

University of Toronto
Faculty of Information
Master of Information Student Council
Saturday, April 9th, 2010
Student Lounge, 7th Floor, Claude Bissell Building
6-8 pm

Minutes

Current Members Present: Christine DeLuca, Gillian Kwiecien, ginger coons, Jennifer Slater, Jessica Barr, Effie Patelos, Jessica Derreck, Jessica Darling, Sarah Shujah, Carmen Lee, Cybil Stephens, Heather Buchansky, Alex Wong, Danielle Leighton, Katie Mercer, Angie McHodgkins, Jackie Flowers, Teresa Sine, Chris Trainor, Dana Silk, Jessica Lawson.

Incoming Members Present: Shawna Delgaty, Martinus Driessen, Victoria Baranow, Amy Weir, Lindsay Gibb, Koren Siddles,, Michelle Lovegrove Thompson, Stephanie Quail, Melissa Bell.

Regrets: Brad Koegler, Kaitlin Perri, Val Stevens, Alexandra Hall, Yuliya Hluzd, Samhita Gupta, Eleonore Fournier-Tombs .

Recorder: Jennifer Slater

1. Approval of Agenda – Carried.

2. Reading and Approval of the Minutes March 10th –Carried.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes – None.

4. President’s Report – Christine DeLuca

- i. Referendum Ratification- The referendum was an overall success, with the vote to continue with the Tech Fund being 108 to 12 in favour of passing. A motion was put forth to ratify the referendum decision. The Council voted unanimously in favour of ratifying the referendum decision.
- ii. Part Time Students-Christine received another email from a part time student regarding concerns over rotating required courses in the academic schedule. As such, she arranged a meeting with the Dean and a new re-worked schedule is being worked on to see if this is possible. They have said they will send Christine an update on this issue.
- iii. Final Report- It was a great year overall, including very successful Council initiatives such as, the IS Career Cafe, the opening of the media lab, incorporating Museum Studies in the Tech Fund, the creation of the new collaborative MISC-MSGSA Liaison position for next year to foster greater communication with the MSGSA and much more that will be mentioned by other Council members in their reports.

5. Treasurer- Gillian Kwiecien

- i. Librarians Without Borders- Continuing from last meetings discussion of the LWB trip to Guatemala, a motion was put forth to provide an additional \$500 in funding to contribute to collections development for a community library. The motion was voted on by Council and the additional funding was approved.

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- ii. Final Report- This year the finances for the Council were balanced and managed well. This was our first year conducting an audit and next year the audit will need to be arranged again and there will need to be a referendum held to determine whether or not student fees will continue to be collected through ROSI.

6. Secretary – Jennifer Slater

- i. Final Report- Overall, the nominee turnout for both the fall and winter elections was much higher than last year and the increased interest in the Council this year has been positive. Regarding voter turnout, there were 102 voters for the recent election, which is much higher than in previous years when voting has been conducted online. It is for this reason that in person voting tables, while more work to arrange, are still suggested for next year.

7. Webmaster – Chris Trainor

- i. Final Report- This year's work has centered around the reworking of the MISC website and working to update its content. The calendar on posting Professional Development events was a successful way to market and promote events all year.

8. Reports by Committees:

a. Social Committee – Dana Silk and Jessica Lawson

- i. Final Report- The events this year have been well received. The most consistent issue faced this year was finding accessible venues to host events, and compiling a list of suitable venues will need to be continued for next year. Some of the events that were coordinated include:
 - a. The meet and greet in July
 - b. Orientation week of events
 - c. More inclusive events including games nights and potlucks
 - d. Inter-faculty events
 - e. Monthly pub nights

b. Professional Development – Cybil Stephens and Heather Buchansky

- i. Final Report- The Professional Development events were well received and attended this year. Faculty members were worked with to develop and promote events. There is an ongoing effort to work with the Dean to hire on a Professional Development faculty member as a permanent position. Some of the events held this year include:
 - a. Clubs open house
 - b. Summer job panel iTea
 - c. Resume workshop with Ulla de Stricker
 - d. Resume critique
 - e. Business card service, which was new
 - f. Interview workshop
 - g. Employer showcase

c. Academic Affairs – Effie Patelos

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- i. Final Report-Since taking up the position in January almost all of the class representative forms and final reports have been collected. There were no major concerns raised by students and the final semester was quiet overall.
- d. *Merchandise Committee –Jessica Barr*
 - i. Final Report-Most of the merchandise was ordered last summer, but there is a significant amount remaining that can be used by the incoming Council before more needs to be ordered. We made over \$3,500 in income. Overall, the quality of the merchandise was high, however, the company was slightly difficult to work with and were very slow in responding to questions and were difficult to get in touch with. It might be considered to work with a larger pre-approved company next year. It is recommended that the incoming Council attend the June graduation to promote Council merchandise.

9. Reports by Representatives

- a. *Student Tech Fund – Alex Wong and Carmen Lee*
 - i. Final Report- The big success this semester was the successful passing of the referendum concerning the continuation of the collection of fees for Tech Fund. The Representatives worked to spend more of the Tech Funds and put the funding to good use for the students. This was supported by the help of faculty members, particularly Rhonda and Ivan. This year the Tech Fund helped fund such initiatives as:
 - a. The FIQ
 - b. Conservation and preservation crash course workshop
 - c. Media lab launch
 - d. Purchase of more iPads and Netbooks
- b. *Alumni Association*
 - i. Final Report- not in attendance so this report will be forwarded to the Council.
- c. *Admissions*
 - i. Final Report- not in attendance so this report will be forwarded to the Council.
- d. *GSU – Teresa Sine and Sarah Shujah*
 - i. Final Report- There was a slow start to the GSU meetings in the first semester and the discussion surrounded the G20 and campus involvement. A policy was passed regarding the use of GSU facilities. In the second semester work focused on trying to create standard policies for inclusiveness. The final GSU cheque will be picked up at the next meeting.
- e. *Life & Times – Katie Mercer*
 - i. Final Report- Overall, the iTeas have had a quiet turnout and this is likely due to the awkward time they are held, however, this is unable to be changed as they can only run when there are no classes. There were a variety of guests and speakers throughout the year. The iTeas are largely planned at the beginning of the year in advance so if anyone wants to run events for next year it is best to get these ideas in as soon as possible. There

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is typically an iTea held for the Council, for Tech Fund, and for the MSGSA.
The end of term iTea is still coming up.

- f. *Information Technology and Inforum – Angie McHodgkins*
 - i. Final Report- There was only one meeting held this year as the second one was cancelled. The Dean has mentioned that he wants 2 people to hold this position for next year. The focus of the first meeting was on utilizing the Tech Fund.
- g. *Faculty Council – ginger coons and Jessica Derreck*
 - i. Final Report- There were only two meetings this year in the first semester, as the final two meetings were cancelled. The biggest item discussed and passed was the creation of a new undergraduate program with the Mississauga campus of the University of Toronto. This collaboration supports and promotes the faculties plans for future expansion and faculty growth.
- h. *Programs Committee*
 - i. Final Report- not in attendance so this report will be forwarded to the Council.
- i. *Committee on Standing – Katie Mercer*
 - i. Final Report- The main issue encountered this year involves the lenient faculty approach to academic extensions for students. All requests put to the Committee were passed and this leniency may need to be looked into and addressed next year by the incoming Council.

10. New Business – None.

11. Meeting adjourned – 7:25pm.