



June Board of Directors Meeting

Call to Order: 3:18 pm

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Pierre

Seconded by Matt

Motion carried unanimously

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. May Board of Directors Meeting: May 12th, 2012
- b. Special Board of Directors Meeting: May 26th, 2012
- c. Officer Meeting: May 12th, 2012
- d. Officer Meeting: May 17th, 2012
- e. Officer Meeting: May 23rd, 2012

Moved by Anton

Seconded by Kimberly

Motion carried unanimously

3. Officer Reports

Gordon: Has Anton made an attempt to contact the people he is supposed to be liaising with at PEO and OSPE?

Anton: Not yet, right now I'm just focusing on schools but I will do that later.

4. Officer Presentations

- a. VP External – Anton Klunko

Mauricio: Seeing no one else has questions, let's move on to Officer presentations. Anton was absent at the last meeting so he will present now.

Anton: Overview: will work to improve Community Outreach portfolio, the "charitable arm" of the Engineering Society. I will liaise with PEO, OSPE, etc. and also develop relationship with alumni.

On my presentation, you'll see it says, "Would like to attend 9 conferences". We've cut it down to 5 or 6. I want to make sure that we only go to conferences that are worthwhile for the Society as a whole and will benefit our students. Although these conferences are especially useful for people who are involved in the Engineering Society, I would like to also extend invitations for other people, to involve them too.

How do we make sure we go to them with a purpose and achieve things after? I've asked the Officers for questions and informed them of the sessions being held at the ESSCO AGM. I want to make sure we get the most out of these conferences. We will talk to other schools about some of the operations that they have. We need to attend conferences with a clear purpose in mind. Detailed reports will list what we got out of conferences.



For community outreach, we ran a lot of events last year but we will be adding one more, probably a dunk tank event. We'll draw people to the event with the excitement of dunking profs in a tank. We want people to be entertained at Community Outreach events. We'll appeal to them by making events fun and making sure everyone has a good time.

Associations: I want to make sure students know about PEO and OSPE, and what they can offer us. I'll provide more information on this by writing a report.

We haven't talked to alumni extensively in the past, so this is a new area. I want to establish a more useful relationship for the years to come, to the point where we can count on their funding for things. They do believe in the usefulness of our clubs and organizations. We could also provide students with the possibility of a mentorship program, to connect them with alumni and industry. To start, we could establish the list of top graduates (Ivey does this) - basically says who are graduating, to let alumni know how good we are and encourage them to hire these people.

Gordon: A lot of things here seem like status quo things. Can I ask questions on them one by one?

Mauricio: Just ask two or three now.

Gordon: Community outreach, we are running the same events. Do you have any plans to increase the amount of money raised?

Anton: A lot of time was put into community outreach last year. We want to expand and provide a couple of extra events. This year we will have a committee and have more people involved. There are plans to expand but there is only so much a person can do, which is why we need a committee. In terms of fundraising, I haven't spent time to think about how we could leverage that but my focus right now is just on getting more people.

Gordon: Blood-bus (blood drive) wasn't that successful last year. Could I suggest getting rid of that? Also, how about events with other schools, etc.?

Anton: Conferences are there for us to establish a relationship with other schools. After, we continue to maintain this relationship. There is an idea to go to a couple of major Ontario universities like Queen's and Waterloo, maybe McMaster, to talk about a lot of information passed on from one school to another school. This would be outside of conferences.

Gordon: For alumni, we can get alumni involved with clubs because a lot of them are interested in getting involved with clubs.

Anton: The reality is that to establish a new relationship, you need to take some time. My goal is to establish a relationship, and then we can tap into the full potential. Talking to people who are involved is something, but I don't want to push to them a full platform of what they will do and what they will get. We first need to establish a frame around that.



Pierre: Gordon, Rishi and I have talked to alumni about the new building and stuff. We've been building a strong relationship with the President of the Alumni Association. As Anton said, we need to establish relationships first.

Mauricio: Seeing as there are no further questions, I encourage you all to follow up with Anton's portfolio and approach him accordingly throughout the year.

5. Motion by Rishi Maharaj to ratify the results of the May By-Elections

WHEREAS the Chief Returning Officer has submitted the results of the By-Elections for Vice-President, Student Life, Electrical Representative and Mineral Representative;

BE IT RESOLVED that the results as submitted by the CRO, as attached, are accepted and ratified.

Moved by Rishi
Seconded by Pierre

Rishi: The way our voting system works is through the UTOR login, which has student registration information that determines your eligibility to vote. During the summer, that database does not contain certain information. Thus, we could not determine who is eligible to vote in discipline-specific elections. So for the BoD representative elections, hardly anyone was able to vote. Because of this, the CRO determined that the election results were invalid. Thus, we will have elections during September for those positions. This does not affect the results of the VP Student Life election because everyone was able to vote for this position regardless of their discipline.

Mauricio: We will be voting now on the motion. Keep in mind the Board cannot reject the results of an election conducted in accordance with the By-Laws, and Angelo's rulings have not been appealed.

Motion carried unanimously

6. Oath of Office of new Vice-President, Student Life

7. Election of 1T2-1T3 Archivist

Vote: Stephanie Fata is elected as 1T2-1T3 Archivist

8. Oath of Office of new Archivist

Mauricio: Just one thing I want to mention – elections of Project Directors are a “personnel matter” and the records of discussion are made available to Board Members, but not the general student populace (Members of the Society). In the past we have not even recorded such discussion, but when we do, those records will be omitted from agenda packages sent out to all Members.

9. Motion by Pierre Harfouche regarding Graball

WHEREAS the Graball Director needs to book the Graball venue as soon as possible; and



WHEREAS it would not be ideal to postpone approving the Gradball budget with the rest of the Director budgets; and

WHEREAS the Gradball budget has been revised by the President, the VP Finance, the VP Student Life and the Gradball Director;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Engineering Society reserves the amounts set out in the Gradball 1T3 budget for this year's event as attached; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Officers to execute the Gradball contract with the Old Mill Inn as attached.

Moved by Pierre
Seconded by Rishi

Pierre: It's at the Old Mill subway station. We can save money on the transportation budget. Nicole said the place looks fine and it matches her theme (it looks like an old mill), which means we save money on decorations. Last year we net spent \$4k but this is pretty much in line with last year. It's lower because the food and drinks are cheaper.

Rishi: Gradball gets a subsidy from Orientation usually. Right now we are using the money contributed by 1T3s when they were in first year. This motion would authorize us to spend the complete amount of the budget. Although the net spent is only \$4k, it's always possible we may not raise as much money as expected from ticket sales.

Donnie: Why aren't we getting buses?

Rishi: It's pretty close, around 20 minutes on the subway from here. It's right outside the subway station. We'll give out TTC tokens for free.

Gordon: What about when the subway closes?

Rishi: We have to be out by 1 am anyway.

Motion carried

10. Motion by Rishi Maharaj regarding the Engineering Student Societies' Council of Ontario (ESSCO) and the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students (CFES)

WHEREAS ESSCO and CFES have not accomplished anything meaningful in the last 4 years, and probably before that; and

WHEREAS we currently pay them membership fees;



BE IT RESOLVED that the Board direct the Officers not to remit any form of payment for membership to either ESSCO or CFES in the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Moved by Rishi
Seconded by Anton

Rishi: Some background on this: They're federations of engineering societies, they host conferences throughout the year and that's essentially the entire scope. They have a constitution that says other things but all they do is just host conferences. The benefits of these conferences have been very minimal. Even the endowment fund idea didn't come from a conference. If you don't pay, you can still attend conferences, but we lose "good standing", which basically means our vote at each body. Since I have not known ESSCO or CFES to vote on any substantial motion in the past few years, I doubt this would even matter. We could save a few thousand dollars by not paying and we can put that money towards better uses.

Anton: Rishi outlined all the reasons. We could still benefit from the conferences by paying to attend; the only thing we'll lose is our vote on their councils, which I don't think is doing anything anyway.

Kimberly: Do they provide services to us?

Rishi: Just CEC for CFES. Although one can't say with certainty we'll lose access to it.

Pierre: I invite everyone to encourage this change and we can re-evaluate this decision in a year.

Jenny: U of T is a really big school. How would it affect our reputation among other schools?

Rishi: I think that it's really important to address why we're doing this. I think our main motivation is to push them to be better at what they do. There are other schools who have threatened to leave but have not followed through. By doing this, we are showing that we are a leader within these organizations. They actually have a lot of power to affect curriculum on a higher level whereas we usually just have to accept what CEAB outlines for us. They are the ones who are supposed to be talking to important groups like the CEAB, but they aren't.

Mauricio: Although it would usually be inappropriate, I don't think I would be doing my due diligence without letting you know my opinion on this issue. When I was VP External, we sent a letter co-signed by Queen's and McGill's EngSocs expressing our dissatisfaction with the CFES. They are supposed to be talking to CEAB and other influential organizations but instead they were more focused on planning a conference in Whitehorse just so they could all go somewhere they hadn't been before. CFES is so dysfunctional they can't even properly approve a budget. I became a President of ESSCO and tried to change *that* organization, but I couldn't spend as much time as I would have liked to on useful things like better representation towards PEO/OSPE, mainly because I had to spend a lot of time changing the similarly dysfunctional culture of ESSCO's Council and conferences. In the end, though, several things improved about ESSCO and I think the organization is better than it was when I started my term there. It's left to see whether the next ESSCO Executive will carry on those changes and further improve the organization. CFES, however, appears to be bent on following their current path. I think by not paying



them we'll be sending a message that they need to change their trajectory, but that is, of course, just my personal opinion.

Gordon: Will we still be allowed to participate in ESSCO's NEM Rube Goldberg Machine project?

Mauricio: If you don't pay fees to ESSCO and you have 20 people from your school who want to participate, I really don't think they will bar you from participating.

Gordon: How is this going to affect our relationship with other schools?

Rishi: I have not spoken to Queen's or McGill yet, but we would still be able to talk to schools without using ESSCO or CFES.

Kimberly: What about participation in OEC or CEC?

Rishi: They are not obligated to block us out from these things. They could but I don't see why they would do something like that.

Matt: Is there anything we could do from our end to continuously raise this issue?

Rishi: Between Anton and me, we would send them formal communication explaining why we came to this decision.

Matt: Is there any opportunity to work on other schools on this issue?

Anton: We can definitely continue to work with other schools to improve ESSCO and CFES.

Mauricio: OEC has its own governance separate from ESSCO although the ESSCO President and three other people appointed by him/her sit on the OEC Advisory Board. We do not lose our ability to participate in OEC. CEC is governed the CFES Plenary, which is basically all the VPs External. Keep in mind there are also dozens of other engineering competitions, so our Members don't lose out on very much. I think we have to be careful when sending out letters to both CFES and ESSCO. We could send each organization a different letter, or we could send both the same. If you're going to play the leverage game with them, you need to plan it out. The process to leave either organization is to send a letter telling them your intention to leave.

Pierre: I'm worried about NEM. Most people who are involved with NEM are not involved with EngSoc and I don't want to lose these people getting involved. I would like to request Rishi and Anton to pass a motion or something to ensure that we are still able to participate. I am also worried that future presidents of ESSCO will not have the same opinion as you and we might potentially be blocked from NEM in the future to force us to pay.

Albert: There needs to be a list of what will be affected and will not be affected, to avoid expanding this discussion at this meeting. The second comment I'd like to make is, given Mauricio's comments about ESSCO and CFES being dysfunctional, what outcome do you hope to achieve by withdrawing from paying our membership fees?



Mauricio: The exact consequences at ESSCO are: can't vote on council meetings, can't vote in elections, can't host a conference, and can't have people from your school run for executive positions. If somebody really wants to run for ESSCO, we could have another member school make us a Full Member for the period of the AGM, so there are provisions for that. Practically, we don't lose anything but a vote on Council. The only case where a vote on Council would matter is if we were voting on position statements towards external bodies, and neither ESSCO nor CFES ever do that (though they should).

Anton: We are still going to be communicating with other schools, explaining to them why we decided to leave. Refusing to pay fees for not doing anything for us will force ESSCO and CFES to take this problem more seriously, especially given that other schools could potentially follow.

Pierre: Could we table this to the next meeting?

Motion: That the motion be tabled to the July Board of Directors Meeting.

Moved: Pierre

Seconded: Praneet

Motion carried

11. Appointment of Board Members to Finance Committee

Pierre: Does anyone want to be a part of the Finance Committee?

Mauricio: This is a nomination process for a Standing Committee of the Board. You would need to nominate people to the Committee and then we would vote on approving those nominations.

Pierre: The point of this is to have Board Members as part of the Finance Committee, so they can participate in decisions like Club Funding.

Mauricio: Would anyone like to be part of the Finance Committee?

Kimberly: Can we nominate others?

Mauricio: They would have to accept the nomination. Would anyone like to serve on the Committee?

Nomination: Rishi nominates himself.

Mauricio: Anyone else?

Nomination: Jenny nominates Kimberly.

Mauricio: Kimberly, do you accept the nomination?

Kimberly: Sure.



Matt: I just want to say that I wish I could get involved, but I have a lot on my plate already. This is something you should all be interested in as Board members.

Pierre: The reason for this is to avoid having Board Members asking random uninformed questions during Board meetings. The point is to have people here who know the processes and reasons for Finance Committee decisions.

Mauricio: Seeing as no one else wants to serve on the committee and both candidates accept the nomination, we can have a majority vote to elect Rishi and Kimberly to the committee.

Vote: Rishi and Kimberly are appointed to serve on the 1T2-1T3 Finance Committee

12. Adjournment: 4:48 pm

Attendance

Officers		
President	Rishi Maharaj	
VP Finance	Pierre Harfouche	
VP Communication	Yerusha Nuh	
VP Academic	Matt Lattavo	
VP External	Anton Klunko	
VP Student Life	<i>Vacant</i>	
Directors of the Board		
At-Large	Donnie Yee	
At-Large	Teresa Nguyen	P – to Pierre Harfouche
At-Large	Aidan Muller	
At-Large	Praneet Bagga	
Chemical Representative	Bo Han Zhang	
Civil Representative	Guillaume Bence-Hebert	
Computer Representative	Kimberly Shen	
Electrical Representative	<i>Vacant</i>	
Engineering Science Representative	Patrick Zerr	R
Industrial Representative	Gordon Tang	
Materials Science Representative	Vincent Truong	
Mechanical Representative	Shamail Rizwan	
Mineral Representative	<i>Vacant</i>	
First Year	Shane Hu	
First Year	Michael Taguiam	P - to Laura Shen
First Year	Jenny Yao	
Non-Voting Members		
Speaker	Mauricio Curbelo	
CRO	Angelo Staikos	

A – Absent R – Regrets P – Proxy