



November Board of Directors Meeting (1)

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Motion by Mauricio Curbelo to ratify fall 2012 Board Representative and Class Representative election results

WHEREAS the Chief Returning Officer has submitted the results of the elections for First-Year Board Representatives, Industrial Representative, Mineral Representative, Electrical Representative, At-large Representative, TrackOne Class Representative, and First- and Second-year Class Representatives;

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

3. Oath of Office of new Board Representatives
4. Adjournment

For the fall 2012 elections and by-elections:

- First year BoD reps
- First and second year class reps
- Track One class rep
- At large BoD rep
- Elec BoD rep
- Min BoD rep

Voting Irregularities

For the first 8 hours of the voting period, there were 2 issues affecting students trying to vote. The APSC login script had not been changed back from the tweaked version used over the summer to solve the year of study data problem. This meant that all first year students were unable to login and vote, as well as all students who did not vote in the last election. The second issue was on the vote.skule.ca backend, where a script responsible for clearing the voter cache was not working properly. This made it so that all students who were able to login using cached data were logging in with the year and discipline data from the previous year.

Once the problems were fixed, the voting period ran for over 24 hours without issue. As such, the election results are valid.

2012 Fall Elections - winners

Board of Directors

BoD At-large: Hollis Milroy
BoD Elec: Judith Chan
BoD First Year: Stephanie Gaglione
BoD First Year: Vuk Svilaric
BoD First Year: Shubham Manchanda

1st Year Class Reps

Chem 1st Year Class Rep: Krithika Sugavanam
Civ 1st Year Class Rep: Peter Lu
Comp 1st Year Class Rep: Mark (Guanzhou) Ye
Elec 1st Year Class Rep: Nicholas Chin
EngSci 1st Year Class Rep: John Yeung
Indy 1st Year Class Rep: Anitha Jeremiah
Mech 1st Year Class Rep: Brandon Chu
Min 1st Year Class Rep: Humbert Sin
MSE 1st Year Class Rep: Anastasia Alksnis
Track One Class Rep: Tabish Gilani

2nd Year Class Reps

Chem 2nd Year Class Rep: Jerry Fung
Civ 2nd Year Class Rep: Elissar El-Hage
Comp 2nd Year Class Rep: Laura Shen
Elec 2nd Year Class Rep: Maged Ahmed
EngSci 2nd Year Class Rep: Sharon Ravindran
Indy 2nd Year Class Rep: Judy Zhu
Mech 2nd Year Class Rep: Steve Lu
MSE 2nd Year Class Rep: Michael Sabatini

Board Of Directors Results

At Large Rep

Choice	Total	
No	133	22%
Yes	417	69%
Spoiled Ballots	54	9%
Total	604	

Winner is: Yes

Elec Rep

Choice	Total	
No	11	18%
Yes	46	74%
Spoiled Ballots	5	8%
Total	62	

Winner is: Yes

First Year Rep

	Quota	62712 Nicho	62707 Steph	62718 Amree	62713 Isabe	62708 Vuk	62714 Htut	62709 Vibho	62715 Aerro	62710 Helen	62705 Babat	62716 Shubh	62711 Alan	62706 Kevin	62717 Steph
R1 rm	85	13	22	30	17	29	5	10	7	7	28	28	3	8	45
R2 rm	84	13	22	30	17	29	5	10	7	7	28	28	-	9	46
R3 rm	84	13	22	30	17	29	-	10	7	9	28	28	-	9	47
R4 rm	83	13	22	30	19	29	-	10	-	9	32	28	-	9	47
R5 rm	83	13	22	30	25	30	-	10	-	-	33	28	-	9	47
R6 rm	83	15	22	30	27	31	-	10	-	-	34	29	-	-	48
R7 rm	81	15	22	30	27	33	-	-	-	-	34	33	-	-	48
R8 rm	80	-	23	30	29	35	-	-	-	-	36	36	-	-	50
R9 rm	77	-	-	36	31	36	-	-	-	-	36	38	-	-	51
R10 rm	73	-	-	39	-	39	-	-	-	-	37	40	-	-	63
R11 rm	70	-	-	46	-	49	-	-	-	-	-	46	-	-	67
R12 win	63	-	-	52	-	61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75
R13 win	41	-	-	55.84	-	64.84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*

Winners are:

Stephanie Gaglione
Vuk Svilaric

Tie between:

Shubham Manchanda - 1295 (Borda Score)
Amreen Poonawala - 1208 (Borda Score)

Winner is: Shubham Manchanda

	Quota	62712 Nicho	62707 Steph	62718 Amree	62713 Isabe	62708 Vuk	62714 Htut	62709 Vibho	62715 Aerro	62710 Helen	62705 Babat	62716 Shubh	62711 Alan	62706 Kevin	62717 Steph
R1 rm	85	13	22	30	17	29	5	10	7	7	28	28	3	8	45
R2 rm	84	13	22	30	17	29	5	10	7	7	28	28	-	9	46
R3 rm	84	13	22	30	17	29	-	10	7	9	28	28	-	9	47
R4 rm	83	13	22	30	19	29	-	10	-	9	32	28	-	9	47
R5 rm	83	15	22	30	21	29	-	10	-	10	33	29	-	-	48
R6 rm	82	15	22	30	21	31	-	-	-	10	33	33	-	-	48
R7 rm	81	15	22	30	27	33	-	-	-	-	34	33	-	-	48
R8 rm	80	-	23	30	29	35	-	-	-	-	36	36	-	-	50
R9 rm	77	-	-	36	31	36	-	-	-	-	36	38	-	-	51
R10 rm	73	-	-	39	-	39	-	-	-	-	37	40	-	-	63
R11 rm	70	-	-	46	-	49	-	-	-	-	-	46	-	-	67
R12 win	67	-	-	-	-	62	-	-	-	-	-	58	-	-	80
R13 win	43	-	-	-	-	65.9	-	-	-	-	-	62.55	-	-	*

Winners are:

Stephanie Gaglione
Vuk Svilaric

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Amreen Poonawala - 1208 (Borda Score)

Winner is: Shubham Manchanda

First Year Class Rep Results

Chem

	Quota	62619	62620	62621
		Sabri	John	Krith
R1	21	12	9	19
rm			-	
R2	20	14		24
win				*

Winners are:

Krithika Sugavanam

Civ

	Quota	62630	62625	62631	62626	62627	62628	62629
		Teodo	Bob	Peter	Aerro	Leo	Khash	Sandy
R1	20	5	2	12	1	5	5	8
rm					-			
R2	20	6	2	12		5	5	8
rm			-					
R3	20	7		12		5	6	8
rm						-		
R4	19	8		15			6	8
rm							-	
R5	18	10		16				9
rm								-
R6	17	14		19				
win				*				

Winners are:

Peter Luo

Comp

	Quota	62652 Mark	62653 Gokul	62654 Milan	62655 Kamra	62656 Vaibh	62651 Willi
R1	13	12	0	4	1	0	8
rm			-				
R2	13	12		4	1	0	8
rm						-	
R3	13	12		4	1		8
rm					-		
R4	13	12		4			8
rm				-			
R5	12	14					9
win		*					

Winners are:

Mark (Guangzhou) Ye

Elec

	Quota	62657 Nicho	62658 Arash	62659 Jerry	62660 Gauri	62661 Chih-
R1	18	11	10	8	1	5
rm					-	
R2	18	11	10	8		5
rm						-
R3	18	15	11	8		
rm				-		
R4	17	16	16			

Tie between:

Arash Taheri-Dezfouli - 85
Nicholas Chin - 92

Winner is: Nicholas Chin

EngSci

	Quota	62635 Samue	62641 Kenny	62636 Shuxi	62637 Anamj	62632 Shaur	62633 JunYo	62639 Lawre	62634 John	62640 Isabe
R1	37	2	16	3	5	3	11	2	21	10
rm		-								
R2	37		17	3	5	3	11	2	21	11
rm								-		
R3	37		17	4	5	3	11		22	11
rm						-				
R4	36		17	5	5		11		22	11
rm				-						
R5	36		18		6		11		22	13
rm					-					
R6	35		21				11		24	13
rm							-			
R7	33		24						26	15
rm										-
R8	31		30						31	
win									*	

Winners are:

John Yeung

Indy

	Quota	62646 Anith	62647 Alexa	62648 Cem	62649 Alex
R1	10	9	0	1	8
rm			-		
R2	10	9		1	8
rm				-	
R3	10	10			8
win		*			

Winners are:

Anitha Jeremiah

Mech

Winner is: Brandon Chu

<u>Min</u>	Quota	62624	62622	62623
		Humbe	Valer	Sarah
R1	9	8	2	6
rm			-	
R2	9	9		7
win		*		

Winners are:
Humbert Sin

<u>MSE</u>	Choice	Total
	No	4 24%
	Yes	12 71%
	Spoiled Ballots	1 6%
	Total	17

Winner is: Yes

Second Year Class Rep Results

Chem

	Quota	62679 Jerry	62680 Chan	62675 Harde	62681 Peter	62676 Anne	62677 Kevin	62678 Lamya
R1 rm	31	18	2	5	14	10	5	7
R2 rm	31	19	-	5	14	11	5	7
R3 rm	30	22	-	5	14	11	-	7
R4 rm	29	24	-	-	15	11	-	7
R5 rm	29	26	-	-	17	13	-	-
R6 win	27	30	-	-	22	-	-	-

Winners are:

Jerry Fung

Civ

Choice	Total	
No	1	4%
Yes	22	88%
Spoiled Ballots	2	8%
Total	25	

Winner is: Yes

Comp

	Quota	62668	62666	62667
		Rupan	Karim	Laura
R1	17	8	12	12
rm		-		
R2	15		14	15
win				*

Winners are:

Laura Shen

Elec

	Quota	62669	62670	62671	62672
		Aksha	Maged	Heind	Julia
R1	30	2	40	10	7
win			*		

Winners are:

Maged Ahmed

EngSci

	Quota	62690	62689
		Sharo	Tommy
R1	57	84	29
win		*	

Winners are:

Sharon Ravindran

Indy

	Quota	62685	62686	62682	62683	62684
		Mehme	Judy	Tian-	Nadim	Hassa
R1	33	4	29	4	12	15
rm				-		
R2	33	4	31		12	17
rm		-				
R3	32		33		12	18
win			*			

Winners are:

Judy Zhu

Mech

	Quota	62663	62664	62665
		Steve	Jobin	Eric
R1	10	11	4	4
win		*		

Winners are:
Steve Lu

MSE

	Quota	62687	62688
		Micha	WanQi
R1	4	6	1
win		*	

Winners are:
Michael Sabatini



November Board of Directors Meeting (2)

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. September Board of Directors Meeting: September 27th 2012
- b. Officer Meeting: November 20th 2012
- c. Academic Advocacy Committee Meeting: October 5th 2012

3. Officer Reports

- a. President – Rishi Maharaj
- b. VP Finance – Pierre Harfouche
- c. VP Communications – Yerusha Nuh
- d. VP Academic – Matthew Lattavo
- e. VP External – Anton Klunko
- f. VP Student Life – Ishan Gupta

4. Items for information

- a. Endowment fund draft constitution
- b. Non-partisan declaration on UTSU electoral reform
- c. Enrolment numbers

5. Motion by Ishan Gupta to affiliate new clubs with the Engineering Society

WHEREAS a club can apply for Official Engineering Club status at any point in the academic year; and

WHEREAS only new clubs require approval from the Board of Directors to receive Official Engineering Club status;

BE IT RESOVLED that new student clubs (highlighted in yellow) be affiliated with the Engineering Society for the 2012-2013 year.

See attached: list of clubs proposed for affiliation with the Engineering Society

6. Motion by Pierre Harfouche to allocate club funding

WHEREAS the Finance Committee has met to decide on club funding allocation amounts for the second round of funding;

BE IT RESOLVED that the funding decisions for the second round of club funding (highlighted in red) are approved.

See attached: club funding decisions, round 2 of funding

7. Motion by Rishi Maharaj to approve 2012-2013 Civil Engineering Discipline Club funding



WHEREAS the release of funding for recognized Discipline Clubs is authorized annually by the Board per Bylaw 7, 1.0.3; and

WHEREAS an outstanding issue with the Civil Engineering Discipline Club has now been resolved;

BE IT RESOVLED that \$3,376 of funding is released to the Civil Engineering Discipline Club according to the following amounts: 60% to be disbursed immediately, 30% in January 2013 and 10% in March 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vice-President, Finance will adjust the subsequent installments to reflect the latest enrolment numbers provided by the Registrar's office according to the formula specified in Bylaw 7.

8. Motion by Rishi Maharaj to strike the Election Rules Committee

WHEREAS Bylaw 3, Chapter 8 specifies an Elections Rules Committee to report to the Board in January; and

WHEREAS it is almost December;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Election Rules Committee be struck pursuant to Bylaw 3; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board immediately fill the committee's vacancies.

9. Motion by Rishi Maharaj to condemn the Students' Administrative Council of the University of Toronto

WHEREAS the Students' Administrative Council has enacted bylaws that preclude the submission of member proposals' to its Annual General Meeting without the express approval of its Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS the Engineering Society holds as a fundamental principle of democratic governance that a general meeting of members shall have the highest authority in respect of all of the Society's affairs, and further that such an assembly shall have the right to move, debate and dispose motions for any purpose, including to add, repeal or vary the Constitution and Bylaws and recall executives; and

WHEREAS members of the Engineering Society are also members of SAC and the Society ought to safeguard their best interests; and

WHEREAS the executive of SAC and those acting on their behalf have solicited proxy votes under false pretenses, acted in bad faith in disseminating the procedures surrounding their AGM and uttered statements that were known or ought to have been known to be false, inflammatory and misleading;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Engineering Society condemns in the strongest possible terms the fashion in which the 2012 SAC AGM has been administered;



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Society calls upon SAC to immediately call a second General Meeting, the agenda of which shall include any proposal submitted with at least 20 days notice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the opinion of the Engineering Society that SAC does not function in an open and democratic fashion.

10. Motion by Yerusha Nuh to recall Vijay Unnithan from the position of Cannon Editor

WHEREAS Bylaw 2 chapter 1 item 1.2.1 requires the Cannon Editor to be responsible for the regular and timely publication of the Cannon; and

WHEREAS Vijay Unnithan has failed to produce evidence of attempting to meet the minimum quota of one printed issue of the Cannon per semester; and

WHEREAS Vijay Unnithan has failed to maintain contact with the Cannon staff members; and

WHEREAS the Vice-President Communications has exhausted all available means of communications without obtaining any response from Vijay Unnithan;

BE IT RESOLVED that Vijay Unnithan is removed from the position of Cannon Editor.

11. Motion by Matt Lattavo to approve the terms of reference of the Academic Advocacy Committee

WHEREAS a motion approved at the September 2012 meeting of the Board of Directors struck the committee and called for submission of its mandate to the Board for approval;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference for the Academic Advocacy Committee are approved.

See attached: terms of reference of the Academic Advocacy Committee

12. Adjournment



September Board of Directors Meeting

Call to Order: 7:26 pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Jenny
Seconded by Matt

Motion carried

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. August Board of Directors Meeting: August 27th 2012

Moved by Ishan
Seconded by Patrick

Motion carried

3. Officer Reports

- a. President – Rishi Maharaj
- b. VP Finance – Pierre Harfouche
- c. VP Communications – Yerusha Nuh
- d. VP Academic – Matthew Lattavo
- e. VP External – Anton Klunko
- f. VP Student Life – Ishan Gupta

Guillaume: Where is the VP External Report?

Anton: Attached to the agenda which was handed out the meeting

Guillaume: Pierre, what is going on with National Bank sponsorship?

Pierre: 5 sessions during the year. Frosh will learn about student debt, etc. For students we'll do one on jobs. Then we may do personal finances, mortgages, etc. If you have any topics that you think will be pretty interesting, please let us know. If the topics are interesting we can probably get 60-100 people. We will be launching a survey in a couple weeks.

Patrick: What is the status of our relationship with CFES?

Rishi: At the officer meeting we passed a motion to withhold our fees from the CFES and resign from ESSCO.

Teresa: What's going on with The Cannon?

Yerusha: Vijay is working on it and we need to have at least one issue in the fall term to meet contractual obligations with CU.



Rishi: Reminder that annual general meeting is on October 25th. Agenda will be to ratify the bylaw amendments, auditors for 2012, next auditor's appointment, operating budget. Everyone will be able to vote.

Ishan: By the way, co-curricular record is being developed. We've been providing feedback.

Mauricio: Feel free to email the Officers for more details.

4. Officer Presentations

- a. VP Finance – Pierre Harfouche (2012-2013 Operating Budget)

Pierre: There are only slight modifications from the old budget.

Preliminary/proposed column is what is proposed. "Actuals" indicates what we've spent so far. We only have actual for Orientation, really. I'll spend most of my time talking about preliminary numbers.

Biggest revenue is from fees. \$46.12 for full-time, and PEY is little less. I'm basing the revenue off of last year's enrolment numbers, 4078 students.

Officer expenses, communications, discipline clubs, committees: Based on last year's numbers and performance. Plaques, Rhonda's salary, Board meetings, printing, food, courses.skule.ca are all in those categories. FSGs cost \$3000-4000 of leftover money from tutoring fund. We ran into some audit problems so the number will be higher than expected but still not as high as last year's number.

Communications: 2 issues will be printed. EngCom renovation cost about \$1000 for new computers.

Yearbook: we paid \$35 per book, this year we pay \$27. We will either break even or make money. We've always lost lots of money on this.

Conferences: we're not paying ESSCO and CFES. They didn't invoice us last year so we didn't pay. We're technically not supposed to go to conferences but Anton will try to. We budgeted for it.

ESSCO AGM was in the summer. FYIC we decided to not go since it will be in Lakehead, Thunder Bay and it will be expensive and we would only be able to send a couple people.

OEC alumni helps to pay for it. UTEK is trying to expand this year. They will need a larger budget.

Discipline clubs all get \$1000 + \$4.50/student. This meeting we'll be releasing the most amount of funding. EngSci has the most because they have the most people.

Praneet: How is money re-allocated when people drop out of EngSci?

Pierre: We give the money out in stages. I recalculate later.



Rishi: We don't get the numbers, not even enrollment office has the numbers. We use last year's numbers for this year. When we get the number we adjust for next year.

Ishan: Why do they get it in percentages of 60, 30, then 10?

Rishi: Some people are bad at managing money and we don't want to risk giving it all to them at once.

Pierre: Cannonball, we're going to take a hit. We subsidize that and Gradball.

B&G are not subsidized for bus trips. Numbers are high for floats, pranks, Godiva week.

Rishi: Most of it gets spent on the homecoming float.

Pierre: Cannon guard budget has not been approved yet. We still have to meet with the chief or a delegate. Most of this is for firearm training for the Chief. Gas, chains, etc.

I don't know what SOS mentorship is. Student issues was LGBTQ but this year we're putting them as a club.

Rishi: Why was it negative?

Pierre: last year they deposited the money and took it out from another account.

7k revenue expected from Movember and other events.

This year we gave Kup the money they needed for events. Few hundred bucks, more or less for events.

Orientation, \$104K (revenue) \$82K expense. They haven't paid for Convocation Hall, and still owe Subway \$9K. In the end should be 91k more or less. Will probably make \$10K.

You're Next separated from us, so it's \$0. Suds is revenue-neutral, also shows \$0 in the budget.

"Special Projects" fund: projects have included cannon video for matriculation, Suds fridge, Bnad drum, plasma screen, bed races.

Clubs now get \$35,000 in total, so that went up as promised.

Mauricio: How much is left in Special Projects?

Pierre: \$12900?

We're already allocated \$13K for club funding. Next 2 rounds still need to happen.

Conferences that are useful we allocate 15% for clubs per student to go.



Guillaume: sponsors aside from NB?

Pierre: \$7.5k from National Bank, \$750 from TalentEgg, \$4K from Prep101 + \$10/frosh that go to their seminars.

Mauricio: Comments and questions on the budget? It will get sent out so review it. If you want individual breakdown let me know.

5. Election of 1T2-1T3 Hard Hat Café Operations Manager

Result: Matthew Marji is elected as the 1T2-1T3 Hard Hat Café Operations Manager

6. Election of 1T2-1T3 Ombudsman

Results: Nominations to be re-opened

7. Motion by Rishi Maharaj to approve 2012-2013 Discipline Club funding

WHEREAS the release of funding to recognized Discipline Clubs is authorized annually by the Board per Bylaw 7, 1.0.3; and

WHEREAS the Society is not aware of any reason why funding ought to be withheld from any of the nine (9) Discipline Clubs; and

WHEREAS final enrolment numbers are not yet available from the Registrar's Office;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT funding be released to Discipline Clubs according to the following amounts, 60% to be disbursed immediately, 30% in January 2013 and 10% in March 2013:

Chemical Engineering Club - Chair, Ajay Kochhar - \$3,232.00
~~Civil Engineering Club - Chair, Jessica Lam - \$3,376.00~~ **amendment**
Computer Engineering Club - Chair, Rachit Tyagi - \$2,840.50
Electrical Engineering Club - Chair, Mihajlo Bojic - \$5,068.00
Engineering Science Club - Chair, Christopher Sun - \$5,167.00
Industrial Engineering Club - Chair, Florencia Herrera - \$2,660.50
Mineral Engineering Club - Chair, Sebastien Balda - \$1,324.00
Mechanical Engineering Club - Chair, Ryan Persaud - \$4,654.00
Materials Science and Engineering Club - Chair, Jacquelyn MacCoon - \$1,940.50

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Vice-President, Finance will adjust subsequent installments to reflect the latest enrolment numbers provided by the Registrar's Office according to the formula specified in Bylaw 7.



Amendment: That the motion be amended to remove funding for the Civil Engineering Club

Moved by Rishi

Seconded by Shamail

Rishi: The motion is straightforward and so I'll just talk about the amendment. Right before this meeting we found out that Civ Club submitted a budget to the Alumni office indicating that they do not receive money from EngSoc. Until we know that this was an accident and they correct that budget, we should withhold funding .

Teresa: We're not trying to deceive anyone. I have very little oversight of budget as Vice Chair. Justin as Chair has taken direct oversight. This is a symptom of discipline clubs not being supported by their outgoing teams. Right now we are brute-forcing our way through things. So our intention was not to deceive.

Rishi: Normally people ask why EngSoc requires discipline clubs to have good accounting. The reason why is because in the past they've had tremendous power in EngSoc. This year I think it's worth reviewing our relationships with discipline clubs. In previous time, we were constrained to give \$36K without any say in the matter, but that should change.

Guillaume: If you decide to hold the money you should put a specific date when you want to approach them to avoid problems. I don't know if the Chair of the past should be held responsible since he is no longer a part of Civ club.

Mauricio: October meeting will be next opportunity. Just communicate with Rishi and stuff to clarify.

Pierre: We want to just get it cleared up officially. This might be a mistake or it might not be, we should look into this.

Guillaume: Is there a problem this year?

Rishi: This was submitted to alumni office from this year's Civ club. The reason for the concern is that I thought if Civ club thinks they don't have the money last year's Civ club could've walked away with the money.

Motion carried as amended

8. Motion by Matthew Lattavo to strike the Committee on Academic Advocacy

WHEREAS Faculty Council and Faculty Council Standing Committees will be preparing for a variety of academic initiatives this year leading into and as a result of the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board visit in October, and

WHEREAS the Engineering Society, as the unified voice of the student body, requires a body to guide the student voice heard at the various Faculty Council and Standing Committee meetings, and



WHEREAS initiatives such as course evaluations and continuous curriculum improvements require student interpretation,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a committee on Academic Advocacy be struck under the Vice President Academic portfolio; co-chaired by Matthew Lattavo and Praneet Bagga and consisting of any interested Board of Directors members, and the student representatives on the Faculty Council Standing Committee, and other members as agreed upon by the committee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the mandate for this committee be submitted for approval by the Board of Directors at the October meeting of the Board.

Moved by Matthew
Seconded by Praneet

Matthew: If you have any other questions or want to get involved, let me know. Our first meeting is next week.

Mauricio: Committee will be co-chaired by Matt and Praneet. Any interested Board member can go, student members on the Faculty Standing committee can go, and any other students can go. It's pretty open.

We should also invite discipline clubs (chairs and class reps).

Patrick: Class reps are put on committees. Primary method of communicating with the Faculty?

Mauricio: The primary way is through the Standing Committees. And then those decisions brought to Faculty Council. This is an opportunity for committee reps to come together with other stakeholders in EngSoc and coordinate their efforts.

Tejas: I sat on the undergrad curriculum committee. Last year they tried to bring everyone together and bring them together at the Standing Committee level. It's useful. If EngSoc wants to bring about these big changes, there has to be a discussion.

Mauricio: The way the faculty works is that they have the Faculty Council which includes all the profs and faculty people. The Standing Committees are the people who actually do work, each with some student seats. We're not very coordinated in our messaging though, which might be something this committee tries to address.

Rishi: The Dean also interacts more regularly with me, Matt, and departmental Chairs and Directors. Typically, if the Dean doesn't like something it won't go to Faculty Council.

Motion carried.

9. Adjournment: 8:49pm



Attendance

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

A – Absent R – Regrets P – Proxy

Officer Meeting November 20th 2012

Attendance: Pierre, Matt, Ishan, Yerusha, Rishi

Workshop Funding Policy:

Pierre: "Are there any concerns with the proposed policy?"

No response

Pierre: "All in favour?"

All agree

Decision: Policy will be moved to the Board for approval

Task Force for Faculty Council:

Matt: "Two proposals are being finalized to provide alternatives to the current Faculty Council. The consultation process will begin next week, and is to be determined. Undergraduate student representation increases from 12% to 25-30%."

For Information

UTSU:

Pierre: "I want to post on the Skule™ page and group and send an email to discuss the plans for the meeting, and inform students of what was proposed for the agenda, what was rejected from the agenda."

"We should outline the issues that the Engineering Society has, and back them up."

Rishi: "It is within our mandate to encourage participation, but nothing that we have done is in support of a particular agenda."

Pierre: "But those who are proxying are unaware of our stance, and they do not fully appreciate what we are discussing."

Rishi: "We cannot make statements on behalf of the Engineering Society – even if we are defending our students"

Pierre: "Not everyone knows what we want to do and what the potential repercussions are. We can simply say we want to add a Q&A session, and we could garner additional votes. We need to propose amendments and allow students to decide whether or not they endorse them. We need to make sure that the student body is aware of our personal opinion, that we have good intentions to improve the UTSU AGM and to move the issues forward."

Matt: "We should at least provide the student body awareness that we are looking to improve the democratic processes of UTSU executive by providing a seldom heard voice to the AGM, not about trolling or causing shit, but rather educating the UTSU exec that the vast majority of Engineering Students do not, legitimately, approve of their processes."

Pierre: "We should communicate to the student body that we are looking to defeat the agenda in order to add more open, democratic, discussion on the agenda."

Rishi: "We can promote amendments, and then speak to the amendment."

Pierre: "I didn't know that this would work, let's suggest this then. If it's the right way to do it, then let's do it."

Rishi: "People often use it as a method of filibustering. There is unlimited limits to amendments. It is essentially the only time that you can speak about whatever you want."

Ishan: "Defeating the agenda means 2/3rd?"

Rishi and Pierre: "No just majority"

Rishi: "If we defeat the agenda, we'd have to replace the chair. Otherwise we would have to challenge the chair every time, but it is impossible to challenge something that could be against the bylaws."

Pierre: "But we won't be doing anything against the bylaws."

Rishi: "But they will say so. They will be actively hostile to what we are trying to do."

"As you can see, it's impossible to say what we are going to do for certain. So how are we going to address this? Once you commit to doing this, and you fail to do so, you'll be called out by it. All of a sudden you lie."

"The only thing we are allowed to state is that we are trying to extend the democratic privileges to all students as they should be, since UTSU has not allows motions to be submitted by general members. Otherwise we are promising students things that we cannot assure them will happen"

Decision: Email students about the AGM – tell them that is happening and we are going to try and open it to make it more democratic. That is our intention.

Chairs for Office

Rishi: "We need durable chairs that are roughly \$50/chair that are durable and useful."

Decision: Replacement chairs to be investigated, and proposals to be vetted by the Officers and other as appropriate

Endowment Fund Constitution

Rishi: "My plans are to send the draft to the BOD and the Deans Office for this BOD Meeting"

Decision: Send the draft Constitution to the BOD and to representatives from the Faculty and the Deans Office as appropriate for the November Board of Directors meeting.

First Meeting of the Academic Advocacy Committee 2012-OCT-05

Chairs

Matthew Lattavo - VP Academic

Praneet Bagga - Board of Directors Representative At Large

Attendance

Agenda

1. Introduction:
 - Welcome, thank you for coming, etc...
2. Background/Purpose for the Committee - 3min
 - Two years ago, Yi Wei had an Academic Committee... that's about as much as I know w.r.2 that
 - Last year, David appointed students to FCSC positions, but they had no forum to discuss the agenda items and come to reasonable consensus on issues
 - This year, we have a few big-ticket issues coming up fast: Accreditation, the new Course Evaluation Framework, Site 10, and a number of other important issues
 - We also have a few ongoing tasks that need a group of dedicated individuals to assist with, namely:
 - Course evaluation results and feedback (and potential anti-calendar)
 - Guidance/forum for class representatives for academic issues
 - Ongoing critique of student Academic Experience, and high-level advocacy to departments, program directors, and higher faculty members
3. Schedule of Upcoming Events - 5min
 - Mandate and Terms of Reference due to the BoD: October 18th
 - Accreditation Review Committee: Visiting from Oct 21-23
 - Student meeting is on Oct 22, departmental meetings with students will be occurring at separate times (I believe)
4. Breakout Groups - Duties, Mandate and Terms of Reference - 20min
 - 10min Duties (specific tasks that will occur regularly),
 - Students can attend meetings to discuss academic issues
 - Create actions for FCSC, and VPA
 - Anti-calendar development, course evaluations OR presentations and notes
 - Course evaluation tracking and results

- Course packages for Revenue?
 - Mid-term evaluations of courses (run by engineering society)
 - To address early on to solve teaching methods issues
 - Running events where upper years help younger years interact and discuss electives and upper-year courses
 - EngSoc mentorship
 - Course rating like rate-my-professor
 - Mark breakdown
 - Teaching technique, chalk, talk, slides
 - Miscellaneous (study techniques, sleeping, etc.)
 - Sub committee oversight
 - Consult classmates, skulemates, and EngSoc about issues and discussions
 - Ongoing feedback
 - Guidance for bringing up issues, who to talk to
 - FCSC summaries of each meeting's dealings
 - To get more feedback
 - 5min Terms of Reference (Generalized to-do list, higher level themes of the
 - 5min Mandate (Our purpose--why we are doing what we are doing) eg: To promote positive educational opportunities so that students can obtain an enriching, world-class academic experience.
 - To improve the information flow on academic issues between engineering society, class reps, discipline clubs, FCSC and the faculty.
 - If you are interested in what we are saying on your behalf, COME TO THIS COMMITTEE MEETING
 - To develop a "unified" student opinion on academic matters so that we can adequately address issues to EngSoc, Faculty and the Standing Committees
5. Terms of Reference: Summary and Next Steps - 10min
- Discuss the mandate, ToR, and duties as presented and come to consensus
 - **ACTION:** Identify one individual to work with me to draft up the Manual for the committee
6. Accreditation: Overview - 5min
- Accreditation processes and overview (If Mauricio is around, he may be able to offer more direct insight)
 - Discuss AUs and, importantly, discuss the qualitative criteria, and discuss the Graduate Attributes
7. Accreditation: Socialization - 10min
- a. FCSC Reps: What has been discussed of Accreditation thus far
 - b. Board of Directors: What has been discussed among students/faculty in class
8. Accreditation: Next Steps - 10min
- **ACTION ALL MEMBERS:** Be vigilant, and discuss issues relating to accreditation criteria. Next meeting, come prepared with three topics of importance that you've experienced (in your class, department, skule(tm) mates, etc.
 - **ACTION VP ACADEMIC:** Select four individuals to attend Accreditation Review Interview on Monday October 22, 10:30-11:30

9. Course Evaluations: Overview - 5min
10. Course Evaluations: Faculty Changes - 10min
 - a. Overview
 - b. TMRC: What has been discussed at last meeting
11. Course Evaluations: Alternative Solutions - 15min
12. Other Business - 5min
 - a. Membership: Inclusion of Class Reps and general student body
13. Action Items and Adjournment



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November 21, 2012

Dear Board members:

There are a few major items that I'd like to touch on from the last month.

In October, I was pleased to meet with Minister Glen Murray, the (now former) Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities to discuss some of the proposals for post-secondary education that have been put forward by the Ministry. Although Minister Murray has since resigned, the Minister's Office has committed to schedule regular meetings with student leaders at U of T in the coming months. In addition to the regular forums the Engineering Society already has with Faculty and University administrators I feel that this can only be a positive development in how the Society is able to address our members' issues. Furthermore, it demonstrates the complete and utter irrelevance of the UTSU with regard to any issues that might face members of the Engineering Society.

That provides a useful segue into another topic. Over the last month we have witnessed the most egregious conduct imaginably from the UTSU in regard to their AGM. They have, in my view, deliberately acted in bad faith to hide the time and place of the meeting from their members, deliberately obstructed anyone except members of their Executive Committee from submitting agenda items and have consistently acted with reckless abandon toward their legal responsibilities to govern the corporation in a way that reflects members' interests. It is true that none of this is new. But it has certainly been a few years since we have seen them pursue utterly corrupt behaviour with such vigour. I have submitted for your consideration a set of recommendations on electoral reform that was drafted by Trinity College students and has since been approved by the councils of most of the undergraduate student societies on campus. It's clear from what we've seen that UTSU will not even permit such ideas to be spoken of in their meetings, let alone taken seriously. This strengthens my belief that the Society should pursue the strongest position possible with regard to the UTSU and do whatever is possible to extricate our members from it.

In other news, the Officers have agreed to undertake a review of the VP External role in light of the fact that we have withdrawn from active participation in ESSCO and CFES which previously formed the bulk of that role's responsibilities. We'll likely be coming back to the Board with a discussion proposal before the Christmas holidays so we can all digest this fully.

Respectfully submitted,

Rishi Maharaj
President



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Project Updates:

1) Director Updates

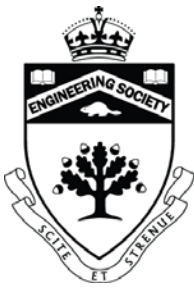
- Computer Systems Administrator
 - o Yannick Wong is working on the Cannonball website.
- The Cannon
 - o The VP Communications has taken over all duties of the Cannon Editor.
 - o Officers will be contributing articles.
- The Toike Oike
 - o The team is working on a December issue (which did not exist last year).
- Web Dev Team
 - o Tutors.skule.ca.
 - A revamped tutors.skule.ca is now up and functional.
 - An admin interface now exists.
 - Oliver is working on UI improvements and administrative backend issues.
 - o Courses.skule.ca.
 - Scanned exams from 2011 have incorrectly formatted file names. This issue needs to be resolved in order for these files to be uploaded on courses.skule.ca.
 - These exams should be up before the start of the exam period.

2) New EngSoc Plasma Screen

- Steve Miszuk has agreed to install a plasma screen for EngSoc. It will be installed on the wall near SF 1105 where the concrete canoes are placed against.
- It will use the Faculty's digital signage system.
- Installation should be completed by January.

3) EngSoc module on Blackboard

- The VP Communications now has the administrative privilege to update contents of a Skule™ module on Blackboard.



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Accreditation Review

Occurred October 21-23

Rishi, Pranect, and I met with members from the review committee on the 22nd

Topics discussed included accessibility and quantity of undergraduate labs, study space, design space, teaching quality and teaching morale, receptiveness of faculty to student's concerns, among others.

Preliminary review is likely to be provided to the Dean by December, at which point she will have an opportunity to respond.

Accreditation decision due by June 2013

Skule™ Tutors

Tutors.skule.ca is live and functional!

The database currently rosters about twenty recent grads, and currently graduate students, all of whom have previous tutoring experience and have attended a Tutor Orientation.

The group orientation took place on November 8th – About 30 turned out

Many others have received an orientation package and met with me personally

Next Steps:

Installing a “Captcha” or Contact form to mask tutors contact information from spammers

Purchase First Year Textbooks to offer on loan to tutors wishing to freshen up on their skills, or provide a textbook for tutoring sessions so students do not necessarily have to bring theirs with them.

Workshop Funding Proposal

Pierre, Ishan, and I have been developing a program to provide funding to clubs and student groups who organize and run workshops for the general student body focusing on hard-skill development such as software, machining, design, etc.

Academic Advocacy Committee

The committee has developed its Terms of Reference, and is included for approval by Board of Directors.

The next meeting of the Committee will take place the week of November 26th. Topics for discussion include:

- Compulsory Course Content; Online course compliments that are required by certain first and second-year courses
- Online Course Equivalents – the Faculty’s planned introduction of four equivalent online courses in First Year (MAT186, 187, CIV100, and MIE100)
- Course Evaluations – Promotion, and development

Task Force on Faculty Council Constitution

Initiated in response to the Faculty Council Meeting on September 7th

Purpose is to discuss the makeup of Faculty Council, in an effort to improve active discussion and more diverse participation of its members

Effort to distinguish those on Executive Committee and those on Faculty Council as two distinct bodies that should be independent from one another

Currently there are two models being proposed, one with members of the Executive Committee as voting members, and one without.

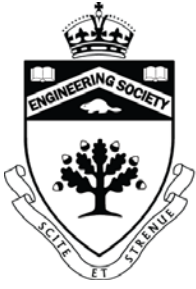
Student representation in the model without EC includes 7 undergrads (1FY, 2SY, 2TY, 2FY) and 3 grads (MEng, MAsc, PhD)

Student representation in models with EC includes 11 undergrads (2FY, 1 each discipline from 2-4Ys) as well as the EngSoc President and VP Academic

These proposals are included as an appendix to this report for information. No decision has been made at this time.

Appendix A: Task Force Tentative Faculty Council Membership Models

CONSTITUENCY	CURRENT	SMALL COUNCIL		INCL. EXEC COMMITTEE	
VOTINGS MEMBERS:					
Teaching Staff elected*	265 (62%, 76%)	27	64%	27	38%
Chairs, Stand. Comms selected by Teach. Staff**	Included above			6	8%
Dean**	Included above			1	1%
Ch.1stYr,Vice-D,AssocD**	Included above				
Chairs and Directors**	included above			8	11%
Total Teaching Staff:	265 (62%, 76%)	27	64%	42	59%
Students (Undergrads)	38	7	17%	11	15%
Pres.&VP, EngSoc**	2	0		2	3%
Grad Student (1)**	14	3	7%	7	10%
Total Students:	54 (13%, 16%)	10	24%	18	25%
Admin Staff	12 (3%, 3%)	3	7%	3	4%
Registrar*	1			1	1%
Total Admin Staff	13 (3%, 4%)	3	7%	4	6%
Other FASE, e.g. Res Assoc.				2	3%
Alumni	14 (3%, 4%)	2	5%	2	3%
Pres. EngAA Assoc. **	1			1	1%
Total Alumni	15 (4%, 4%)	2	5%	3	4%
Optional					
Prof Emer.	62 (15%, 0%)				
Other UT	up to 15 (3%, 0%)				
TOTAL	425	42		71	
TOTAL w/o Optional	348				
** Executive Committee					



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Director Updates:

Skule Kup:

- Raymond and his team ran Hidden Boxes competition and are planning Pit Hockey as their last event for their semester, Pit Hockey.

Cannonball

- Tickets set to go on sale within the next week
- Logistical planning underway, buses, catering, guest list, Faculty invites, photography etc.
- Promotional material and decorations being produced

Project Updates:

Co-curricular Record

- Office of Student Life Focus Groups: Voiced concern over proposed implementation strategies for CCR along with student society executives from UofT.
- Feedback Session with Club Executives: Set up a meeting with club executives regarding the implementation of CCR specifically within Engineering. Good venue to provide information and clarifications regarding procedure.

Site 10

- Club/Student Space proposal was brought up to Planning Committee and agreed upon to be included in design. Space includes proposal included design space, storage space, rehearsal space and meeting space to meet the needs for various types of clubs.
- Club executives had their input on the design of such a space to best tailor is to their needs.

UTP

- In general, UTP is in good condition. Currently working on getting garbage disposal for the building and opening up more space on the ground floor for club usage.

Clubs Training

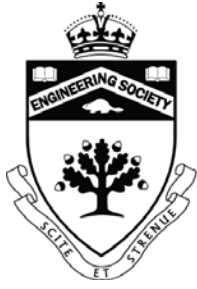
- Working on second instalment of clubs training conference. Working currently on logistical aspects (speakers, room booking, presentations) and beginning promotion. Tentatively scheduled for January 19th 2012.

Club Lockers

- Trying to get lockers installed in SF Basement, specifically for club use. Easily accessible and will be separate from EngSoc lockers. Advantages: we aren't funding them buying a locker from us, can accessed after hours and can be used throughout the summer.

Clubs Digest

- Included information regarding all the discounts offered through EngSoc: Pizza Nova, GotMerch, UPS Store & Subway. Updated information regarding room bookings, EngCom and OSM policy revisions. Information regarding Undergraduate Design Facilities (UDW & UDS). Promotional information of a newly developed app, Watzup.



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Project Updates:

1) PEO-Student Conference

- Attended PEO-SC on Nov 2-4th, hosted by Ottawa
- Dedicated thread will include the report and overview of everything that happened there
- Conference was sponsored by a combination of the Society, Department of Civil Engineering and the UTSU (Academic Endeavour Fund) (funds yet to be received from UTSU at this time)

2) National Conference on Women in Engineering

- Attended NCWIE on Nov 16-18th, hosted by Concordia University in Montreal
- Dedicated thread will include the report and overview of everything that happened there
- Conference funding was acquired solely by me and the contributors are as follows: Alumni Association, UTSU (Academic Endeavour Fund), and the Society (Miscellaneous Conferences Fund 15%).

3) OSPE

- Organized and hosted an OSPE Info session on October 24th which was very well attended
- Provided a list of employers that our students would like to work for to OSPE and we're contacting companies to set up industry info sessions in the second term
- Helped organize a tour of the Nuclear Plant and the Rogers Centre tour, however, due to the academic workload and transportation issues our participation is limited
- Level of interest in off-site activities is very low during the school year, even though the opportunities are great

4) ESSCO

- The Executive have made no attempts to identify and resolve issues of concern to our Society after we issued a notice to withdraw
- The Executive received a free ride to PEO-SC using the membership money and I will move a motion at the next teleconference to cease this funding for such expenses

- Nominations for NEM director will begin shortly, with our NEM Director appointed before exam period start

5) CFES

- The President is open to discussing issues that our Society takes with some activities or lack thereof in CFES
- I remain hopeful for a compromise and CFES taking on a new direction that will allow us to rejoin as ‘members in full standing’ in 2014

Engineering Society Endowment Fund Constitution

DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION ONLY - November 21, 2012

Preamble

The Engineering Society Endowment Fund (“the Fund”) establishes, in perpetuity, a source of funds dedicated exclusively to the improvement of the student experience of undergraduate engineering students at the University of Toronto (“the student body”).

The Fund will be governed in an open and transparent fashion, for the benefit of students, in cooperation with the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering (“the Faculty”) and the University of Toronto (“the University”). Although it owes its creation to and aspects of its mission with the Engineering Society, it is not part of the Society.

The Fund will support initiatives, projects and services, in whole or in part, that enhance the undergraduate experience of the student body, inside and outside the classroom. This includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Student clubs and design teams;
- b. Capital improvements to University buildings and infrastructure;
- c. Classroom and laboratory equipment;
- d. Engineering Society activities and operations.

Definitions

The Fund’s financial assets shall be organized into two categories: capital and income. Capital shall consist of the funds donated to the Fund by the Engineering Society or any other donor. Income shall consist of any profit or gain accrued to the Fund by investment of capital.

Governance

1. There shall be an Endowment Fund Director, elected annually by and from the undergraduate engineering student body.
2. The Fund shall have a Council, consisting of the following eleven (11) Members:
 - a. The Endowment Fund Director;
 - b. The President of the Engineering Society, ex-officio;
 - c. An Officer of the Engineering Society, designated by the President, ex-officio;
 - d. Three (3) undergraduate engineering students appointed by the Engineering Society Board of Directors in a fashion that they may define;
 - e. The Dean of the Faculty, ex-officio;
 - f. The Vice-Dean, Undergraduate, of the Faculty, ex-officio;

- g. The President of the Engineering Alumni Association or their designate, ex-officio;
 - h. One (1) member appointed by the Dean.
 - i. One (1) member appointed by the Engineering Alumni Association from among their membership.
3. Each Member shall have one (1) vote on any question before the Council.
4. With the exception of ex-officio Members, each Member shall have a term of office lasting no longer than 16 months from their appointment or election.
5. In the case of death, resignation or ineligibility of the Endowment Fund Director, the President of the Engineering Society shall assume their role and an immediate by-election will be held.
6. The purpose and responsibilities of the Council shall be to:
 - a. Approve the disbursement of any of the Fund's income or capital;
 - b. Receive the financial statements of the Fund;
 - c. Direct the affairs of the Fund in any fashion requested by the Vice-President, Advancement of the University.
 - d. Oversee the Endowment Fund Director.
7. The Council shall meet at least once per quarter and twice per semester. The Council may schedule additional meetings if required.

Disbursement of Funds

1. Any disbursement of income from the Fund shall require an ordinary resolution of the Council.
 - a. With the exception of administrative costs incurred in conducting the necessary business of the Fund, the Council shall not approve any expenditure of the Fund's income except in accordance with the Fund's mission.
2. Any disbursement of capital from the Fund shall require a referendum of all Engineering Society members, to be called on a special resolution of the Council.

Endowment Fund Director

1. The Endowment Fund Director shall be responsible for:
 - a. Calling and organizing meetings of the Council;
 - b. Soliciting funding proposals from, at least:
 - i. The Engineering Society;
 - ii. Each department or division of the Faculty with an undergraduate program;

- iii. The Director of the Dean's Office or their equivalent;
 - iv. The Property Manager of each building in the engineering precinct;
 - v. The student body at large.
 - c. Maintaining records of all disbursements from the Fund;
 - d. Maintaining records of the Fund's financial position as reported by the University.
 - e. Preparing appropriate guidelines and timelines for funding proposals, to be ratified by the Council.
2. The Endowment Fund Director must not be an Officer or Director of the Engineering Society.
3. The Endowment Fund Director shall be elected by the student body. The election shall be administered by the Engineering Society following the procedures for electing Officers of the Society.

Meetings

1. Quorum for meetings of Council shall be 50% of voting members present.
2. All meetings will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order and this Constitution, with the Constitution to take precedence.
3. Notice of meetings shall be issued to Members at least one (1) month in advance.
4. Notice of meetings shall be issued to the student body at least two (2) weeks in advance and such notice shall include the agenda of the meeting and any funding proposals to be considered at the meeting.

Amendments

1. This Constitution shall only be amended by a referendum of the student body, to be called on a special resolution of Council.

NON-PARTISAN DECLARATION ON UTSU ELECTORAL REFORM

Executive Summary:

- Move to online voting so that commuting students, students with physical disabilities, and disengaged students can best access their right to vote
- Abandon first-past-the-post election system in favor of a preferential – “instant runoff” – system that would ensure that candidates cannot win with less than 50% of the vote
- Abolish vague, overbroad rules in the election procedures code, including the rule against “undermining the authority of the CRO.” Remove the ability of the CRO to punish students for filing complaints he or she unilaterally deems to be “frivolous.”
- Decrease the number of signatures required for nomination of candidates for executive positions – 250 is too high. Controversies about signatures on nomination forms are useless distractions from real issues.
- Improve access to all-candidates debates. All candidates’ debates should be well advertised long in advance, and they should be recorded and posted online prominently and immediately.
- Break down financial barriers to participation by candidates
- Change the composition of the Elections and Referenda Appeals Committee to be made up of a majority of UTSU members. The final appeal in electoral disputes should not be adjudicated by a panel made up of a majority of non-UTSU members.

Introduction

No matter your politics, and no matter who you voted for in the last UTSU election, one thing is clear: it's a problem that every year, elections end up being fights over the rules of the elections themselves and over competing allegations of misconduct. Nobody benefits, least of all students, from elections that focus on procedural fights, and not on an honest debate over how best to serve the student population.

Those who have supported incumbents and those who have supported opposition candidates need to find common ground on at least one important issue: electoral reform. Let's put these issues to bed once and for all, so that UofT students can have the elections they deserve.

So, what does our electoral system need?

1) Accessibility

First thing's first: our election system needs to move into the 21st century. We need to move to a system of online voting so that commuting students, students with physical disabilities, and disengaged students can better access their right to vote.

Think about it - you can do everything from ordering books and pizza online, to paying for tuition, to downloading lecture slides and engaging in class participation. Online voting is a logical next step that has a proven track record of increasing voter turnout in student elections both on UofT campus and across the country. An online system can be more secure, more accessible, and less prone to

human error or tampering - as elections for Governing Council and Councils at numerous Colleges have shown.

2) **Accuracy**

Our first-past-the-post voting system doesn't do enough to accurately represent the views of students. In elections where more than two candidates run, students should be able to rank their candidates in order of preference, in an "instant runoff" preferential voting system. See the link below for an explanation of preferential, or alternative, voting:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FstA45lxgFs>

This type of system would ensure that vote splitting doesn't allow one candidate to win with a share of the vote less than 50%+1. We owe it to students to make sure that our system accurately represents them.

3) **Accountability**

We need to change how our electoral officials run elections, and we need to change the rules to make candidates and officials act in a more accountable, more transparent way.

First, prohibitions against "undermining the authority of the Chief Returning Officer" should be removed from our electoral rules. It should never be against the rules to demand that electoral officials justify their decisions. Vague, over-broad rules like this give the CRO too much arbitrary authority, and are a recipe for unnecessary conflict, disagreement, and potential disqualifications. For the same reason, the CRO should no longer have the power to punish students and dismiss their claims because he considers them to be "frivolous."

Second, the threshold for nominations should be decreased. It takes more petition signatures to be nominated for UTSU President than it does to be nominated for Member of Parliament in some jurisdictions. Conflicts over a few mistakes on nomination forms have caused needless controversy, which could be corrected simply by decreasing the onerous number of signatures that candidates have to collect in order to run.

Third, we need to improve access to all-candidates debates. They should be advertised long in advance and recorded to be posted online for students who are not able to attend. Students have a right to be informed about candidates' positions on important issues.

Fourth, we need to break down financial barriers to participation by candidates. Candidates incur large debts to finance campaigns – and not all campaigns have access to outside resources from interest groups. Reimbursement for campaign expenses often takes too long, and is contingent on too many requirements, thus placing an onerous burden on candidates not backed by organizations that can fund them.

Fifth, we have to improve oversight of the CRO's decisions. We should expand the Elections and

Referenda Appeals Committee to include more members from UofT. It's good to have outside monitoring of our elections, but our final court of appeal shouldn't be made up of a majority of people who don't study or work here (and under the current rules, may not even be students at all).

It is clear that a consensus for reform is both necessary and overdue. Together, we can change our electoral system for the benefit of all students. This declaration calls on all parties, including the UTSU Executive and Board of Directors, to join us in the effort to make elections at UofT more accessible, accurate, and accountable.

Sincerely,
[The Undersigned]

POST	FT	PT***	Total	Discipline	Funding
AECHEBASC	468	66	534	Chem	\$ 3,403.00
AECIVBASC	489	67	556	Civ	\$ 3,502.00
AECPEBASC	367	76	443	Comp	\$ 2,993.50
AEELEBASC	783	147	930	Elec	\$ 5,185.00
AEENGBASC	175	3	178	TrackOne	\$ 1,051.00
AEESCBASE*	896	128	1024	EngSci	\$ 5,608.00
AEINDBASC	347	69	416	Indy	\$ 2,872.00
AELMEBASC	125	9	134	Min	\$ 1,603.00
AEMECBASC	655	151	806	Mech	\$ 4,627.00
AEMMSBASC	188	31	219	MSE	\$ 1,985.50
AE NDEG**	161	56	217	N/A	
TOTAL	4654	803	5457		\$ 32,830.00

* All EngSci

** All Non-degree

***PT includes PEY

Ontario Water Works Association - Student Chapter	lesley.herstein@mail.utoronto.ca	http://owwa.sa.utoronto.ca/
Nspire Innovation Network	info@nspire.org	http://nspire.org/
MSE Industry Club	internal@ma.skule.ca	ma.skule.ca & smta.skule.ca
Students Fighting Cancer (SFC)	studentsfightingcancers@gmail.com	http://sfc.sa.utoronto.ca/
Business Association (UTBA)	afshin.ameri@utoronto.ca	
The Egyptian Students Association at the University of Toronto (ESA-Uoft)	executive@esa-uoft.ca	http://esa-uoft.ca/home/
University of Toronto Music Clubs Initiative	uoft.music.clubs.initiative@gmail.com	https://ulife.utoronto.ca/organizations/view/id/3118
University of Toronto Space Design Contest	chair@utsdc.org	utsdc.org
FYEA (Former Yugoslavian Engineering Association)	fyea.skule@gmail.com	fyea.skule.ca (Not currently running)
University of Toronto FSAE	team@fsaeutoronto.ca	fsaeutoronto.ca
Middle Eastern Students' Association	mesa.utsg@gmail.com	http://mesa.sa.utoronto.ca/
The Brass Ring	brassring@g.skule.ca	http://www.skulemusic.ca/brassring/index.php
Skule Improv Society	skuleimprov@outlook.com	improv.skule.ca
Ontario Society of Professional Engineers U of T Section	zahin.rahman@mail.utoronto.ca	ospe.skule.ca

Clubs	Allocated
CESA	2,600.00
University of Toronto Aeronautics Team	2,500.00
Blue Sky Solar	2,500.00
Concrete Canoe	2,500.00
Iron Dragons	1,750.00
MDA	1,300.00
iGEM	1,250.00
Skule Orchestra	1,100.00
Hacker Academy	1,000.00
University of Toronto Supermileage Team	1,000.00
Skule Arts Festival	800.00
Spark Design Club	800.00
ASME	800.00
CSCHE	700.00
UTEFR	700.00
Tetra	600.00
IEEE	600.00
Skule's Got Talent	600.00
Arab Student Association	600.00
Club for Undergraduate Biomedical Engineering	500.00
U of T Solar House Design Team	500.00
Refresh Bolivia	500.00
Institute of Industrial Engineers - Chapter 889 (University of Toronto Chapter)	500.00
Skule Rocketry	500.00
UTEFA	500.00
Galbraith Society	500.00
ECC	500.00
Students Fighting Cancer	400.00
Engineering Photography Club	400.00
Skule Stage Band	400.00
Eyes of Hope	300.00
Indian Students' Society (ISS)	300.00
Iron Sports	300.00
KESA	300.00
UTET	250.00
LGBTQASE	220.00
Ontario Water Works Association Student Chapter at University of Toronto	200.00
U of T Music Clubs Initiative (MCI)	200.00
University of Toronto Concrete Toboggan Team	200.00
Tales of Harmiona	150.00
RCIF	150.00
N-Sight Mentorship	150.00
Skule Magic	100.00
U of T Mandarin Chinese Christian Fellowship	200.00
ENGSCI BASKETBALL	0.00
University of Toronto Space Design Contest	0.00
Power to Change	200.00
National Society of Black Engineers University of Toronto Chapter	1,000.00
IESA	0.00
MESA	500.00
Total	33,220.00

Manual
for the

Academic Advocacy Committee

of the

University of Toronto Engineering Society

Approved by
Board of Directors
2012-November-20

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1. Membership

1.1. Voting Members

The voting members on the committee shall consist of:

- a. The Officers of the Engineering Society
- b. Representatives of the Board of Directors of the Engineering Society
- c. Student Representatives to the Faculty Council Standing Committees

1.2. Guest Participants

- a. Guest participants can include any undergraduate student in the faculty of applied science and engineering who may attend and speak without invitation, but do not have voting privileges on routine or special matters.
- b. Other individuals who are not undergraduate students of the faculty of applied science and engineering can attend with invitation of a voting member on the Committee and with the approval of the Chair of the Committee.

1.3. Chair

- a. The Committee shall be chaired by the Vice President Academic of the Engineering Society.
- b. The Chair can appoint one (1) co-chair at his/her discretion.

2. Terms of Reference

The Academic Advocacy Committee is responsible for identifying a global student opinion on academic matters so that the Committee can accurately advance these issues to the Engineering Society, Faculty Council and the Standing Committees, and the attention of other faculty members and administrators.

3. Duties of Committee

The function of the Committee should include the following:

- a. To hear the concerns of the student body regarding academic and curricular issues
- b. To relate the concerns of the student body to issues of discussion within the mandates of Faculty Council Standing Committees (FCSC) and/or the Vice-President Academic
- c. To consult with classmates and the general student body about ongoing issues resulting from Faculty Council, the FCSCs, or other academic programs issues from the Faculty or EngSoc.

- d. To relay findings from consultation to the most appropriate group, including Class Representatives, Discipline Club Executives, FCSC Representatives, or the Engineering Society Executive, who shall further address these issues with the appropriate representatives of the Faculty and Administration.
- e. To provide oversight and guidance for the FCSC Representatives
- f. To gather and provide feedback on initiatives within the portfolio of the Vice President Academic
- g. To gather feedback on courses, professors, and programs
- h. To provide appropriate results from this feedback to students
- i. To use this feedback to discuss curricular or teaching-related issues with Faculty, Discipline Clubs, FCSCs, and the Engineering Society as appropriate.
- j. To update the Terms of Reference as necessary.

4. Rules of Procedure

- a. Whenever possible, the Committee shall strive to achieve consensus on issues for discussion.
- b. In the event that consensus cannot be reached, a vote shall take place consisting of all present members of the Committee in which a simple majority must be obtained to come to a decision involving only two alternatives.
- c. In the event that a decision has more than two alternatives, multiple, successive rounds of voting in which each round the least-selected alternative is removed.
- d. A “do nothing” alternative shall always be provided in situations involving more than two alternatives.

5. Reference Documents

- a. Manual for the Academic Advocacy Committee
- b. The Constitution of the Engineering Society