



Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, March 26th, 2019

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1. ATTENDANCE

Name	Role	Present
Mehdi	Chairperson of the board	X
<i>vacant</i>	Secretary to the board	
Constantina Roumeliotis	President	X
Felix Lalande	Vice-President of Academic Affairs	X
Itamar Keren	Vice-President of Competitions	X
Amin Bouabdellah	Vice-President of External Affairs	X
Rabby Oliuddin	Vice-President of Financial Affairs	X
Alex Stojda	Vice-President of Internal Affairs	X
Alec Adub	Vice-President of Marketing & Communications	X
William Bergamin	Vice-President of Social Affairs	X
Sam Driver	Building, Civil and Environmental Engineering (BCEE) Representative	X
Thomas Gauvin	Computer Science & Software Engineering (CSSE) Representative	X
James Mariotti Lapointe	Electrical & Computer Engineering (ECE) Representative	X
Manon Maistre	Mechanical & Industrial Engineering (MIE) Representative	X
Jeewan Jyot Singh	Independent Representative	X
Karla Vasquez	Independent Representative	X
Arravein Ponnudurai	Sage	X
Christopher Gallo	Sage	X



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2. SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

Motion	Motion	Result
20190326-01	VP Competitions, seconded by CSSE, motions to have a presentation prepared for the advisory council to explain our reasoning for the rejection of their motion.	Amended
20190326-01-amendment	VP Internal, seconded by VP Social, motions to amend motion 20190326-01 to require that said presentation be presented to, and approved by, the Board of Directors before being presented to Council.	Passed
20190326-01-amended	VP Competitions, seconded by CSSE, motions to have a presentation prepared for the advisory council to explain our reasoning for the rejection of their motion and that said presentation be presented to, and approved by, the Board of Directors before being presented to Council.	Passed
20190326-02	VP Internal, seconded by MIAE, motions that the ECA shall draft a policy that will establish a timeline for the processing of reimbursement requests.	Passed
20190326-03	ECE, seconded by Sage Arravein, motions to table "Election Regulation Changes" to an online/email vote that shall be completed no later than Friday, March 29 at 8 pm.	Passed
20190326-04	VP Internal, seconded by Sage Arravein, motions that the ECA shall draft a policy that will require the VP Finance to, upon request, disclose the up-to-date budget of the requesting society.	Passed
20190326-05	MIAE, seconded by CSSE, motions to amend the	Passed



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	<p>section pertaining the the Eligibility of Directors (Section 4.8) to reflect that Current executives of another society, association or committee that has financial affiliations with ECA, excluding all ECA appointed committees, shall not be eligible to be the President or VP Finance of the Association.</p>	
20190326-06	<p>MIAE, seconded by ECE, motions that the role of department representatives be that they are responsible for promoting student engagement within their department, for example, facilitating or even organizing social initiatives among the students of their department. They can be involved participants in the day-to-day executive activities of the ECA.</p>	Passed
20190326-07	<p>President, seconded by VP Academic, motions to table all following discussion points to an emergency BOD which will take place in the next week</p>	Passed



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3. PROCEDURES

3.1. Opening of the meeting

Meeting opened at 18:05

3.2. Appointment of the Chair

VP External, seconded by VP Social, motions to appoint Mehdi as chair for this meeting of the Board of Directors.

Passed in unanimity

3.3. Appointment of the Secretary

BCEE, seconded by VP External, motions to appoint Alex as secretary for this meeting of the Board of Directors.

Passed in unanimity

3.4. Approval of the Agenda

MIAE, seconded by BCEE, motions to approve the agenda.

Passed in unanimity



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4. RETURNING BUSINESS

4.1. Troitsky Budget Accountability Council Motion

Finance: Troitsky was extremely successful. ECA spent a net total of \$4,110.92, last year ECA paid about \$8,000.

Comps: you said that you based the original budget on the years preceding that?

Finance: yes, I went back and looked at the physical files since the Google Drive is not accurate prior to 3 years ago.

4.2. ECA Fee Levy Discussion

BCEE: Wanted to bring back the discussion on fee levy increase, maybe to pay A+ students to host crash courses?

Comps: So you want to discuss how we spend our money? Next year's team will be making those budgets

Internal: The deadline for referendums was last week, so if we want to increase the fee levy, it will have to wait until next year.

President & VP Finance enter @ 6:20

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. External Event Budget Motion

IISE, seconded by SAE, motions to amend the motion XXX from the last council meeting to be worded as follows "ECA shall not allocate more than the projected event income, plus a fifth, be it an extra 20%, for all ECA organized events that do not impact only students under the ECA, be it students paying a fee levy to the ECA"

Finance: From a finance perspective, this doesn't make sense. I cannot make a budget based on predicted revenue. If society goes in the red, we bail them out so



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that it does not affect other societies. ECA does not have that luxury since if we go in the red it affects all societies, so the projected budgets are slightly inflated to ensure that there is money to recover from unpredictable circumstances.

Comps: If a society gets bailed out, they get a smaller budget the year after. That's not a luxury

Finance: It's a safety net

CSSE: What exactly does the motion mean?

Finance: The ECA personally can only allocate a fixed percentage of the projected income.

ECE Enters at 6:38 PM

CSSE: So can't we just predict more income to increase the ECA allocation?

Finance: That's not a feasible way to budget. The budget needs to be as accurate as possible in relation to the planned expenses, not planned revenues.

Academic: I think they just want to see an effort to minimize the amount of money spent on events that don't directly impact Concordia GCS students.

Comps: We could budget for a larger sponsorship & participation fees and then tack on the 20%. Can we just restructure the budget so that

Finance: Academic, you say societies want to see that, and tomorrow they will see that we are accountable for that and working towards.

CSSE: A better approach would be to just show during the presentation of the budgets to the projected net cost to the ECA of Troitsky.

Social: Acad you asked how could we rephrase it? The role of the VP Finance is to judge the best way to budget for the society.

Pres: CSSE, I don't think that's the best solution.

Marketing leaves at 6:55 PM

External: I don't think we should vote this in, it's not very constructive. I think that since this stems from issues with Troitsky and that should be discussed separately.

Pres: All events that host non-GCS students would be affected by this rule, which could negatively affect the operations of some society.

ECE: The spirit of that motion is that there is no control mechanism to prevent ECA from overspending.



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Internal: While I understand the spirit of the motion, the way it's worded now will negatively affect all societies with outreach activities as many are solely funded by the ECA, and thus would have no budget under this proposed regulation. A committee should be formed for large events that are mandated to ensure the budget is reasonable.

Comps: We should explain that to them more clearly understand the situation

Karla Rep: I don't think they realize not everything we do has revenue/income

CSSE: Some events are not made to break even or have revenue.

Motion 20190326-01: VP Competitions, seconded by CSSE, motions to have a presentation prepared for the advisory council to explain our reasoning for the rejection of their motion.

Motion20190326-01-amendment: VP Internal, seconded by VP Social, motions to amend motion 20190326-01 to require that said presentation be presented to, and approved by, the Board of Directors before being presented to Council.

Votes on the amendment to amend 20190326-01

For: 10

Against: 0

Abstain: 4

Motion 20190326-01-amendment is passed

Motion 20190326-01-amended: VP Competitions, seconded by CSSE, motions to have a presentation prepared for the advisory council to explain our reasoning for the rejection of their motion and that said presentation be presented to, and approved by, the Board of Directors before being presented to Council.

Votes on to 20190326-01

For: 11

Against: 0

Abstain: 3

Motion 20190326-01



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5.2. Financial Processing Time Motion

IISE, seconded by SAE, motions to set a 2-week limit for the processing of financial requests.

Comps: IISE had submitted requests before the established deadline set by the VP Finance, but did not receive the cheques to

Motion 20190326-02: VP Internal, seconded by MIAE, motions that the ECA shall draft a policy that will establish a timeline for the processing of reimbursement requests.

Motion is passed in unanimity

5.3. VP Competitions Follow-Up Motion

SAE, seconded by IISE, motions that The ECA shall adopt a policy that requires that progress of competitive teams be discussed with the VP Competitions of the ECA at least 3 times a semester."

President: I think its a lot still, we should discuss more on what exactly the goal of this discussion is, and what qualifies as "progress report".

Internal: I agree, would need a bit more structure before we formally motion this.

5.4. Election Regulation Changes

Motion 20190326-03: ECE, seconded by Sage Arravein, motions to table "Election Regulation Changes" to an online/email vote that shall be completed no later than Friday, March 29 at 8 pm.

5.5. VP Finance Financial Statement Update Motion

IISE, seconded by HACK, motions to have a By-Law stating that the VP Finance of the ECA is required to present a detailed financial statement to each individual



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society a minimum every 6 weeks during the Fall and Winter Semesters and once in the summer.

President: It's excessive, as VP Internal suggested we should just have a google doc shared with each society so that the societies have access to their "current balances" at all times, removing the need to follow-ups.

ECE: Good idea

Finance: Their VP Finances should be aware of what they are spending, but I have no problem with this. They also know I am readily available for meetings to discuss finances. They simply need to ask!

Motion 20190326-04: VP Internal, seconded by Sage Arravein, motions that the ECA shall draft a policy that will require the VP Finance to, upon request, disclose the up-to-date budget of the requesting society.

Passed in unanimity

5.6. Bylaw Amendments

Motion 20190326-05: MIAE, seconded by CSSE, motions to amend the section pertaining the the Eligibility of Directors (Section 4.8) to reflect that Current executives of another society, association or committee that has financial affiliations with ECA, excluding all ECA appointed committees, shall not be eligible to be the President or VP Finance of the Association.

CSSE motions to vote by anonymous ballot

Votes on to 20190326-XX

For: 10

Against: 0

Abstain: 4

Motion 20190326-06: MIAE, seconded by ECE, motions that the role of department representatives be that they are responsible for promoting student engagement within their department, for example, facilitating or even organizing social initiatives among the students of their department. They can



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be involved participants in the day-to-day executive activities of the ECA .

CSSE motions to vote

Votes on to 20190326-XX

For: 12

Against: 0

Abstain: 2

Ind. Rep Jeewan: We got no time to review society budgets

Social: I wasn't presented any of the finances before BOD. Only Finance saw before, and that is their role. BOD is there to make sure nothing is unjust for any society. Same thing as me, if I had to pass anything Frosh related by BOD, we'd never get an answer

SCS Rep: This is a specific case. Execs have access to the full drive and the full slack. It makes us feel like second class citizens and we are trying to communicate that if you continue to treat your reps like this, you will have reps drop out in the future as it was in the past. We are asking for those little things to be part of the time and will affect the ECA as they go on. Can be more instrumental and can fix communication issues.

Finance: Society budgets are just a time-crunch. I think next Finance should give everyone more time to review them prior

Academic: I think we're all on the same page and we need to be careful with the wording of the by-laws. Take the motion and remove "at their discretion", giving them the right to be involved but does not make it a wild-card

ECE Rep: "At their discretion" gives them the option, as opposed to forcing them to

Academic: That's where the confusion is! Maybe we should re-word it

External: We all understand the spirit of the motion and am not willing to get caught-up in the wording. It carries the same weight and by-laws will display the responsibilities to people. Other universities have their reps heavily involved and I love it.

Sage Arravein: Reps in past years came to do their roles and this is the first year in a while where reps want a more involved role. The root cause of this is the outdated nature of the rep roles and they should be redefined.

ECE Rep: Independent rep position is not currently defined in the by-laws.



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Motion 20190326-07: President, seconded by VP Academic, motions to table all following discussion points to an emergency BOD which will take place in the next week

5.7. Internal Complaint [TABLED]

5.8. Troitsky Discussion [TABLED]

5.9. Society Creation Policy Updates [TABLED]

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS & VERBAL REPORTS

VP External, seconded by VP Academic, motions to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 23:08