Engineering Society Council Minutes

Thursday, March 12th, 2015

Beamish-Munro Hall (ILC) 313

Speaker: Ryan Cattryse

Secretary: Oleg Baranov

Meeting Begins: 6:02 pm

1. **Adoption of the Agenda**

**Motion 1:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council approve the agenda of the Council meeting of Thursday, March 12th, 2015 as seen on the EngSoc website.

Moved by: Julianna Jeans

Seconded by: Ryan Cattryse

Opening (Julianna Jeans): I know the clickers are slow at times. The signal is coming through, just make sure to vote as soon as the poll is open.

Ryan Cattryse: Is there any more debate on the motion?

Motion Passes: 6:02 pm (29 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)

1. **Adoption of the Minutes**

**Motion 2:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council approve the minutes of the Council meeting of Thursday, February 26th 2015, as seen on the EngSoc website.

Moved by: Oleg Baranov

Seconded by: Julianna Jeans

Opening (Oleg Baranov): If you’d like something changed, please fire me an email.

Ryan Cattryse: Is there any debate on the motion?

Motion Passes: 6:04 pm (29 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)

1. **Speaker’s Business**

Ryan Cattryse: I’m really excited for this coming year. I will start with the rules, which are on the back of the plaques in front of you. I would like to encourage everyone to refrain from using acronyms. I have been here for two years, and I still don’t know what half of you are saying. Please make sure to abide by all Council rules, or I will be very sad. Are there any questions?

1. **Presentation**

Dean Woodhouse: A couple of quick things. First of all, thank you to everyone that’s involved with our Open House next Saturday. So far our numbers for next year are up 5-6% compared to last year. The Direct Entry program into Electrical engineering is getting a lot of traction. One thing that I’d like to remind you of, is that it’s not going to be easy to move out of the choice you made for a discipline. Programs are starting to close because we are at our maximum capacity level. So please, make sure you think about it carefully when choosing a discipline. Our international applications are also up as well. There are also a group of students within engineering that are putting together a peer-counseling program. I am a big supporter of this. One of our teams won the energy competition in Calgary, which is great! Finally, a group of students went down to other universities to see how they are using their team design spaces.

Alex Rey: I know last year the enrolment numbers spiked. Are there any procedures in place to control that?

Dean Woodhouse: This year we are taking the students much more carefully. Especially transfers from other faculties and universities, and international students.

1. **New Business: Motions 3-9**

**Motion 3:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT  
Council approve the changes to Bylaw 6, as seen in appendix “Removal Surgery”.

Moved by: Frank Hung

Seconded by: Liam Gordon

Opening (Frank Hung): If you guys all have a chance, please flip over to an example of by-law. Essentially, there are a lot of rules that exist for design teams, but none for discipline clubs. This motion will put more responsibility and accountability on the discipline clubs, and improve the communication between the clubs and EngSoc.

Eleanor McAuley: I would like to make a small friendly amendment to the motion.

Julie Tseng: We went over this, and I think the intent with obligating the clubs is a good thing. This will let us create a stronger relationship between the Society and the clubs.

Mike Bodley: Frank, how much consultation have you had with discipline club heads?

Frank Hung: I have been chatting with a lot of discipline clubs over the past few weeks. On the whole, they agree with the general spirit of it.

Sam Anderson: How exactly do we define “clubs”? I am a big confused by the definition.

Alex Rey: ERB is still looking over the by-law. It requires a number of changes.

Frank Hung: I understand that the definition of the

Emily Townsend: What sort of liability does EngSoc have over the discipline clubs?

Jay Young: This would tie us more to the clubs. We do not have specific liability with respect to discipline clubs. This will be part of Andrew Crawford job this coming summer, is figuring out just what sort of liability there will be.

Jacqueline Craig: I have reviewed this as a representative of Apple Math. I think there are some great changes here which will definitely improve communication.

Matt Slavin: Going through this, there are a number of great changes here. I just wanted to clarify the point on discipline clubs receiving money from the Society. It seems to me that this requires another read-through by ERB.

Dylan Bram: I would just like to remind everyone that because this is a by-law, it will go through a second reading before it is added to policy. I would also like to formally amend “Section 8.5”, sub sections “A” and “B”. I think this sections requires a bit of clarification.

Eric McElroy: I am in support of this amendment. I would like to clarify that hiring training would greatly benefit the club executives.

Morgan Roff: What constitutes discipline club executive?

Frank Hung: The composition of each discipline clubs is structured by the constitution. Pretty much, each individual discipline clubs decides on what their executive is.

Sam Anderson: I have another amendment to propose, to Section 5.2, sub-section “C”.

Ryan Cattryse: Can we please have that in writing. Is there any more debate on the motion?

Morgan Roff: Are the discipline clubs under the executive, or is there a director in charge of them?

Julie Tseng: The director of Internal Affairs communicates with the executives of the discipline clubs. There is no one that directly oversees them however. That is something that we will be looking to change in the future.

Alex Rey: I propose that we table this motion.

Alex Wood: Additionally, I will make it a point to create a plan for communication between the Engineering Society and discipline clubs during this coming summer.

Ryan Cattryse: Is there any more debate on this motion?

Motion Passes: 7:45 pm (28 for, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions)

**Motion 4:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT  
Council approve the changes to policy section θ: Financial Policies, as seen in Appendix “Post ­‐ Op Rehab”

Moved by: Frank Hung

Seconded by: Liam Gordon

Opening (Frank Hung): Now we are looking directly at policy. I’d encourage everyone to open up policy, and look at the specific lines outlined. This policy will essentially open up a bit more money to the discipline clubs on an annual basis.

Bailey Piggott: Where did you come up with these numbers?

Frank Hung; I think that for a decision such as this, it is not for any one member of a discipline club to decide. It should be clearly written out in policy.

Matt Slavin: Just to clarify, the $1,400.00 is the rollover?

Frank Hung: Yes, that is correct.

Alex Rey: ERB is still looking over this policy.

Eric McElroy: Why do we not just build in more funding for the discipline clubs? Considering that we are a non-for-profit, we should be spending this money.

Andrew Crawford: Yes we should be budgeting for zero, but every year we have a contingency budget plan.

Jay Young: We often have a roll-over from year to year. It varies greatly from year to year.

Frank Hung: Someone had brought up a concern stating that there are no rules for the discretionary fund. I think that the executive team should have no problem allocating the funds fairly to all discipline clubs.

Stephanie Carswell: Discipline clubs could definitely benefit from these excess funds. I’m not sure what we at Civil would use this money for right now, however I think we could find an appropriate use for it.

Matt Slavin; I think that there are a lot of initiatives within the Society that would like to receive additional funds for various reasons. Because of this, I would be very cautious in opening the flood gates of giving out student dollars.

Frank Hung: The purpose for the discretionary fund that is the executive would know exactly what the money is being used for.

Emily Townshend: I don’t think that enough accountability exists yet, that would allow it to be appropriate for the Society to give out money to discipline clubs.

Andrew Crawford: EngSoc does not simply give out cash money. Spent money is reimbursed, and for that to happen we need receipts, in order to look at what the money was spent on.

Frank Hung: I would like to withdraw the motion.

Ryan Cattryse: Is there any more debate on the motion?

**Motion 5:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT  
Council approves the changes to policy section iota as seen in appendix GoToBED.

Moved by: Jacqueline Craig

Seconded by: Sam Anderson

Opening (Jacqueline Craig): The motion was emailed out to everyone. It basically adds a bracket “S” at the very end, to add more positions. This will create a bit more accountability within the BED Fund.

Alex Doig: ERB has reviewed the motion, and it looks good.

Matt Slavin; Does anyone who has served on the BED Fund in the past think this would benefit the fund?

Sam Anderson; I think having a coordinator would greatly benefit the DEB fund, and definitely improve the overall organization.

Dylan Bram: What page of the document have the actual changes?

Julianna Jeans: Unfortunately it has been changed on every single page.

Ryan Cattryse: Is there any debate on the motion?

Motion Passes: 8:32 pm (32 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)

1. **Break – 8:32 pm**

Break ends: 8:37 pm

1. **Executive Reports**
2. **President**

Julie Tseng: So I wrote a lengthy report, cause a lot has been happening. I have set up most of my static meetings. In addition, I attended AMS assembly last week. We’ll hear more about that later. The dean talked about the open house. The faculty is spearheading a health and wellness day. You guys should also help them out by giving ideas. It’s taking place on April 8th. Also, EngSoc banquet is this Saturday, I look forward to seeing everyone there.

1. **VP (Student Affairs)**

Alex Wood: A lot has been happening. At the AMS AGM there was a motion to institute the fee for the ReUnion Street Festival. My directors are hitting the group running. A lot of hiring is going on. I encourage all of you to look at EngSoc Apply. We have also been looking at a Collider Space. This will be another design space in the university, which will essentially create more collaborative space for all faculties. Shout out to Julianna for running an awesome Council.

1. **VP (Operations)**

Andrew Crawford: I hope everyone is having a good first Council. I have been transitioning with Peter, and doing a lot of hiring. Some of that is still going on. We are also getting ready to look at summer plans and budgets. Past that, we are wrapping things up with the services in time for the summer.

1. **Conferences**

Loralyn Blondin: The CEEC conference ran this past weekend. It was a blast. I would like to focus this year to focus on expanding external relations, and finding more conferences to send delegates too.

1. **Academics**

Jacqueline Craig: Thank you to everyone for passing the BED Fund motion. EngLinks is having their 112 midterm workshop this week. We are also planning our next academic caucus. We are also hiring for BED Fund coordinators, and EngLinks coordinators, so check out the applications.

1. **First Year**

Evan Dressel: There isn’t too much to report on yet. I have just put out the applications for FYC, and FYPCO. If you think anyone would be interested, please let them know. Also have just been doing a lot of strategic planning.

1. **Internal Affairs**

Julianna Jeans: I have been doing a lot of transitioning lately. Doing a lot of prep work for EngSoc Banquet. Please make sure to RSVP. Finally, Council Secretary and Constitutional Guru Applications are out, so check them out. If you would like to add something to the Council Agenda, please send it to me as soon as possible. That makes it easier for me to add it to the agenda.

1. **Information Technology**

Richard Hum: I have been doing a lot of transitioning with Eric, and resetting a lot of user names and passwords. Also, applications for information technology manager is out.

1. **Design**

Stephan Dobri: I have been transitioning a lot this week. Also, clothing for design teams in going to be coming in soon. I am super excited about that. The Collider Space is also something that I will be working on, which is a really cool initiative.

1. **Services**

Stewart Jensen: We finished off most of the management hiring. Mike and I are still on an on-going transition basis. Other than that, good luck to everyone that applied for staff positions at the services. Everyone should also go to Clark after this.

1. **Communications**

Laura Penstone: We are currently hiring coordinators for the communications team. The need for the service has increased, this we are going to be increasing the amount of positions available. So if you know of anyone that would be interested, please direct them my way.

1. **Finance:**

Jane Fergusson: I have been learning a lot this past week. There a lot that Erin has been teaching me. My big project right now are the summer budgets. If you guys have any neat ideas for the summer budget, please bring that to me.

1. **Human Resources**

Alex Rey: I apologize for not submitting a report. HR is basically working with EngSoc Apply. The system requires a lot of tender love and care. We are going to be doing a lot of hiring soon, which is exciting.

1. **Events**

Jerry Haron: I am actually hiring right now, all the chair and coordinator positions. Engvents applications are coming out tomorrow, which I am really excited for. Also, cover the Crest is next week. All proceeds go to charity, so make sure to donate next week.

1. **Professional Development**

James Gibbard-McCall: I am currently still in transitioning. I will also be hiring two professional development positions soon. That’s pretty much it. I will also be booking CAD workshops soon.

1. **Faculty Board Report**

Stephanie Reed: We haven’t met yet. There is a meeting next week.

1. **Alma Mater Society Report**

Callen Hageman: In the last two meetings they have ratified some commissioners, and made some changes to the “Bikes and Boards” service.

1. **Engineering Review Board**

Alex Doig; ERB will continue to look into the discipline clubs by-law.

1. **Senate Report**

Emily Townshend: Lot’s has been happening in the senate world. Subcommittee apps are due on March 20th. I have been busy transitioning with the President, and OC. Brandon wants suggestions on what subcommittee to be on, so let us know what you think. That’s all from senate!

1. **Advisory Board Report**

Morgan Roff: I am excited about all the newly elected Board members. Aside from that, we only have a few meetings left.

1. **Club Reports**
2. **EngPhys**

Nikhil Seth: Our elections are next week, so stay tuned for that

1. **ECE**

Liam Gordon: Our banquet is next week, and we are also doing hiring right now.

1. **Mechanical**

Kaley Sheppard: We had a town hall meeting this week. Our merch is ordered. Tickets went on sale for our banquet. They are sold online. Also, tickets for Mech vs. Mining Paintball are also for sale.

1. **Mining**

Chris Russell: All of our merch is in. Our hockey game vs. geo is next week. Finally, Iron Cup is also coming up.

1. **Year Reports**
   * 1. **Sci’ 15**

Matt Slavin: The iron ring countdown clock is on. We are going to blow the roof off the Grizzly Grill.

* + 1. **Sci’ 16**

Eric McElroy: We have the new year executive elected. We will be selling merch soon. Super semi was super rad. everyone had a great time. Some volunteers will also be helping the Sci’ 15 iron ring after party.

* + 1. **Sci’ 17**

Nichola Trinh: We too had out elections. We will be working with the exec from this year. Our Sci’ 17 night at Clark is this Saturday. We got a lot of ideas for next year. We have a surplus of money this year, which is always good.

1. **Statements and Questions by Members**

Matt Slavin: When will the committee on inclusivity and external communication committee member be hired? Also, when is tabs night?

Alex Wood: Tabs night is on March 20th. The standing committees will be hired during the first council of the next academic year.

Eric McElroy: When will the deputy speaker be elected?

Julianna Jeans: We will most likely be doing it at the first session of Council next year.

Loralyn Blondin: What will this Collider Space look like?

Alex Wood: The idea is to have this space open 24/7. The only cost will be the price of a fob at the campus computer store.

**Motion to Close:**

Moved by: Julie Tseng

Seconded by: Andrew Crawford

Motion Passes: 9:30 pm (24 for, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions)