

Master of Information Student Council
9th Regular Meeting
March 26th, 2010.
2pm-3pm

PRESENT: Kim Stymest, Catherine Dunn, Jill Kwiecien, Laura Mustard, Patricia Ayala, Cathryn Ziefle, Christine Deluca, Amy Hoffmann, Erika Heesen, Effie Patelos, Jennifer Slater, Courtney Fisher, Amanda LeClerc, Michael Desjardins,

Regrets: Rustam Dow, Susanne Leblanc, Cybil Stephens, Christina Kim, Alex Whiteman, Jennaya Web, Tracy Manning,

Recorder: Patricia Ayala and Amy Hoffmann.

Approval of Agenda: **CARRIED**

Approval of the Minutes: **CARRIED**

Business arising from the minutes. **NONE**

President's Report.

1. Accreditation

Kim was happy to report there was an overall positive outlook to the ALA accreditation to the program.

2. Succession Planning/Spring Elections

Kim reminded the council that the succession or transition will take place after elections. The meeting for students to meet members of the council and inquire about their position has had numerous responses and attendance looks good.

Vice President – Christine Deluca

Christine reported that documentation concerning the Referendum is in. At the end of April there is a Governing Council meeting and the CRO and anyone else interested in attending is welcomed. They will be answering any questions regarding the matter. This is now going through the university and next year it will be audited; it will then be the responsibility of council in place at that time.

Secretary – Patricia Ayala

On behalf of her and her conference co-chair, Patricia was pleased to report the 2nd Annual University of Toronto iSchool Student Conference was a success. They are extremely grateful to the MISC. Over 100 people attended the conference throughout

both days.

Treasurer – Jill Kwiecien

i. General report/update - Special Libraries Exhibit. Funds from student council have typically been given, except for last year. People discussed how this funding should be given to more than one class. Catherine explained what the exhibit entails. Amanda enquired what part of the budget this comes out of. This comes from student sponsoring initiatives/others. The council brought up issues about sponsoring other classes, i.e. Matt Ratto. Why should students have to pay for this plus their exhibit, plus tuition, etc. It feels that we are funding the curriculum. This event has been advertised. If we vote no, we need to explain it to her. Make sure that they market around that MISC supports this, look more deeply into policy.

Send the money with a letter listing the issues that surround this decision.

Webmaster – Michael Desjardins. NO REPORT

Social Committee – Catherine Dunn & Catherine Ziefle

The social committee announced that April 16th will be the end of year pub night. This event needs to be held in an accessible venue. Catherine has been looking for a place that is both accessible and it's big enough to hold the volume of people who may show up. Some places like the Gladstone are too far away and expensive. The committee needs to find a venue still. Barrier-Free, washrooms are not a problem. The committee is actively looking for an appropriate location.

Reports by Representatives

a. Alumni Association

a) Award, call for nominations. An FIAA Reminder! There was a reminder that this yearly award had not received any nominations and the representative encouraged the council to promote this.

Reports by Representatives

C. Life & Times – Kim Stymest reporting for Suzanne LeBlanc

Due to poor attendance at the winter term iTeas, the committee is looking for feedback as to why. Several factors were brought up and a suggestion was made to stagger the dates of the iTeas so that they are not always on the same day permitting students who do not have class or are not in the building on Wednesdays to be able to attend.

The idea of a listserv dedicated to social events was also suggested by the committee and discussed, however it was agreed that there should ideally be one source of emails and not several.

The BCS IE is currently not being used by students to its full potential. Several suggestions were brought forth, including fixing the wifi so there is a better wireless signal and making it easier to find as students do not know how to get there.

7. New Business

a. Faculty Council – Kim Stymest

The Faculty Council meeting scheduled for today was cancelled and the date for the next meeting has not been announced.

b. MISC AGM – Kim Stymest

The last MISC meeting for the current council is April 12th. Each council member is asked to prepare a summation of what they have done throughout the year to be presented at the meeting. Newly elected council members will also be in attendance.

c. Summer Enrolment – Amanda Leclerc

In previous semesters, second year students who were intending to convocate but still needed a required course were permitted to register on an earlier date to ensure that they would be enrolled in the necessary class. However, this has not been done for the upcoming summer semester. Some students may now find themselves in a position whereby they are unable to enrol in the one class they have outstanding to obtain their degree.

This matter is to be followed up by Alex to determine why this was not done for the summer semester and to obtain some kind of understanding as to registration process involved in order to provide more transparency and help to students.

Adjourned at **3:51pm**.