

Board of Governors Regular Meeting

Engineering Undergraduate Society

Date: 2025-05-25

Time: 10:05 AM

Location: Online

1. Attendance

Position	Name	Attendance
Chair	Cyril El Feghali	Online ▾
Speaker	Julia Deist	Online ▾
Administrator (alumni)	Sepehr Moalemi	Online ▾
Administrator (alumni)	Sara Fraser	Present ▾
Administrator (EUS President)	Donovan Burt	Online ▾
Administrator (EUS VP Student Life)	Luca Shearer	Absent ▾
Administrator (EUS VP Finance)	Emile Lalonde	Online ▾
Administrator (EUS VP Internal)	Sophie Smithson	Online ▾
Administrator (EUS VP Services)	Claire Levasseur	Online ▾
Administrator (Engineering Senator)	Russel	Absent ▾
Administrator	Edouard Desparois Perrault	Present ▾
Administrator	Simon Ngassam	Present ▾
Administrator	Derrick Essou	Online ▾
Administrator	Ihsane Sarif	Online ▾
Administrator	Tom Gourru-Bourgeois	Online ▾
Administrator	Adam Corbier	Present ▾

2. Opening of the meeting

The Speaker called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

3. Adoption of the agenda

Amendment: *Move Motion RE: Amendments to Junior Council Policy to item E.*
Result: *passed unanimously*

Amendment: *Add Motion RE: Amendment to the Corporate Relations Policy to the agenda as item D.*
Result: *passed unanimously*

2 amendments to the agenda

4. Announcements
5. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting

Postponed

6. New Business/Discussion Topics

a.  Discussion RE: EUS Wiki

Ed began the discussion on the EUS Wiki. He mentioned giving responsibility to students who may be interested, however it was previously student-maintained which led to its disappearance. Ed also mentioned reaching out to a professional security company to talk about maintaining it and having security updates yearly. There are questions about the role of the Wiki moving forwards and if the EUS does want to use it. When the Wiki is out of date and left unmaintained, it is vulnerable to attacks. The exact cost for outside security will need to be discussed with a company; Ed explained his view that if legal matters for the EUS are taken care of by a lawyer, it makes sense to have IT matters for the EUS also taken care of by an outside entity. Multiple members of the Board expressed support for the idea. Ed proposed that the initial amount for the budget be around \$600, the cost for a full security audit of the EUS's application. Derrick asked if other IT aspects of the EUS should also be assessed by a third-party service; Ed clarified that the Wiki is the largest part that requires assessments and other websites and online services for the EUS are already maintained and hosted by third-party services. Further discussion led to the consensus that it would be advisable to get a professional opinion from a trusted third-party on the security of the system.

b.  Discussion RE: BESSxEUS MoA

The MoA between BESS and the EUS needs to be fixed; Beth is interested in assisting with this. Donovan inquired if the changes to be made to the MoA are just clerical/wording errors, or if there are deeper issues that need to be fixed, but Emile was unsure. The Board decided it is in need of more context. Consensus is that the EUS will work with BESS and MCSS to sign a new MoA that is legally binding and includes an internal account for BESS.

Motion: moved by Adam Corbier

Be it resolved, this discussion is tabled until the next meeting

Seconded by: Donovan Burt

Motion passed.

c. **□ Presentation of Board Evaluation**

Cyril presented the results of the Board Evaluation, beginning with stats on the effectiveness of the Board and its understanding and support towards the EUS. The effectiveness of the board was rated on average 3.6/5; this number is low but things can be done to improve it. Members were encouraged to speak out if they have an opinion, as some members often do not participate. Members were also encouraged to review the agenda prior to meetings in order to have questions and discussion points prepared. Further statistics were reviewed concerning the Board's diversity, engagement, and adherence to responsibilities. It was clear that onboarding processes need to be more robust, the Board needs to develop a more strategic plan for the whole of the EUS in the long term, and discussions need to be more effective. Additional slides were presented on subcommittees, planning and oversight, stakeholder and member engagement, and member self-assessment/improvement. Ed noted it would be helpful to have the Board's role be more clearly defined in the EUS and inquired about where feedback would come from. Cyril clarified that feedback can come from many sources/bodies in the EUS. Derrick stated his belief that the Board's role is well-defined, Sophie responded that the issue seems to be more about accessibility of info; most EUS members are unaware of the existence of a constitution and the responsibilities of the Board (the Wiki could be a way to make info more accessible). Donovan added that most EUS members disregard the Board, which can be remedied by both having info more readily available and actively reaching out and promoting the Board to the EUS. Ed and Derrick mentioned that Board members should be able to understand and apply the text of the constitution to the real-life actions of the Board, which they feel is currently difficult.

d. **☰ Motion RE: Amendment to the Corporate Relations Policy**

Nicolas explained the amendments to the Corporate Relations Policy including changes to several positions and responsibilities which were outdated e.g. the Corporate Relations Director and Corporate Relations Committee. His goal in having the Corporate Relations Director receive a commission from successful sponsorships is to make the role more appealing and create an incentive for the position to secure funds for the EUS. Simon stated that it should be made clear in the policy who the director reports their work to in order to receive remuneration. Simon also mentioned that motions must be submitted further in advance so all Board members have an opportunity to review them. Donovan clarified that the money for the position's incentive is coming from the sponsorship. Derrick also inquired further about the source of the incentive, as

sponsorships sometimes mandate that funds are used for a certain purpose. Nicolas stated that any sponsorship the CRD secures will go to the EUS; groups like Frosh secure their own sponsorships. Ed added that the EUS will not be getting 6% of the sponsorship amount, which is not an insignificant amount of money; Adam responded that the EUS is currently not getting any corporate sponsorships and it is better to get 94% of a sponsorship than to get no sponsorship. Nicolas stated that the CRD is under the portfolio of both the VP Finance and the VP External, with reason; Derrick responded with his opinion that the VP Finance should only be involved as needed and the VP External should be the main point of contact through the CRD to avoid confusion and continuity issues. Cyril expressed doubt with this and proposed that the CRD should instead go straight to the VP Finance and report sponsorships, instead of going to the VP External. Derrick clarified his concern is more about having a clear course of action for the CRD to avoid issues with reporting and financials than the specific person. Adam expressed his support for Derrick's point of view, and for having the VP External be the main point of contact. Adam added that the policy should specify the EUS operating budget, not discretionary budget.

Motion: Moved by Nicolas El Murr

BE IT RESOLVED, that the EUS Board of Governors approve the amended Corporate Relations Policy as outlined in the document in the appendix;

Be it further resolved, the VP External and VP Finance, would circulate the amendments to affected EUS groups, and launch a new hiring campaign for the Corporate Relations Director.

Seconded by: Board Chair

Motion: Moved by Cyril El Feghali

Be it resolved, this motion is tabled

Seconded by: Simon Ngassam

Motion passed.

e.  **Motion RE: Amendments to Junior Council Policy**

Sophie explained that the Junior Council Policy is outdated and not being adhered to. Therefore, she has made edits to it concerning the existing selection process for members of JC. Sophie clarified that the general meeting requirement was added post-working group to make JC more inclusive, as first-years were often unaware that JC events were not exclusive to JC members. The mandate was not followed because a general meeting with anyone who wanted to join would not be conducive to the event-planning responsibilities of JC. Donovan expressed concern at removing the general meeting requirement; while general meetings would not be effective at event-planning, they are still effective with other responsibilities and are successfully

used by other committees in the EUS. Derrick agreed that it would be imprudent to fully remove the general meeting requirement. Sophie explained her perspective that because the general meeting requirement has never been followed, it does not make sense to have it in the policy; however, it could be reworked and added again later. Further, JC differs from POWE and SEAM in its function; general meetings for JC wouldn't serve the same function as they do for POWE and SEAM which are more similar to clubs. Also, Sophie does not believe that having general meetings would help with JC's inclusivity. Derrick stated that if the general meeting requirement is removed, it should be because it is truly unnecessary and not because it has not been followed. Donovan expressed concern that general meetings should not be removed due to preconceived ideas about how they would go, e.g. being awkward; the requirement should not be removed just because it has never been tried. Adam explained his recent amendments to the policy; they were taken as friendly by Sophie. Simon inquired about how changes to the JC policy would impact the First Year Engagement Director position. Sophie explained that the role would not be impacted. Sophie expressed support for mandating JC to have a periodic non-drinking event that would serve as a general meeting; Donovan added that the wording will have to be specific in order to make sure the purpose of the meeting is clear. Sara stated that the policy can just say "general meeting" without specifying what that entails in order to have it in the policy and be approved now. Derrick stated the Board should be cautious with its approval and consider the other factors at play e.g. inclusivity. Cyril expressed that he would prefer to have all JC bylaw changes in one vote; Sophie explained that the selection committee changes are under a time constraint and would like to have them approved as soon as possible. Donovan added that because it is better practice to do all the amendments at once, the JC presidents can be informed about the changes before they are approved, barring unforeseen circumstances.

Motion: Moved by Sophie Smithson, VP Internal

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves the amendments to the Junior Council Policy as outlined in Appendix A

Seconded by: Cyril El Feghali

Motion: moved by Donovan Burt

Be it resolved, the motion RE: Amendments to JC Policy is tabled

Seconded by: Simon Ngassam

Motion passed.

f. **Motion RE: Resignation of the Board Chair and appointment of a new Chair**
Cyril explained that he is resigning as Chair of the EUS Board of Governors but would be happy to stay on as a MaL. He also expressed confusion with having the transition for Chair be in

November and proposed that it should be in June instead. Cyril nominated Derrick, Adam, Simon, and Ihsane. Derrick, Ihsane, and Simon respectfully declined their nominations. Adam accepted his nomination. There was confusion about the term length for Board Chair. Adam left the room for discussion. Multiple Board members expressed their support for Adam as Chair. Adam was appointed Chair until the end of his term as Member-at-Large.

Motion: Moved by Simon Ngassam

Amendment to current motion to add term end date

Seconded by: Donovan Burt

Friendly by Cyril.

Motion: Moved by Board Chair

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors accepts Cyril El Feghali's resignation as BoG Chair;

Be it further resolved, Be it further resolved, that Adam Corbier is appointed to be the Board Chair until the end of his term as Member-at-Large.

Motion passed.

7. Reports

- a. General Reports
- b. BoG Committees
 - i. Chair [Cyril]

Many projects for next year.

- ii. Subcommittee Updates
 1. Special Projects [Ed]

Wiki is up, functional, edits can be made. It is very out of date, still stuff to figure out.

2. Institutional Health [Cyril]

Lots of projects.

3. Finances [Simon]

New caps fund tracker made. Starting a small project to track stipend positions. Discussed exec stipend policy. Trying to track spending on retreats.

- c. Senator Report [Russel Cyril]

Senator has been transitioned, and should be present at the next meeting.

- d. Council [Luca Donovan]

Struggling to find a Council retreat venue.

- e. VP Student Life [Luca Donovan]
- f. Orientation Week [Sophie]

Frosh is in the works. 2 night venues are figured out. Currently looking at other events, considering making Frosh less focused on drinking.

- g. VP Internal [Sophie]
- h. Open Air Pub [Claire]

Scheduling first meeting, will be meeting with hedge[sic] soon

- i. VP Services [Claire]
- j. VP Finance [Emile]

Budget review is next Sunday at 10am in the committee room, need Board members present. Will vote on budget, paying special attention to OAP and Frosh

- k. Executive Committee [Donovan]

The exec committee has begun biweekly meetings for the summer. Everyone is onboarded, EUS office is cleaner.

- l. President [Donovan]

Insurance got renewed, need to pay for it. Will renew agreement with ad agency soon. The first brown bag meeting will be the first week of June. First meeting with MESC this coming week.

- 8. Set the time and date of the next meeting

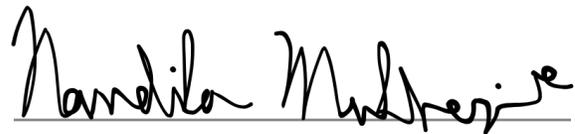
The Chair announced that the next meeting will be on June 22 at 10 am.

- 9. Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 1:02pm



Adam Corbier
Board Chair



Nandika Mukherjee
Minute Taker