

University of Toronto
Faculty of Information
Master of Information Student Council
Friday, February 26th, 2010
Student Lounge, 7th Floor, Claude Bissell Building
12 – 1 pm

PRESENT: Kim Stymest, Christine DeLuca, Teresa Sine, Gillian Kwiecien, Laura Mustard, Courtney Fisher, Amy Hoffmann, Cathryn Ziefle, Michael Desjardins, Jacqueline Whyte Appleby, Erika Heesen, Margaret Lam, Catherine Dunn, Cybil Stephens

RECORDER: Christine DeLuca

REGRETS: Tracy Manning, Rustam Dow, Jennaya Webb, Janina Mueller, Amanda Leclerc, Effie Patelos, Jennifer Slater, Patricia Ayala, Alex Whiteman, Carmen Lee, Effie Patelos, Christina Kim

The meeting was called to order at 12:15, with quorum established. **CARRIED**

1. Approval of Agenda

Kim motioned to move the Reading and Approval of the Minutes and Business Arising from the Minutes after the Executive Committee Reports because there were special guests. **CARRIED**

2. President's report. Kim Stymest

a. ALA Accreditation

Judy Dunn and Andrew Drummond were present to answer any of the councils questions or concerns regarding the ALA Accreditation process. This process happens every seven years. There will be an external review panel coming to visit the faculty on March 8th and 9th. It is made up of four people (and one observer from CLA and one observer from ALA). They have requested at least three meetings with students. Judy and Andrew asked the council to assist in arranging council attendees for two of the meetings and help advertise for student involvement from the general student population for the third meeting. It was decided that Judy and Andrew would host a general meeting next week so that students would have an opportunity to ask questions about this process. It was also decided that student council would send out an e-mail with regards to the visit from the review panel and notifying student of the general meeting. It was agreed that students should provide constructive criticism about the program.

b. Wendy Newman's PD Lunch Sessions – A Day in the Life...

Kim asked that all council members help promote this PD initiative. There was low attendance at the last meeting and if this continues, the events will have to be cancelled.

c. Succession Planning / Spring Election

Kim discussed the possibility of the two week nomination period taking place during the last few weeks of March. Catherine Dunn asked about having a reception for succession like the previous year and Kim said she would take it under advisement.

3. Vice President's report. Christine DeLuca

a. Update on Student Council Fee Institutionalization

Gillian Kwiecien (CRO) reported the results of the referendum: 121 members voted "YES" while 17 members voted "NO". That is a 30% voter turnout of the membership.

Christine motioned to have the referendum results ratified. **CARRIED**

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Christine discussed the next steps that needed to be taken which included completing the package that was to be submitted to Student Life Programs and attending a meeting with the coordinator for Campus Organization Services.

4. Treasurer. Courtney Fisher

a. General Report / Update

Courtney reported that the Job Fair came in under budget. Courtney also explained that Laura Shtern who is a co-organizer for the Student Conference needs funds for an interpreter for a person who is planning to attend the event from McGill University.

Courtney motioned to give the Student Conference another contribution of \$400 was made.

CARRIED

5. Webmaster. Michael Desjardins

a. Status of changes to main MISSC page

Michael reported that he is having difficulties finding assistance. He reported that he will be continuing with the changes, however, the website might go down periodically. A suggestion was made to make a tweet to announce when he was planning to work on the site.

b. Assistant webmaster

Michael has been able to find an assistant for the website, Bar.

6. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of January 22nd and February 5th

Edit changes to January and February minutes. **CARRIED**

Motion to approve the Minutes. **CARRIED**

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

Reports by Committees:

A. Social Committee

i. Upcoming Events

The Social Committee reported that there would be at least one pub night this month and the end of the year party. They also expressed an interest in organizing the reception for succession.

B. Student Tech Fund

i. Suggested Titles for eBooks

The Student Tech Fund has just purchased two Kindles and one Sony eBook reader. The Inforum has the funds for buying eBooks. They would like suggestions as to how to get student input, and/or what to buy.

C. Professional Development – NO REPORT

D. Merchandise Committee

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Erika reported the final number of sweatshirts and steins sold, 75 and 60 respectively. Erika also plans to have a March sale where she will have a sale on USB keys as they did not sell very well this year.

Reports by Representatives

A. Alumni Association

The Job Shadowing Program was a success. About 80% of the slots were filled within 2 hours of opening the wiki. There is a call for nominations for the Outstanding Student Contribution Award. The deadline is March 31st. The award is for \$500. The next round of Travel Grants will be announced soon. Anyone who has not heard back yet will hear back shortly.

B. Admissions – NO REPORT

C. GSU

Gillian reported that elections are occurring from March 1st until the 12th and you can vote on ROSI.

D. Life & Times – NO REPORT

E. Faculty Council – Laura Mustard to Report

The general collection of the Inforum is under review. There was a change of designation of the Coach House and the Professional Learning Centre.

F. Programs Committee

There is concern about the proposed MMSt Thesis Option because it can negatively affect anyone who is planning on doing the concurrent program.

G. Standing Committee – NO REPORT

New Business

None

Adjourned at 1:17 pm