

**Masters of Information Student Council
Seventh Regular Meeting, 2009-10 Session
Friday, January 22nd, 2010
1pm-2pm**

PRESENT: Kim Stymest, Laura Mustard, Catherine Dunn, Amy Hoffmann, Michael Desjardins, Gillian Kwicien, Christine Deluca, Carmen Lee, Jackie Whyte Appleby, Patricia Ayala, Erika Heesen, Jennifer Slater, Christina Kim, Margaret Lam, Courtney Fisher, Alex Whiteman, Cathryn Ziefle.

Recorder: Patricia Ayala

REGRETS: Tracy Manning, Rustam Dow, Stella Palikarova, Jennaya Webb, Janina Mueller, Amanda Leclerc, Effie Patelos.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10pm, with quorum established. **CARRIED**

1. Business arising from the Minutes:

Edit changes to December minutes. **CARRIED**

Motion to approve the Minutes. **CARRIED**

2. Call to order and acceptance of Agenda

Add tech fund report. Give a detailed account of what the position of Academic Affairs entails given that Stella Palikarova has resigned. **CARRIED**

3. President's report. Kim Stymest

i. Notice of By-Election.

Kim expressed the need to run a by-election if no MISC member wants to run for the Academic Affairs position.

ii. Constitution Amendment

Kim informed the council that in order for the Referendum to take place, the MISC constitution needs to be amended. This will result in the postponement of the referendum voting date, yet it is the safest way to go about it. If the constitution is not amended prior to the referendum, the council may encounter problems passing

the referendum. Christine has prepared an article to go in the constitution that would be part of these changes. This article needed to be reviewed and approved by the governing council. The vote needs a minimum of 10% of people to vote, yet there are concerns that there is a huge apathy problem within the student community. A total of 25 voters was recommended by the Life & Times coordinator for U of T, this being a rough number. The best turnover so far has been the voting for the slogan. It was suggested to include an awareness statement if not enough people vote.

The council decided to consider 25 people as the total and if this wasn't the case, then the election would be held after a certain period. Once the approval from Life & Times is granted the council needs to agree on the amendment. Once agreed, the amendment needs to be posted online for a week before voting can take place. The council would conduct an email vote and make the student body aware of it before proceeding with the Referendum vote.

Vice President's Report. Christine Deluca.

Christine informed the council that for the Referendum vote, executive members can not be involved. On another note Christine discussed the matter of Robart's Library Head Librarian concerning Student Library jobs. Students from the Information Faculty should be given priority status when applying for these opportunities. The problem lies in that these are unionized positions and undergraduate students who have been there for a long time are given preference. This doesn't make sense and the council agreed with Christine that our students need to be placed somehow. Members of the council also suggested that students need to be proactive and walk into libraries; several students have gotten their jobs this way. Questions concerning a co-op program are still being discussed and these questions should be posted to Seamus given their importance.

Treasurer's Report - Courtney Fisher

i. General report/update. Courtney reported that a total of \$1,200 has been allocated to the Professional Development committee for the Job Fair. Courtney circulated a copy of the updated budget for the council to review.

Reports by Committees:

a. Social Committee - Catherine Dunn & Cathryn Ziefle.

i. Upcoming events. The social committee will hold the next pub night at Disgraceland, they are in the process of calling to check if there is enough space. There will be 1 event in February since a lot of people are leaving for reading week. There will be one event Wednesday night, an AGO tour since it is free after 6pm on Wednesdays. There was discussion concerning the clashing of dates with the OLA superconference. Margaret also added that perhaps there could be a joint event with the Alumni association so students could network. Finally, the first pub night after reading week is scheduled for March 11th and will take place at the Old Nick since people enjoyed it a lot. After this, the only event left is the End of Year Pub Night.

b. Student Tech Fund - No report

c. Professional Development Committee Report - Amanda Leclerc & Cybil Stephens

i. Wendy Newman PD iTeas - please attend. Wendy has been getting involved in a lot of the iTeas; she is coordinating Professional Development events until the end of the academic term.

ii. Job Fair - Jan 29th - need volunteers. The sign up sheet for volunteers will circle around the meeting for members to sign up. Part of the volunteers' job will be to check students who have paid their student council fees. For those students who have already paid there will be pre-printed name tags that will be issued upon their arrival. Students who wish to enter the job fair can pay at the entrance and name tag where they can write their name tag will be provided to them. An email will go out later on the day today about the required entrance fee to all students, as well as an email about the attending organizations. Cybil will also circulate the list of organizations that will be attending, indicating which ones are hiring.

There were concerns from members of the council regarding the professional resume critique. A few members never got a response back with an assigned professional, and other students expressed the same problem. Cybil will look into this, given that she assured that everyone was matched up with someone.

d. Merchandising Committee Report - Erika Heesen

i. **Progress report on sweatshirt/stein orders.** Erika was pleased to report that a total of 42 hoodies and 32 steins have been ordered so far.

ii. **Statement re: Gildan's Labour Practices [ATTACHED in the Agenda for this meeting].** There are ethical problems with the company [details in forma attached to this meeting's agenda]. Erika has drafted a paragraph that would be added to the statement to go up in the MIS website since several people have commented about this matter. **CARRIED**

Reports by Representatives:

e. Alumni Association

i. **Travel Grant applications.** Margaret reported the travel grants have been collected, there are eight in total.

ii. **Job shadowing program update.** This will be promoted at the Job Fair so people can sign up for a placement.

iii. **Jubilee Award being renamed.** The deadline for the change of name to the Jubilee award is at the end of March, Margaret will report more on this later.

f. Admissions - No Report

g. GSU Representatives Report - Gillian Kwicien, Christine Deluca

h. Life & Times - No report.

i. Faculty Council - No report - Next Meeting: February 23rd, 2010.

j. Standing Committee

i. **Completed review of Academic Standing issues from Fall 2009.** A report will be made available as it is finished.

New business

The council expressed the need for a registration table and people to volunteer to help out for the Referendum voting. An email will be sent out about this. Erika reminded the council that hoodies and steins can still be ordered. Finally, for second year students looking or worries about jobs, Wendy Newman is conducting several workshops, some focusing on jobs in the US.

Adjourned at 2:04 pm