

University of Toronto
Faculty of Information
Master of Information Student Council
Thursday, September 23, 2010
Student Lounge, 7th Floor, Claude Bissell Building
6 – 6:45 pm

Agenda

Present: Jessica Barr, Christine DeLuca, Kaitlin Perri, Teresa Sine, Ryan Nayler, Chris Trainor, Yuliya Hluzd, Angie McHodgkins, Dana Silk, Katie Mercer, Carmen Lee, Effie Patelos, Jennifer Slater, Cybil Stephens.

Regrets: Jill Kwiecien, Brad Koegler, Jessica Derreck, Ginger Coons, Jackie Flowers, Jessica Darling, Danielle Cooper, Jessica Lawson and Sarah Sujah.

Recorder: Jennifer Slater

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm.

1. Approval of Agenda- **Carried**
2. Reading and Approval of the Minutes June 30th and August 23rd. -**Carried**
3. Business Arising from the Minutes- **None**
4. **Social Committee- Dana Silk**

Christine asked to move this report to the beginning of the meeting as Dana needed to leave early from the meeting.

Dana noted that, while some new events are in the works , there have been delays due to personal reasons for Jessica. She noted the success of Orientation week events, such as the BBQ and the potluck. In addition, Christine noted that she has been in discussion with the Museum Studies Graduate Student Association regarding a joint event. The date of the event will be October 15th and she encouraged all MI Student Council members and MI students to attend.

5. **President- Christine DeLuca**
 - a. Vending Machines – Christine discussed the fact that there have been electrical difficulties with the Bissell building which has resulted in a delay in the installation of the machines. However, they should be installed and ready to go by next week.
 - b. Course Evaluations- Several students have inquired about the possibility of seeing the results of course evaluations. In this case should we switch back to in class evaluations? Several members mentioned that they approved of in class evaluations. The question was raised whether students would be seeing the direct responses of the evaluations, which could have privacy issues. It was discussed that perhaps the Council could gain access to the evaluations and present more generalized results for the student body.
 - c. Meeting Schedule- The new meeting time of the first Thursday of the month at 5pm was proposed and agreed upon.
 - d. Art for the Lounge- A graduate from our faculty has approached Christine regarding the possibility of contributing some of his photographic pieces in the student lounge.

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Effie raised the potential issue that some students within the faculty may also wish to display their artistic works and that this may become a much larger project than originally intended. While other students contributing to the lounge would not be negative, this may require assigned role for someone to organize this and determine costs. Most Council members did like this idea. This would contribute to the atmosphere and the lounge for students. Christine asked if anyone was interested in drafting a list of guidelines to streamline the process for which art will be considered for the lounge and Katie Mercer offered to do so for the next meeting.

- e. Discussion of Librarian video- Christine noted that the Dean has taken an interest in this and is interested in our school possibly building on this idea. Christine asked us to consider this and maybe think of song ideas. We will need to make sure to emphasize the full MI program if we do this, not just libraries, but rather to include the various streams.

6. Treasurer- Jill Kwiecien

While Jill could not be present for the meeting, Christine has handed out a financial update. We are currently under budget and we are doing well for the upcoming year.

7. Secretary- Jennifer Slater

Jennifer discussed the positive response during the nomination process for the current MISC fall election. She noted that there was a distinct increase in first year interest and a growth in interest from many second year students as well. With regards to the election the voter turnout has been quite low, despite numerous emails and posters reminding students. She asked for suggestions regarding other ways to advertise the election at the end of the year. She also thanked the Council members for their help with the voting booth.

8. Webmaster - Chris Trainor- No Report

9. Reports by Committees:

- a. **Social Committee-** Dana Silk- Moved to beginning of meeting.

- b. **Professional Development- Cybil Stephens**

Cybil noted that this year Dana and Candy have organized it this year. They have been working on their own and she noted that maybe next year the Council could perhaps help with this. Christine's expressed concern that this may be a substantial project, however, Cybil noted that this can be done earlier in the summer and that this could be something we could help with as long as everyone is alright with this. She also noted that the professional resume critique earlier today was a success with good attendance. There is also potential for a future event on student summer jobs, as this has been added as an iTea event in the future.

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c. **Academic Affairs** – Ryan Nayler- No Report

Christine noted that the class representative forms are coming in and there will be additional effort to maintaining communication between class reps, professors and the Council this year.

d. **Merchandise Committee- Jessica Barr**

Jessica discussed the arrival of the new merchandise ordered and noted that the new items are currently on display in the student lounge. Future merchandise plans include an expansion of the shirt orders from last year to potentially include more specific designs for the different MI paths. This is feasible with the current budget. She is not yet decided whether the Council will select different slogans for the shirts, or if there will be an online survey to reflect student preferences.

10. **Reports by Representatives**

a. **Student Tech Fund-Carmen Lee**

Carmen discussed the purchase of 10 netbooks by the Inforum, a number higher than previously discussed, which is over the financial limit the Tech Fund can independently decide on. While this is over the initial budget we had discussed, Angie has noted that they are being used by students. The council voted and passed the motion to purchase the Netbooks with the Student Tech Fund.

Christine and Carmen emphasized the need for future Tech Funds project ideas. Some of the suggestions proposed by Council members included more software, such as Adobe and we discussed looking into software that would help specific classes with their needs. The possibility of purchasing iPads, more reading lamps, as well as a clock for the lounge, were also mentioned.

b. **Alumni Association** - No Report

c. **Admissions** - No Report

d. **GSU** - No Report

e. **Life & Times** - No Report

f. **Information Technology and Inforum** - No Report

g. **Faculty Council** - No Report

h. **Programs Committee** - No Report

i. **Committee on Standing**

Christine noted that at the last meeting 12 theses have passed, some with conditions.

11. New Business- None

12. Adjourned at 6:49pm.