

## MINUTES

## FACULTY OF INFORMATION STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL

Meeting

Friday, 1 December 2006

Student Lounge, Claude Bissell Building

Present: Geoffrey Little (Recorder), Roxana Henriquex, Jessica Chapman, Stacey Piesner, Jess Posgate, Lawrence Stewart, Mike Tissenbaum, Nancy Duncan, Autumn Haag, Michelle Zadak, Carolanne Graham, Kathleen Scheaffer, Tamara Stojakovic, Alex MacCutchan, Mike MacSween, Annetta Dunn, Fadi Al-Buhairan, Rachel Barton, Hyun-duk Chung, Christina Hwang

Regrets: I've had a few

- 1) Call to Order and Acceptance of the Agenda  
Alex called the meeting to order. The Agenda was accepted.
- 2) Minutes to the last meeting were accepted.
- 3) Report by the President
  - a) Admissions Committee: Geoffrey Little is the Student rep on the MIST Admissions Committee. Geoffrey will help formulate admissions policy but will not review applications. This policy is to be reviewed on a year-by-year basis.
  - b) Request from Jens-Erik: FIS is hiring new Faculty and Jens-Erik (FIS Vice Dean) wants students to sit on the hiring Committees. Interested students should email Annetta. UPDATE: Michelle Zadak is sitting on the Health Informatics Committee. Geoffrey Little is sitting on the "Open" Committee (which is looking to hire in Archives, Book History, Information Organization and Information Management/Practices). Originally it was thought there would be five committees. There are now just two.
- 4) Report by the Vice President: No Report
- 5) Report by the Secretary: No Report
- 6) Report by the Treasurer: Mike circulated the FISSC budget and it was discussed at length. FISSC has approximately \$1250 more than we did last year (through fees, etc). This reflects increased MIST enrolment. Committee Chairs were asked to look at their budgets and get in touch with Mike regarding questions or to include/remove budgetary line items to accurately reflect Committee spending for this year.

As well, the carry over from last year's Council was \$509 (this means this year's Council had to pay out \$509 based on spending decisions by last year's Council).

A new budget item labelled "Student Council Sponsored Initiatives" is to be created to fund small projects brought to Council's attention by students or student groups. This money could, for example, pay for a group (such as Queer@FIS or YPFIS., etc.) to do photocopying for posters or for a small honorarium for a guest speaker. A process for accepting and processing applications needs to be drawn up, however.

This item was discussed at length. It was decided that Roxanna, Hyun-duk plus the Executive (Annetta, Michelle, Geoffrey, Mike and Alex) would meet to formulate guide lines and bring them back to Council for discussion and approval.

127 second year students did not pay FISSC fees. This reflects last year's number. Second year students do not come to registration, hence their ability to duck payment.

- 7) Report from Member at Large: No report.
- 8) Report from Academic Affairs: No report.
- 9) Report from Professional Development: PD events are being organized for 2007 including a resume clinic and pre-resume clinic event. A BSCW is also being set up for the professional groups (CLA, OLA, etc). The BSCW will be just for student organizers of the professional groups and not the entire student body.
- 10) Report from Alumni Affairs: The Alumni Association is setting up money for conference travel grants. This is in the early stages and not finalized. They are also organizing an Alternative Careers Day. The date is TBC and interested parties can email Minaskhi Sharma for more information. The Alumni Association also wants to put out an e-newsletter. Job Shadowing is set for next term. This is a popular event.
- 11) Publicity Committee: The PC will organize an order for FIS merchandise/souvenirs for next term. Stay tuned.
- 12) IT Committee: Fadi spoke at length about developments to the IS stream at FIS. Spear-headed by Fadi, Adrianna Rossini organized a recent IS brain-storming session which discussed problems, issues, curriculum, career opportunities, etc. Jens-Erik attended which was a proactive development. Courses were discussed and issues surrounding them. Another meeting is scheduled for next term. Jens-Erik, Judy Dunn and Lynne Howarth will also be attending.
- 13) Student Tech Fund: Udo discussed the potential new TV screens that will be placed in areas around the building (foyer, Inforum foyer, etc) to replace bulletin boards and flyers. The first screen might be installed in January. Fadi mentioned that the Administration is keen to cover the costs. Annetta mentioned that if FISSC doesn't make a contribution, we might not be permitted to advertise our events. Fadi didn't think that would be a problem and also that final allocations (who pays what) haven't been worked out yet.

Udo also mentioned that the PhD Tech Fund wants to buy a poster printer and was keen to see if FISSC might put up some money. After discussion, Udo was asked to get some more information to bring back to Council. As well, Room 119 is being renovated and will be ready for use in January. More (and better) outlets should also be installed in the Student Lounge as well as older computers from the Inforum for student use.

Alex mentioned that the contentious line on tuition (incorrectly labelled: "FIS Student Council/Doctoral Fees") will be changed by SGS/Student Services. This money is Student Tech Fund money and NOT Student Council Fees. This will resolve complaints Council members received from students regarding the impression that they were being

charged two sets of fees by FISSC. Geoffrey thanked Alex for his work in getting this item changed.

- 14) Social Committee: Holiday Party on December 9. UPDATE: A good time was had by all. Mike is also looking at doing dodge ball, karaoke nights, professional group nights, etc. next year. Autumn will also be coordinating a trip to the Hart House Farm. Mike mentioned that the Committee is going forward with the Prom Idea (proposed by Geoffrey). It could be very expensive and it was believed \$30 would be the lowest fee charged for tickets. Autumn will send an exploratory email out after Christmas. An informal Prom Committee was formed with Carolanne, Kathleen and Tamara offering their help.
- 15) Website: Christina will be working on the FISSC website over the Holidays. UPDATE: Make sure Committee Reps have their blurb/job description ready to be taped for the start of the new year!
- 16) Life and Times Committee: An IS Tea is in the works and Research Day plans are underway. UPDATE: an email about Research Day was sent out by Judy Dunn with particulars. People are also needed to help out with Research Day. Please get in touch with Kathleen.
- 17) Old Business:  
Constitution: Rachel updated Council on the Constitution Subcommittee's work. It has met three times so far. Executive Committee members and Committee chairs are asked to send a synopsis of what they do to Rachel.

Faculty Retreat: Autumn, Fadi and Udoy attended and gave Council a synopsis of their day. The MISSt program is expanding and issues like space, faculty and staff size, etc. were discussed. Ideas about integrating the streams were also discussed as were concerns over student disenfranchisement. The IT stream was discussed in detail as was Brian's goal/dream/idea of FIS joining the ISchool Movement (<http://www.ischools.org/oc/>).

Auction: Discussion was held about the upcoming FISSC charity auction. Update: \$535 dollars (Hurrah!) was raised for the Hospital for Sick Children. The cheque was mailed out the week of December 17<sup>th</sup>. Turnout was small, but bidders were generous and many wonderful items were on the block. Everyone involved should be proud of their excellent work.

- 18) New Business  
Holiday gifts for Caretakers: Kathleen will handle this. UPDATE: FIS' two caretakers received gift certificates for a mall and stores of their choice. Kathleen didn't know how to locate them, so Joe Cox kindly gave the caretakers their gifts.

Microwave in Student Lounge: A new microwave will be purchased by Annetta for the Student Lounge.

- 19) Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.