

Attendance

Present

Elizabeth Bate
Sacha Forstner
Annamaria Reda
Nicole (Kai) Jiang
Patrick Mikolajczak
Cody Bechberger
Joshua Kalpin
Kacie LeBlanc
Dylan Dowling
Lucas Hudson
Shiping Shen
Olivia Godwin
Reiner Lakham
Joseph Kinsella
Zach Waterfield
Antony clark
Aaron Te
Niru Gridla
Cristina Beldeck
Aryn Caun
Sean Hunt
Joanna Cotarlea
Shen Wei
Shane Creighton Yong
David Longeun
Ignacio Ruiz
Lauren Stephenson
Julie Sturgeon
Mark Karantaner
Komal Sandhu
Richard Maek
Megan Heesalkke
Sophie Twarlhs
Marc Burns
Jasmine Wong Heckey
Andej Bonban
Phil Parrott
Natalie Kula
Thendan Saloite
Dominik Chlobowski
Jasmeet Kaur

Proxy

Sillian Adams
Andrew Duffy

Stephane Kraemer
Scott Wood
Graeme Scott
Eric Evenchick
Brian Howe
Michelle B.
Liz Celentano
Mark Chepeskie
Jason Zheng
Elizabeth Foran
Michael Mikizer
A. Roseworne
Brandon Gaffoor

Haneen Abuseir

Dana Rethoret

Tim Klein

Victoria Yorke

Ian Cutajar

Amanda Monteiro
Mathew Menduca
Lauren Harrison
Dorin Singh Srinarah
Ryan Campagnola
Liertnicle Omon
Juliana gonzalez
Gunsoo Ahn
Sumit Pasupalak
Jimi Terpstra
Brad Krane
Maaz Yasin
Krisitna Zelko
Sivakumaran Sivanthan
Urnah haq
Dave McDougall
Justin Pasqualini
Jessica Smith
Jesse McGinnis
Luke McIntosh
Rebecca Wroe
Elizabeth McFaul
Vaneka Carvalho
Chanakya Ramdev
Devin Drury
Pratik Patel
Prashant Patek
Jose Idroba
Ahmed Radawdel
Jasper Tam
Adelle Vickery
Soung-Jae Bony
Puneet Natt
Jenniger Cervello
Harris Bransch
Vera Kazakova
Heather Smith
Nathan Buckley
Stephane Hamade
Jiao Xue
Daria Vela
Chloe Potovszky
Nick Godsil
Kevin Lou

Brendan Lowther

Dominic Gora
Denis Cormier
David Harnacle

Sean Duncan

Pat Barlow

Melissa Thomas
Gaurau Mali

Matt Schaffer

Ashley Moraes
Alicia Veilbuy
Daniel Abad
Taylor Kerstens
Jacob Terry

Nicole Forris
Martin Bufi
Amin G.
Kayla Sharementa
Brendan Zhao
Bjorn Dawson
Michael Ginson
Chadam Cho
Febrian Sidhara
Johanne Lau
Taylor Hargell-Facini
Donald Hui
Matt Chin
Anson chen

Christan Lerluc
David Birnbaum
Drew Dutton
Brendan O'Hanlon
Kevin McNamara
Nicola Muzzin
Christina Hudson
Laura Warr
Skikha Jaqwani
Guy Plester
Nadine Thibeh
Adam Garcia
Natasha Pozega
Scott Pearson
David Collins
Shane Lawrence
David Lee
Jonatha Hu
Andrés Fuentes
Nadine Pinto
Kiel Tun Pury
Ryan Balagbagan
Chang Alexis Lin
Brandon berlingieri
Suzanne Burdett
Ben Cornish
Ali Amah

Brent Mcgeer
Erin Stuart
Matt Mitchell
Jamie Feldman
Valerie Rudolph
Leila Meema-Coleman
Rohit Vasandoni

Igor Prelic
Cheryl Pflug
Jake Riesenkonig
Karl Kliewer

Hannah Zarotski

Call to Order 6:41

David Birnbaum: I have a motion.

Chair: New motions are not allowed in special meetings.

David Birnbaum: I would like to challenge the chair seconder: Jesse

Motion: Challenge the Chair. David Brinbaum, Jesse McGinnis

David Birnbaum: This is a general meeting not a special meeting.

Devin Drury: Our lawyer advised us that we cannot add items, it is a special general meeting called by the board. This meeting is not in our bylaws. And only items already on the agenda can be addressed.

Chair: My understanding is that a General Meeting happens in March and October as stated in the bylaws. Anything outside of that would be deemed a special meeting.

Elizabeth McFaul: Our bylaws say, The Annual General meeting blah blah blah shall be held in October. A General Meeting blah blah blah shall be held in March. At any time a General Meeting may be called by one of the following which includes the Board of Directors.

Chair: Is there language for calling a Special Meeting. Let us pause while the executive discuss how to move forward.

Sean Hunt: This is a procedural discussion. Roberts Rules of Order says a special meeting is one called outside of the regular meetings and to discuss only specific items. So I think we need to answer is this a meeting held at a different time than regular meeting and is it called to discuss only a limited item. I don't think the title of the meeting is irrelevant. This is a time different from the regular meeting. The other question is, is this a meeting to be called only to discuss limited items. The bylaws say that we can not restrict the items allowed with a few exemptions. I think based on this, we can interpret that more motions can be added and this is not a special meeting.

Chair: My understanding and instructions from the executive was to not add any items and move forward with the executive updates. However I have been challenged.

David Collins: I have received word from our lawyer, who has deemed it a special general meeting.

David Birnbaum: I would advice the President not to intimidate the membership by continuously citing the lawyer. This meeting was called as a General Meeting with a chance for people to submit items.

Chair: I will continue to see this as a Special General Meeting.

Natasha Pozega: I have this statement from our lawyer as to why this item was removed in the first place.

Chair: At this time we will vote in the challenge of the chair.

In Favour: 61 Opposed: 71 - Chair Overruled

David Collins: I come from Knowledge Integration and I was taught to seek expert advice and quote your sources. I am sorry if you are intimidated by this. I have once again come from talking to the lawyer and he believes that this is a Special General Meeting. I also have a statement:

Previously, it was indicated on the agenda that Paragraph V. C. entitled "Proposals" with the first line, " The Board shall include proposals submitted by voting members in the second notice of a meeting in accordance with the Act," would be included.

After further review, it was recognized that this amendment needed to be removed. According to a statement from Feds, "Such a proposal is only provided for by the proposed Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, which has not yet been proclaimed in force. The Federation By-Laws were redrafted this year, partly in anticipation of the new Not-for-Profit Corporations Act coming into force. The By-Laws provide that references to the Act are to whichever Act is applicable at the time. That means that Paragraph V. C. of the By-Laws must be interpreted in accordance with the legislation that is now in force."

This is a statement from our Board of Directors.

Motion: Whereas the Societies Agreement recognizes the Societies "as entities having independent financing and sponsorship activities;" and

Whereas the recent Federation of Students audits regarding the Engineering Society and its finances has gone well; and

Whereas the Feds has had a history of extremely poor turnaround times on the Societies fee; and

Whereas the Engineering Society has a full time Manager that oversees its accounts; and

Whereas the Dean of Engineering has spoken in support of the Faculty of Engineering handling the Engineering Society Fees, now therefore, be it

Resolved that the Federation of Students actively works towards reducing its workload by having the Faculty of Engineering handle the Engineering Society Feed and their transfer.

David Birnbaum, Jesse McGinnis

Sean hunt: Is there someone present who has a copy of the Societies Agreement.

Elizabeth Bate: Does the representative from Eng Soc know how much we are talking about?

David Birnbaum: \$15.02 per student which is about 40-60 thousand dollars per term.

Natasha Pozega: It is my understanding in order for societies to collect a fee it must go through the Federation of Students; the University will not provide it directly to the society. So if the Engineering Society does not want to collect a fee I am fine with that.

Kevin McNamara: Our fees would instead of going from the University to Feds to Eng Soc it would go from the University to the Engineering Faculty to Eng Soc. So we would still be collecting our fees, just not through Feds.

David Birnbaum: I just want to clarify that this is to work towards it, it does not automatically happen.

Unknown Student: I am just wondering why?

Kevin McNamara: Every single term our fees come very late. Having them come to us in July after we have been running events for two months does not make for a good running structure. How do you expect students to pay for things and not get reimbursed?

Prashant Patel: I was the previous VP finance and I wrote a lot of the cheques. Let me tell you, it is not our intention to delay it but it is the university that delivers the money to us late. The fees are not fully arranged on the first day and we don't get it until the fees are all settled and we do check if you are in compliance for your own good. I do not recommend this.

Jesse McGinnis: I will speak in favour; this is just for Feds to work towards it. I think this would lessen the work load for Feds and if the faculty is willing to take on the responsibility it can also lower our liability. It was brought forward by Eng Soc for Eng Soc.

Unknown Member: What is the difference? Why do you want to keep it?

Natasha Pozega: By reviewing your finances we maintain the not-for-profit corporation. If the Engineering Society would separate from Feds the way I see it is that those students would no longer be a part of the Federation of Students and receive the benefits attached with that.

David Birnbaum: Pozega is incorrect, every engineering student pays a feds fee and Eng Soc fees. This does not have anything to do with the Federation of Students membership.

Prashant Patel: What we do is very high level oversight. In the last 2 years I have caught many errors on budgets and expenses.

Chanakya Ramdev: I am a councilor to feds and I am in favour of this motion. I have seen it in person how directors pay for event up front.

In Favour: 65 Opposed: 50 Abstentions: 4 (Natasha Pozega, Ryan Campignola) – Motion

Adopted

Motion: Whereas the Board of Directors has acted against the best interest of the Corporation by amending the Agenda the day prior to the meeting resulting in immediate and lasting damage to the good name of the Corporation; and

Whereas it is legally required to keep the CEO on the Board of Directors under the Ontario Corporations Act 1990, and

Whereas the vote to approve the members submission was recorded, now therefore, be it

Resolved that the members of the Board of Directors who voted against approving the member submission, disallowing its consideration at this meeting, Prashant Kumar Patel, Adam Garcia, Natasha Pozega, and Devin Drury be removed immediately.

Kevin McNamara, Joshua Campbell

Motion: Objection to the consideration of the item. Sean Hunt

In Favour: 59 Opposed: 49 Abstentions: 5 (David Birnbaum) – Motion Fails

Sean Hunt: This motion should not pass, it is a serious motion to remove almost half of the directors and I don't believe a motion of this kind should be passed without notice. As much as I believe it doesn't, I think it should. This decision could be challenged in a court of law and I don't think this is in the interest of the students.

Motion: To Adjourn. Sean Hunt, Brad Krane

Chair: I have the lawyer on the phone.

Lawyer: The executive are elected under your bylaws by the membership at large of your elections for a term of one year, the bylaws does not provide any way by which they can be removed. There are mechanism for removal but any such would require notice to the executives in advance of the meeting in which it would be heard. That is what a motion of this nature cannot and will not be entertained at this time. Gary has been with the Federation since 1981.

Stephane Hamade: I felt that what the lawyer said is that they cannot be removed from their position but can they be removed from Board?

In Favour: 73 Opposed: 51 – Meeting Adjourned