

**Masters of Information Student Council
Sixth Regular Meeting, 2009-10 Session
December 14th, 2009
4:10pm-5:07pm**

PRESENT: Kim Stymest, Amanda Leclerc, Laura Mustard, Catherine Dunn, Amy Hoffmann, Michael Desjardins, Gillian Kwicien, Effie Patelos, Christine Deluca, Carmen Lee, Suzanne LeBlanc, Jackie Whyte-Appleby, Patricia Ayala, Erika Heesen.

Recorder: Patricia Ayala

REGRETS: Christina Kim, Tracy Manning, Margaret Lam, Courtney Fisher, Rustam Dow, Stella Palikarova, Alex Whiteman, Jennifer Slater, Jenaya Webb, Janina Mueller, Cathryn Ziefle.

The meeting was called to order at 4:11pm, with quorum established. **CARRIED**

1. Business arising from the Minutes:

None. **CARRIED**

Motion to approve the Minutes. **CARRIED**

2. Call to order and acceptance of Agenda

Correct date on the Agenda to Tuesday. **CARRIED**

3. President's report. Kim Stymest

Kim expressed that while there were unexpected events this term it was overall good. There were few complaints about the forwarded email sent out but not a lot. Some of the things we need to focus on now are Academic Affairs with Russ stepping down. The council needs to discuss what to do regarding Stella's position and duties, including the overview of filling out the class reps forms.

Gift cards for the cleaning staff have been given annually and the council has allotted around \$100 for this. Currently there are a total of 2 ladies for the cleaning personnel at the Faculty. The possibility of giving gift cards to the Technical Staff

(Burt and Tony) was discussed. Some of the possibilities to accommodate this in the budget were to give less per each gift card. However, the council realized that if we gave Tony and Burt a gift card we should give gifts to everyone. The distinction was made between them and the librarians since the technical staff are in the building 24/7 and are extremely helpful to everyone at all times. Some of the council members pointed out that there is a substantial amount of money allotted for food and perhaps we can take money from there for these gifts. Finally, the council reached the solution to give the Inforum staff a collective gift such as flowers and give the cleaning staff money gift cards for them to spend them how they saw fit. Motion to approve Christmas presents. **CARRIED**

Vice President's Report. Christine Deluca.

Christine debriefed the council on the advances of institutionalizing the MISC fees. She will provide more information on this so the council can make a more informed decision, although it was agreed it is a good idea. In January this will be further advertised, beginning January 4th. There will be a referendum to institutionalize this in January when a vote will be taken. The format of the vote was also discussed and it was agreed that a paper ballot was best to maintain anonymity. If the referendum is approved the constitution has to be changed and approved by the council. The minutes from this meeting will also be sent out along with the detailed information concerning the matter.

Motion for Referendum week of Jan 18th for institutionalization of student council.

CARRIED.

*The vote was actually taken in the middle of the Professional Development Report due to a break.

Webmaster's Report - Michael Desjardins

Michael is interested in forming a committee for the webmaster position. The position would allow students to help in the webmaster's job. He believes there are a lot of things that can be done. He expressed that one of the problems is that the person who knows the most about the website is the person who set it up and is not here anymore. He believes there are benefits to this new format.

The council had several concerns such as, the constitution would need to be amended, there were several questions regarding efficiency and the exact role or interest this position would spark. Ideally this would be a first year position to establish a continuing tradition.

The council discussed several concerns such as the need to amend the constitution in order to do this, how efficient this would be and the exact description of the new position. Other questions that need to be answered before this is approached were: What would other be people do if not work on the website? What would other people want to work in that committee? The main argument was that if people are going to be enticed to do this it has to be a hands on experience, not a discussion. Michael proposed to get a feel for the students and see if they are interested in something like this. The council will assess the situation during the next meeting in January.

Professional Development Committee Report - Amanda Leclerc

Amanda was happy to report there was a spike in sign-ups after the email was sent out. She expressed it is disappointing to put in so much effort and energy into these events, especially since it's becoming increasingly difficult to recruit professionals and observe a lack of interest by students. Wendy Newman has volunteered to help in bringing people in from outside the faculty.

The Job Fair is taking place on January 29th and promotion for the event has been confusing since students think it is another professional resume critique reminder, so there needs to be a clear distinction about this. Amanda encourages everyone to read their emails carefully.

Merchandising Committee Report - Erika Heesen

Erika was happy to report a total of \$1720 for fall term sales. The profit came down to \$380. In January there will be a zip up hoodie sale the last 2 weeks of the month. There is also a contest to select the ischool logo and slogan and the floor is open for submission of slogan ideas. The votes would be collected using a survey set up via webmonkey.

Erika asked for the members' opinion on the price and colours of sweatshirts. Grey

seemed to be a popular colour, as well as, navy and black. Finally, pint glasses will be sold starting in January.

GSU Representatives Report - Gillian Kwicien, Christine Deluca

The GSU representatives expressed concerns over the institution of a fee for non- U of T students to try to access the stacks. This is not to be confused by the already imposed “Research Reader” fees since last September. Starting September 2010 a browsing fee will be charged. The GSU is extremely upset about this and is writing a letter to Mclean’s committee in every university in an attempt to deal with the issue. This fee concerns Robarts library only, yet the council expressed the importance of expressing out support for information access. This is a matter pertaining to the entire faculty, not just MISC.

The council expressed it is our job to support the GSU, since they support us too. Several questions arose from this discussion, such as the reason behind the head librarian’s decision to do this, the true economic costs since it might be counter-productive for UTL to do this due to interlibrary loan charges and the availability of resources for U of T students.

On another note, there is a referendum for a \$ bike chain for free bike repair. Finally, there is a GSU Pub party this Friday and funding will be donated to charitable causes.

Tech Fund Committee Report - Jacqueline Whyte-Appleby, Michael Desjardins, Carmen Lee

The committee has notices that the number of laptops available for borrowing from the Inforum has been deemed insufficient, this year with the increase of students is not enough. Additional laptops should be purchased. The committee decided to continue this discussion will continue until next year’s meeting.

New business - None

Adjourned at 5:09pm