

Engineering Society Council Minutes: Thursday, November 5th, 2009

Location: ILC 131

Meeting begins: 5:50pm

Attendance: Victoria Pleavin (V by proxy), Max Howarth (V by proxy), Derrick Dodgson (V), Mike Brown (V), Cenk Aytimur (V), Jay Young, Jacob Elias (V), Elizabeth Philps (V), Torreucio Vigilante, Colin Murdock, Brigitte Baker (Y), Ed Watson (Y), Xin Zhang (Y), Jonathan Berger (Y), Josh Randall (Y), Jessica Steeves (Y), Mitchell Dembowski (Y), Matt Lloyd (V), Jessica Albanese (Y), Lauren Gibson (Y), Jill Lackey (by proxy), Christine McClure (V), Robin Johannsen, Kathleen Boyd, Cassie Frengopolous, Victoria Buckingham, Anna Manley (Y), Lauren Bates (Y), Sean Abraham (Y), Joey Frohlinger, Brent Mucci (Y), Jeff Booth, Dan Gleeson (V by proxy), Andrew Sullivan, Greg Ellis (Y), Cory Vos, Kasmel Niyongabo, Marinos Tryphonas (V), Emily Haggarty, Rob Lee

Proxies:

Renee Kenny to Jill Lackey: 6:31pm

Max Howarth to Joey Frohlinger 7:16pm

Ryan Low to Kasmel Niyongabo 7:18pm

Matt Lloyd to Robyn Johannsen 7:28pm

Jonathan Berger to Josh Randall 7:28pm

Xin Zhang to Jessica Steeves 7:28pm

Mitchell Dembowski to Robin Johannsen 7:28pm

Changes to Agenda:

- Motion 1:

Be it resolved that Council approve the Agenda of the Council meeting of Thursday, November 5th, 2009

- Pleavin: One thing has been added late, motion to move Mech report to sunny for the rest of the term. Added as motion 12
- Passed: 5:51pm

- Motion 2:

Be it resolved that Council approve the minutes of the Council meeting of Thursday October 22nd, 2009 as seen on the EngSoc website

- *Adjustments made: None*
- Passed: 5:52pm

Speaker's Business as given by Rob Lee:

- This week we're going to follow our bylaws and enforce the rule of only speaking once per debate point. This however does not include points of information, points of personal privilege, and points of order
- As the speaker I'm allowed to change the rules of order
- Brown: To change a rule of order you have to give a motion at the council prior
- Lee: Does anyone object to us bringing through this policy tonight (*crickets*)

- Following bylaw 2 tonight, in the past you may have spoken several times per debate point, today you may only speak once per the debate point and only for 10 minutes, with an exception being for the person moving the motion. If you have a question, you must direct it at the mover of the motion and if they don't know the answer they can give there speaking rights to someone else.

Pleavin: Motion to move 12 to the front. Passed: 5:55pm

- Motion 12:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mech report be moved to sunny for the rest of the term
- Renee Kenny: I'm the mech rep and I have a quiz every other Thursday which conflicts with the happy group but I can do the sunny group.
- Passed: 5:58pm

New Business:

- Motion 3:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: there shall be an Ad Hoc committee of council to look into the appreciation of those who work within the Society
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the VP Society Affairs and Director of Finance sit on this committee and that the VP Society Affairs chair it
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Mackenzie Dixon sit on the committee to provide his / her views as a past member of ERB
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Jeff Booth sit on the committee to provide his / her views as a past service manager
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Kathleen Boyd and Troy Mannell sit on the committee to provide their views as committee members
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Derrick Dodgson sit on the committee to provide his / her views as a power officer
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Rob Lee (a voting member of council) sit on the committee
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the committee produce a report to be presented at the last council of Fall Term

- Aytimur: This was a motion that was brought forth a few weeks ago, the reason we're looking for such specific people is that we're looking for broad representation so that we can come up with an equal appreciation for everybody that's involved in the society. It's not going to be a huge time commitment, 4 hours total. Cory and I will bring prepared things to the first meeting and then we can discuss how we would like to appreciate
- Vos: Motion was originally from 2 weeks ago, with John Orr coming up and Sci formal I Motion to have the report presented at the LAST council of fall term *-friendly*
- Abraham: Who are considered committee members?
- Aytimur: Anyone who's been on any EngSoc committee

Nominations

- Brown: Derrick Dodgson as committee member

- Dodgson: Accept
- Gleeson: Booth as service manager
- Booth: Accept
- Sullivan: Dixon as ERB, he's not here but he told earlier that he wanted to do this
- Gleeson: Mannell as a committee member
- Aytimur: Megan Fell as a committee member
- Ellis: Move Derrick to power officer
- Gleeson: Abraham
- Abraham: Decline
- Aytimur: Marinos
- Tryphonas: Decline
- Gleeson: POI what is BOD considered, past or new members?
- Aytimur: Any past BOD member
- Brown: Rob Lee as voting member
- Lee: Accept
- Dodgson: Jessica Albanese as voting member
- Albanese: Decline
- Vos: Kathleen Boyd as committee member
- Boyd: Accept
- Gleeson: POI we have Jeff. BOD and services are sort of similar. I would like to amend to strike BOD member *-friendly*
- Pleavin: 3 questions for candidates

Questions

- Gleeson: Could you please all do your best interpretation of Mackenzie Dixon
- Aytimur: What have you all been involved in and what will you bring to this committee?
- Dodgson: Vice President for Sci '12 for 2 years, member of committee on inclusivity, constitutional guru, ERB. I feel that I'll be a valuable member for this committee
- Fell: Chair of external relations committee this year.
- Lee: Staff at the tearoom and an icon, year exec as AMS and Fubar, OC, Engenda editor, I can offer a breadth of positions, especially since OC received enumeration this year for the first time.
- Booth: Sci '09, trying to remember everything, queens bands, head manager of tearoom, Clark, committee on inclusivity, been around here for a long time so I feel that I can bring perspective to the committee
- Boyd: FC last year, one of two athletics rep this year, younger, hoping to get more involved in EngSoc
- Aytimur: I would like everyone to vote on this even if they don't have a vote
- Watson: Will there be pizza at these meetings and if not how will these be appreciated

- Aytimur: This is coming in after the budget is passed... Self satisfaction!
- Low: Clarification, what is the scope of this appreciation, operations, services?
- Aytimur: We're planning on looking at all the volunteer groups in the society, sci formal, frosh week, but not individual staff appreciation, so if they don't have a budget within the engineering society we will not be looking at them.
- Passed: 6:20pm

Brown: Motion to omnibus Motions 4,5,6,7,8

- Passed: 6:21pm

- Motion 4:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council ratify Sarah Davidson and Kyla Ronneberg as Engineering Review Board members

- Frengopolous: Finally able to hire people yay, you're awesome

- Motion 5:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Allison Chong, Kathryn McLeod, Rebeka Brykajlo, Melissa DaCunha, and Jacqueline Zyla be ratified as the ERC committee members for 2009-2010.

- Niyongabo: Megan and I hired people for ERC last week, they're amazing, ratify them.

- Motion 6:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council ratifies Al Amin, Valerie Sugarman, Colin Murdoch, Joey Frohlinger, Kevin Sivabalan, Mikhael Teryohin, Torrencio Vigilante as Computer Managers.

- Mucci: Finally finished hiring and initial training.

- Motion 7:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council ratify Matt Cudmore and Ryan Reid as Deputy Returning Officers for the 2009-2010 year

- Pleavin: Hired DROs they'll be awesome and run events, like debate night and I'm excited, sorry they're not here

- Motion 8:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the hiring of Claire Wunker as the 2010 Orientation Chair

- Ellis: This almost went through last council, but not everyone knew their status. Claire's going to do a great job.

- Mucci: those are my amazing computer managers, they will be my work force and me working with them, if something gets done that you really like/appreciate thank them

Omnibus Passed: 6.36pm

Albanese: POI wondering, where's the foster child thing

Pleavin: I have a lovely new locker to store the candy, I forgot about it. I'll get it during the break

- Motion 9:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the changes to Appendix C (design team charters) as seen in appendix GO TEAM GO

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Council approve of the changes to Policy Manual Section Kappa as seen in Appendix TEAM GO TEAM

- Watson: It's been one of my big projects this year to read policy and make it better. One of the things particular to my policy is that we have lot of groups that don't exist anymore but are still in policy. If you look at the appendix in go teams go, b- EngSoc affiliated clubs, those three paged are out of kappa and the rest are c which are design teams charters, we added biofuels to it, we're just cutting out a few that don't exist, the corresponding changes in c kappa with the corresponding teams, and I've changed the names to what they actually are. I've confirmed everything with the team leaders and done my best to find the old ones.
- Passed:6:40pm

- Motion 10:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve of the changes to policy beta as seen in appendix "I am the Eggman"

- Aytimur: Vic ran out to grab council candy, the things shuffled around in policy for people portfolios
- Aytimur: thank you!
- Passed: 6:41pm

- Motion 11:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approve of the changes to By-Law 2 in its first reading as seen in appendix "Eight Days a Week"

- Dodgson: The motion which we allowed to take place earlier tonight is amending bylaw 2, a pretty hefty document. We want to make a lot of changes so that we properly follow the bylaws so we want to update things so that we're not breaking the rules. We're going to change it to allow people to speak multiple times, 3 minutes maximum, people can only speak a 2nd time once everyone else that wants to speak has spoken. We would really like to pass this so that people can follow rules properly.
- Pleavin: Amendments: part 3 10.2 some bad English there, crossed out "a member of" changed part 3 13.G It says "amendment may be taken as friendly as the discretion of the mover as long as no voting member objects" added the last bit
- Part 4 26, originally crossed out, brought back to say no member will introduce debate, everything else what I did was un struck all references as to what is speaking to or not speaking to the motion, but everyone

needs to know what that is. I'm going to show them up on the screen in a minute so it's easier to follow.

- Brown: Amend: 17 B and add on in instances for speaker to answer a direct question *-friendly*
- Dodgson: The change that Mike will make is that member may speak to a motion more than once after every other member has spoken once or unless approved by the speaker to answer a direct question.
- Tryphonas: The friendly clause: even if it's made friendly, the majority of council can move to strike it, like I'm about to do, moving to strike the recent amendment re: "as long as no voting member objects" *unfriendly*
 - Pleavin: What would happen now if I said it was friendly but someone else disagreed? Not fair to other members
 - Lee: In the past if the amendment was deemed friendly it would become as a part of the motion, but Vic thinks that if one person disagrees it should be debated
 - Brown: Would like to bring to attention that the current policy, friendly amendments can only be made if they don't go against the intent of the motion, should only be grammatical etc
 - Dodgson: Speaking against, in this particular situation people have to start a new amendment, be faster if we can just do it all together instead of having to create a new amendment
 - Brown: Speaking against, if it's something that changes the intent you might have to make the decision of voting down the main part of the motion just because you didn't like what was added on.. now you can
 - Pleavin: To keep things clean, I don't want motions to need to be brought back
 - Lee: POI reconsiderations can be time consuming
 - Tryphonas: It's weird to give that much power to one voting member; it's a "greater of two evils". It's easy to do what I'm doing right now and then don't need extra clauses. You can just amend it if you don't like the friendly changes:
 - Baker: Is making something unfriendly just opening up debate?
 - Lee: When friendly it's included in the motion with no debate, with unfriendly there is a sub section on the debate and is separately opened on.
 - Motion Fails: 6:55pm
- Lee: Back to debate on original motion
- Vos: Speak against the change about only being able about to speak once. I think there a few issues with council about length, because people being able to speak as many times as they want. This creates bad habits, like 'I want to change this little thing without really thinking about it'. A lot of this that come from this. If you can't speak whenever you want you put for time into things that you say. A lot of people don't want to spend 5 hours here, especially when 2 of it is useless banter, I understand that if you only talk once it makes for bad debate. I'm all for changing policy and making

it better, but I think we need to ask ourselves is what we're doing the best practice now. I like the idea of shortening council. I know people that used to come to council and now don't. I'm not saying that only talking once is the best solution, but allowing everyone to speak whenever they want isn't helpful.

- Dodgson: Making amendments counts as speaking towards the motion
- Sullivan: I thought it was a good point that came up for the checking power for the friendly : amending to change the clause to read “ as long as no 2 voting members object” -*friendly*
- Elias: Very often when a motion is read most people will know how they feel about it, where there will be 2/3 people that will keep up the discussion will talk the whole time. If someone has many points they can write them down and say everything. Leave it as it is currently so people can only speak once -*Unfriendly*
 - Lloyd: POI is there any way for us to have a trial period?
 - Pleavin: We are having it right now
 - Low: we have to pass it at two councils since it's a bylaw
 - Elias: Important amendment to keep council moving, council is unnecessarily long.
 - Dodgson: Speaker has the right to cut off people, as long as there is reasonable debate. Sometimes people like to address points brought up by other people. We could be cutting off important debate. I don't feel like we need to limit the people speaking
 - Tryphonas: I agree with Mr. Dodgson, the only extra thing is that the majority of redundant comments are a group problem. This wouldn't fix that, it's the speakers responsibility
 - Albanese: I'm not for it being everyone speak once, but I'm also against people being able to speak all they want, can people have like 5 turns to speak
 - Lloyd: Is there currently a time limit?
 - Brown: I would urge that for the rest of council we reflect upon the debate we're having here, we need a healthy debating area, people bring up ideas that you may not have thought of, it makes debating ineffective if they've already used their turn, I would also like to remind council that they have the right to call the question and stop the date
 - Abraham: POI to call to question you need to be on the speaker list
 - Aytimur: POI no you don't have to be on speakers list to all the question because it's a procedural
 - Lee: Yes you do have to be on the speakers list
 - Vos: Do you need a vote to call the question
 - Lee: No any member
 - Pleavin: This is a bad idea, 1: people aren't prepared sometimes, surprise, you only get one shot and saying something, makes you the “fun police” so no one can say anything funny, becomes convoluted, because you have to say everything on one thought,

you have to think of everything that could be discussed, not only do I add in more, I have to ramble covering every item that could come up in a question, even if I do go through my long list and I miss something I don't get to answer. It's not good because it blocks you from debate, most of our debates are like question period, too many POI can be difficult, it's easier to have streamlined thoughts

- Ellis: I'm against having it be just a onetime shot, what you can actually see tonight from testing this out is that everyone is interjecting with point of info and order, it's a very confusing way to debate points. As to having a max of 5 times to talk would be very logistically difficult, we'd need a spreadsheet. I firmly believe that it's the responsibility of the speaker to curb any cyclic debate and it's the responsibility of council to not have cyclic debates. People may think that that to get their point heard they will repeat their points; this is the council person's responsibility and the speaker. This is the highest body of EngSoc and where the business is passed, good debate will help facilitate that
- Lee: Sorry there was a mistake, the mover can only speak for the opening and closing
- Low: Consider that when the speakers are being elected the student body needs to elect someone that will do the proper job. This needs to be expressed at the AGM. A lot of good points have been made, motion to call the question: 7:17pm
- Motion fails 7:18 pm
- Abraham: Previous motion to end debate was illegal
- Lee: Illegal re: section 31, subsection E, can't motion to call the question for amendments.
 - Lee: voting on amendment again
 - Motions fails again: 7:20pm
- Pleavin: It says to extend by 30 minutes and I was asked to extend to an hour, but I'm not going to so that we don't have to stay an extra hour if unnecessary. I didn't add an endpoint because if we're talking about something time sensitive you could end up in huge trouble. Motion to adjourn at any time.
- Dodgson: Thank you everyone for going through all this I know it's kind of annoying, makes everything we do at council legitimate, or else it's pretty sketchy. I think all the changes are really good and necessary
- Lee: This is the first reading so you will see it all again next week!
- Passed: 7:23pm

Zhang: Motion to move QPID update forward

- Passed: 7:24pm

Ellis: Motion to move up board as well

- Passed: 7:24pm

QPID Report as given by Xin Zhang:

- Applications for site director and conferences due tomorrow. This year we'll teach English in literacy camps, looking for students to serve as interns in Ghana. Specifically looking for students with good technical backgrounds and engineering. Email: qpid@generaldirector.qpid.queensu.ca. Applications on EngSoc site. November 12 is the middle school dance party at Alfies. Backstreet Boys, Spice Girls, etc. Early bird tickets sold out, buy 5\$ tickets at the door, not all ages. Also, QPID has hired new webmaster

Board Report as given by Andrew Pope:

- Sorry for not being here normally. I have a lot of commitments on Thursday nights. I plan on being here more regularly. BOD, first meeting in September, student members are divided into 3 sub committees:
 - Strat plan committee: why not have a cohesive strat plan that gets updated year to year
 - Finance committee which is going well
 - Policy subcommittee: reviewing BOD policy and financial subcommittees,
- Kathryn Ella (alum member) will be stepping down at the end of the year, found a replacement, transitioning started
- November 23 next meeting, Chris Reinfelds will be the chair because I will be having surgery
- Is there stuff that people want to hear about board every week?

Pleavin: Ratification? Will the new alum member be ratified through us?

Ellis: In response to Vic, the procedure for alum and faculty members is up to the exec.

Tryphonas: you can only report on decisions since anything else is confidential. The main points for the decisions, is there much else you can tell?

Pope: I can give general idea, yes the subjects are confidential, but we can discuss the things that the sub committees are working on.

Lee: address the speaker when speaking

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Executive Reports:

- Greg Ellis, President:
 - Engineering Hymn:
 - Not much more than what's in report
 - Sci formal on Saturday, open house from 12-4, main structure looks awesome, for everyone that's in Sci 10 the last day to buy tickets is soon
- Mike Brown, VPA:
 - Look at all the wonderful numbers contained in my report, and make sure your discipline spends money on cool stuff, will be working on refining the first year curriculum, last year they tried to make changes without consulting us and we voted it down at faculty board

- Ed Watson, VPSD:
 - Not much to add to my written report except I did say that the sailboat team wasn't successful, trying again in the winter, but you're actually not allowed, will try next year
- Ryan Low, VPOps:
 - *(ran out to help Sci Formal with some issues)*
- Cenk Aytimur, VPSA:
 - Last few weeks have been uneventful with midterms etc

Director Reports:

- Victoria Pleavin, Internal Affairs:
 - I'm very sick, got new voting cards yay, they were annoying, thanks to Max for designing them, I said new placards in my report but I meant new voting cards
- Robin Johannsen, First Year:
 - *(no report submitted, no report allowed to be given)*
- Kasmel Niyongabo, External Communications:
 - In report will send link regarding meeting
- Andrew Sullivan, Professional Development:
 - Report, meeting with career services tomorrow and will have updates next council
- Jillian Lackey, Events:
 - Wine and cheese and Sci formal
- Dan Gleeson, Services:
 - Hiring Science Quest tomorrow, staff chats start Monday
- Cory Vos, Finance:
 - Read report
- Brent Mucci, I.T.
 - Midterm hiatus, 11 computer managers, look forward to that

Question Period #1:

Q1: Watson: Do we still address speaker in question period?

Lee: yes. And you may ask multiple questions

Watson: What happened at COI?

A1: Booth: Good first meeting, elected our chair, talked about what we want to accomplish, how to get people to feel more comfortable in the lounge, things can be applied to 2014, biweekly meetings, more to follow

Faculty Board Report as given by Albanese:

- Hasn't met

A.M.S. Report as given by Abraham:

- Laptops banned last year at AMS assembly, now re-allowed
- Mackenzie has been going but doesn't need to
- QBAC queens backing action on climate change
- AMS was 35 minutes long last week.

Senate Report as given by NOT HERE:

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Athletic Report as given by Kathleen Boyd:

- Fall intramurals running smoothly
- Winter intramurals due at end of November
- BEWIC, will be held in Queens Centre

Club Reports: Happy

- Engineering Physics Report as given by no one!:
 - AWAY
- Electrical and Computer Engineering Report as given by Dan Gleeson:
 - ECE bowling, super fun, didn't make it...
 - ECE and apple wine and cheese this weekend will be fun
- Mining Engineering Report as given by Andrew Sullivan:
 - Don't know what's going on except this weekend is our wine and cheese
- Engineering Chemistry Report as given by Anna Manly:
 - Wine and cheese, 4-6 Saturday, planning Christmas potluck

Year Reports:

- Sci'10 Report as given by Lauren Gibson:
 - Haven't done much since last meeting since Sci formal is Saturday!
 - Postponed thank you gift because now is a bad time to ask Sci '10s for money

- Sci'11 Report as given by Rob Lee:
 - Missed last meeting because of midterm
 - Designs for t-shirts since we haven't had any since 1st year
 - Semi formal at some point
 - Talks of us doing it at joy again "EngJOY" again

- Sci'12 Report as given by Derrick Dodgson
 - Doug's birthday tomorrow
 - Halloween party, very small turnout...
 - Looking into planning retro party at Elixir possibly this semester, merch we have a t-shirt design for Sci12 based on jack Daniels logo, belt buckles order coming in on the 13th

- Sci'13 Report as given by Jessica Steeves:
 - Zombie land man hunt event went really well 200 some participants
 - Finalizing details about x-mas

Question Period #2:

Q1: Pleavin: Look at the stool!!?

A1: Steeves: We put the Frosh week kilt, stables zombie land stuff on it. More decorations to follow

Q2: Elias: why are your paper airplanes better...

A2: Gleeson: paper plane ability inversely proportional to grease pole time

Q3: Ellis: for the sci 12 t-shirts, I'm sure ceo will have better prices have you looked into them

A3: Dodgson: I believe we have looked into ceo, but I believe ceo was not the most competitive price

Elias: we found a guy for AA shirts for 10\$ a piece

Q4: Albanese: are any Sci 10s that are good at photo shop? Can you please help me if you have a few spare hours?

A4: Gleeson: ask Chris

Q5: Baker: I heard Sci 13 was doing coat check for Sci formal this year, is that true? If so who I would like to talk to them

A5: Steeves, Kirsten, Sci formal rep. Myself Kirsten and Matt Lloyd I think. For sure 3 of us

Q6: Niyongabo: What happening with the cheque reqs

A6: Low: cheque reqs now have a mail box for cheque reqs "Cheque req inbox"

Vos: Also any other financial forms can go in that slot

Q7: Aytimur: what's happening with the ops portfolio?

A7: Low: Good news for groups doing deposits, deposit safe for groups I'll update you when this happens so when you have a large amount of money you don't have to carry it around, everything in report

Q8: Frengopoulos: Does the deposit box include events like EngWeek

Low: Yes, will all go in deposit safe for anyone who runs finances through us

Meeting adjourned: 8:04pm