could still be happen with special by-elections; not many people are going to care and it is possible to make it on by mobilizing very few voters. This is pretty self-serving and unnecessary.

Sofia: What's the structure currently?

Muskan: One member from each year + PEY, all Discipline Club Chairs, all Officers, and Rhonda. The people in the committee can be nominated for awards too, but cannot vote on themselves.

Sofia: Awards need to cover all facets of Skule, and elected "reps" might not have insight over all of Skule.

Muskan: I believe it is redundant and they might not have passion for it.

Aron: For the sake of transparency, we could change the process of picking members of the Committee, like possibly have the Board vote on the year "reps" on the committee as it is now.

Aleksei Wan moves to call question.

In favour: None.

Opposed: (10) Mahsa, Sofia, Harry, Jason, Aron + Aron, Oghosa, Kevin Z., Muskan, Kevin R.

Abstain: Jonathan, Danil, Ryan

Motion failed.



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9. MOTION by Ryan Gomes to Improve the Transparency of the Engineering Society

WHEREAS multiple issues have cropped up this year regarding the transparency of the Society;
and

WHEREAS there are currently no bylaws that enforce proper notice for Board Meetings for all Members of the Society nor the holding of Accountability Meetings, and current bylaws regarding the distribution of Board Meeting agendas are inadequate; and

WHEREAS the Society should act immediately to rectify these issues.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 1, Chapter 2, Section 2.1 shall receive the following addition, with all subsequent clauses renumbered accordingly:

2.1. Calling a Meeting

2.1.2. An General Meeting for the purpose of Recall shall be called annually, in November.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 1, Chapter 4, Section 6.4 be amended to read as follows:

4.6.4. The Vice-President Communications shall ensure that an agenda is circulated to all Members of the Society five days before any meeting of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 1, Chapter 4, Section 8.1 be amended to read as follows:

4.8 Notice of Meetings

4.8.1. Notice of meetings of the Board of Directors shall be given electronically or in writing to every Member by the Vice-President Communications at least fourteen (14) days before the time chosen for such a meeting

4.8.1.1 The timing of each meeting shall be selected in advanced by the Board of Directors, either via electronic means or by a vote at the preceding Meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Officers of the Society continue to investigate means by which to ensure that Board Meetings remain accessible to all Members of the Society.

Muskan Sethi seconds.

Aleksei: what is the current structure

Eric: 4.6.4 is the biggest change; right now, only notice needs to be circulated, but not necessarily with the agenda.

Jonathan: this fails to address the existing flaws of the system and only patches some problems.

Aron: Is anything here changing our ONCA compliance?

Eric: Maybe. I'll have to check.

Samuel: the definition of notice is vague.



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Harry: what are the flaws Jonathan talked about?

Jonathan: The Speaker being required to prepare the agenda.

Aleksei: This is not much change with what is done already, Harry does this already.

Harry: I believe Colin did this too.

Aron: Oghosa says that the last clause is fluff and should be removed.

Samuel McCulloch moves to call question.

For: 8

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 5

Motion failed (requires 2/3 majority)

Muskan: I feel like that this is best practice.

AMENDMENT to split the changes to 4.6.4 into a separate Motion.

For: Unanimous.

Amendment passed.

Samuel: I believe it's unwise to do a patchwork solution like this, plus Harry can still keep doing this.

Harry: I think 14 days is too long; this is how we ended up pushing this meeting, by missing the notice deadline.

Sofia: 7 is good.

Ryan: This feels even more like patchwork, and 14 is an arbitrary number too.

Samuel: You can't pick a non-arbitrary number; the AGM's notice deadline is 2 weeks already. Having advance is good, but this is very arbitrary.

Sofia: Have we ever tried having a consistent schedule throughout the year?

Eric: People's schedules change and they don't always give their availability.

Sofia: What about imposing a schedule?

Harry: I agree with that; it is one of the main responsibilities of Board Reps to show up.

Aron: I'm against imposing a schedule, people have midterms and things that are not known in advance.



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Aleksei: I agree with imposition, but we should focus on the motion at hand.

Mahsa: It doesn't make sense to have some meetings closer to each other and farther than others.

Samuel: This isn't the place to discuss right now.

Aron: This should probably be discussed by the new Board, not now.

Aron moves to call question.

Vote on amending 2.1 and 4.8 ONLY

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For: 0



Opposed: (12) Mahsa, Sofia, Harry, Ryan, Jason, Danil, Aron + Aron, Kevin Z., Muskan, Kevin R., Jonathan

Abstain: Oghosa

Motion failed.

Aleksei: To make sure people are aware of the content of the meetings is good.

Aron: People do still complain about EngSoc spam. Having an opt-in list would be better.

Eric: Notice still has to be given, and this does not necessarily require a second email.

Harry: I'm going to do this anyway and it's not going to affect my decisions.

Aleksei: Further reason to codifying this.

Samuel: Just having alternative solutions makes me want to go against this motion.

Jonathan: This might give more consistency. The agenda needs to be circulated to the BoD, as well as having notice given at the same time.

AMENDMENT by Jonathan Swyers to amend 4.8.1 instead and strike 4.6.4.

Aron seconds.

In favour: 9

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 1

Amendment passed.

Harry: This is still consistent, and "circulation" is vague enough make alternatives work with it.

Aleksei: Jonathan's amendment makes things even better in that it is concise and consistent

Vote on amending 4.8.1

[Minuter's note: the motion at hand reads as follows:

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 1, Chapter 4, Section 6.4 be struck and Section 8.1 be amended to read as follows:

4.8.1. Notice of meetings of the Board of Directors, which shall also include the Agenda for that meeting, shall be given electronically or in writing to every Member by the Vice-President Communications at least five (5) days before the



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time chosen for such a meeting.

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For: Mahsa, Sofia, Harry, Ryan, Jason, Danil, Aron + Aron, Oghosa, Muskan

Opposed: 0

Abstain: Jonathan

Motion carried.

11. MOTION by Billy Graydon to impeach the Speaker of the Engineering Society

In favour: Mahsa, Harry, Ryan, Jason, Aron + Aron, Oghosa, Muskan, Kevin R.

Opposed: Jonathan

Abstain: Sofia, Danil, Kevin Z.

Motion carried.

Eric Bryce is no longer Speaker; Jonathan Swyers takes over the role of Speaker.

12. MOTION by Ryan Williams to mandate the Engineering Society President to wear his cellular phone on a belt clip

WHEREAS there's a new daddy in town;

WHEREAS his own accessory choices must be aligned with paternal fashion standards; and

WHEREAS cellphone belt clips are a convenient way to prevent phones from getting lost, so why not?

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Swyers has to wear a cellphone belt clip (preferably EngSoc branded) to every board meeting, and acquire a novelty barbecue apron for each month in which he fails to comply; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Swyers is not my real dad.

Ryan and Aron leave.

Eric: I think that cell phone belt clips are cool.

For: Unanimous

Motion carried. Motion failed as quorum is lost; meeting automatically adjourned.

13. ~~ADJOURNMENT~~

~~**For:** Unanimous.~~

~~**Meeting adjourned.**~~



Attendance

Officers		
President	Jonathan Swyers	Present
VP Finance	Aron Sankar	Present
VP Communications	Harry Jiang	Present
VP Academic	Sofia Tijanic	Present
VP Student Life	Mahsa Naserifar	Present
Directors of the Board		
At-Large	Ryan Williams	Present
At-Large	Oghosa Igbinakenzua	Proxy to Aron Sankar
At-Large	Kevin Rupasinghe	Present
At-Large	Twesh Upadhyaya	Proxy to Jonathan Swyers
Chemical Representative	Jason Tang	Present
Civil Representative	Sneha Adhikari	Absent
Computer Representative	Billy Graydon	Absent
Electrical Representative	Danja Papajani	Late
Engineering Science Representative	Apurv Bharadwaj	Absent
Industrial Representative	Aron Sankar	Present
Material Science Representative	Mahta Massoud	Absent
Mechanical Representative	Mark Chaboryk	Absent
Mineral Representative	Olivia Mogielnicki	Absent
First Year	Muskan Sethi	Late
First Year	Kevin Zhang	Late
First Year	Danil Ojha	Present
UTSU Representative	Ryan Gomes	Absent
Non-Voting Members		
Speaker	Eric Bryce	Present
	Eden Gough	
	Aleksei Wan	
	Ankita Khanda	
	Samuel McCulloch	