

University of Toronto
Faculty of Information
Master of Information Student Council
Thursday, October 7th, 2010
Student Lounge, 7th Floor, Claude Bissell Building
5 - 6 pm

Minutes

Present: Carmen Lee, Katie Mercer, Yuliya Hluzd, Heather Buchansky, Alex Wong, Alexandra Hall, Samhita Gupta, Sarah Sujah, Teresa Sine, Jessica Darling, Gillian Kwiecien, Angie McHodgkins, Dana Silk, Jessica Lawson, Jessica Barr, Christine DeLuca, Brad Koegler, Val Stevens, Jennifer Slater, Chris Trainor, Greg Hughes, Jackie Flowers, Jessica Darling, Cybil Stephens.

Regrets: Ryan Nayler, Effie Patelos, Kaitlin Perri, Ginger Coons, Danielle Cooper, Jessica Derreck.

Recorder: Jennifer Slater

The meeting was called to order at 5:06pm, with quorum established.

- 1. Approval of Agenda- Carried.**
- 2. Reading and Approval of the Minutes September 23, 2010.-Carried**
- 3. Business Arising from the Minutes- None**
- 4. President's Report- Christine DeLuca**
 - i. Introductions of all Student Council members were made.
 - ii. Position Appointments- There remain two open positions on the Council, the First Year Student Tech Fund Rep and Committee on Standing Rep. Christine would like to appoint Samhita, who has expressed an interest in the position for the Student Tech Fund position, all of the Council agreed to appoint her for the position. Christine asked if anyone was interested in the committee on standing position and Katie Mercer put her name forward and Christine appointed her.
 - iii. Meeting Information – Christine gave a reminder of the meeting procedures. She will email Monday or Tuesday a week before the meeting so email her if you have anything to add to the agenda. She gave out a contact list for the Council members.
 - iv. Academic Affairs- Christine reported that they will be compiling a list of the class representatives so that announcements can be made in class through a pre-arranged system. We will be able to email announcements to Ryan or Christine and hopefully this will be in the works soon.
 - v. iSchool Video- Christine had a meeting with Kathleen Obrien and she has mentioned that rather than a music video we should do something different and perhaps theatre related. Jackie has volunteered to start working on this project and brainstorm ideas.
 - vi. Plasmas and Posters- Kathleen Obrien has said that she no longer has the time to format items for the plasma screen and put up posters. She wants someone on student council to take over this job. Kathleen will still post the items but the job will be mostly formatting items to the specifications. Dana has volunteered to do this.
 - vii. Art for the Lounge- Katie Mercer said that she has contacted other students in the faculty and they expressed interest in having the student discussed in the previous

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meeting donate photographs. There was a unanimous vote to have the student's art in the lounge.

5. Vice President – No Report

6. Treasurer- Gillian Kwiecien

- i. Quick Update- So far we are on track and doing well for this portion of the year. A current update of the finances was passed around to all Council members.
- ii. FIQ request for \$400- The FIQ is a student run journal and they are asking for \$400. They are asking for this to cover fees for creating a digital repository for the journal and to use digital tools. Alex noted that he was under the impression that Reuben had consulted the Dean for funding, but he was likely told to ask us first. This would be coming out of the executive budget. Cybil brought up the idea that if we grant this we may be asked to fund this in future years. This may put the budget a bit tighter for other future requests for funding. A decision on this has been delayed and an email vote will be held when we have more facts.
- iii. LIS request for \$1000- Jenna Hartel would like \$1000 to bring in a guest speaker. This would cover hotel and food costs. The speaker would be going to classes and would be willing to do an iTea as well. Christine noted that this is specific to the LIS stream and there may be issues as we cannot afford to fund all streams equally at this level. Katie noted that this can get difficult with so many streams. Dana noted that this is essentially a faculty event, and if it was a student driven initiative then perhaps this is something we would be more interested in. But maybe funding faculty events isn't fully appropriate. Jess Barr noted that the ACA Student Chapter is doing a bake sale to raise funding for a speaker they want to come. A vote of the Council to consider funding the speaker did not pass. Christine will discuss this further with the Dean to find other options.

7. Secretary- Jennifer Slater

- i. Elections Wrap Up- Jennifer noted the overall success of the election and thanked all those who helped out with the elections table. The overall tally was a total of 79 votes and, while this does seem quite low, this is actually higher than when elections were held through email or digital vote. In future we will likely stick with paper votes to ensure a higher response. Suggestions are welcome regarding ways to improve voter turnout. Dana suggested to maybe adding a photo to the blurbs for the election to give people a face to the name on the election ballot.

8. Webmaster- Chris Trainor

- i. Survey-Chris is considering a website student survey to gauge reactions to the new website. He is not sure when this survey would go out, maybe November or December. Christine and Gillian noted that, even if there are suggested changes, there really isn't time to make any large changes. Jennifer also noted that voter turnout would be difficult and maybe to time the vote near the end of the year for the next webmaster.
- ii. Website General Update- Chris reminded the last few members to send in their blurbs and info so that they can be placed on the MISC website.

9. Reports by Committees:

- a. *Social Committee*- Dana Silk and Jessica Lawson

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- i. Inter-Faculty Pub Night- We were contacted by the Aerospace Student Association to join the Inter Faculty Pub Night. This should be a great way to connect and meet people from other faculties.
 - ii. Board Game Night- Will be in the lounge as 7pm on October 25th. This will be a good option for a get together other than the traditional pub night. There was a good response to similar events.
 - iii. Upcoming Events – They’re thinking of a sports event and maybe another potluck. Perhaps a ghost tour. Jackie suggested a yoga session on the in the lounge. Free varsity games might be an option. Sarah suggested the Hart House Farm. Maybe skating, Jess mentioned Winterfest held on campus. Dana said that there will be more events in succession starting January when students have a bit more time.
- b. *Professional Development*- Cybil Stephens
- i. Resume Clinic Report- Event went well and there was a great turn out. Ulla’s slides and handouts are now available on our website. Though there has been interest in another one from students, this will not be possible due to Ulla’s schedule. Jackie asked about a video and Cybil noted that there are podcasts on Ulla’s website
 - ii. iTea Report- There was a good response and good turnout.
 - iii. Business Cards- Though not offered in the past, this year we will be providing the option to buy business cards for students. They will be \$55 for 250 cards. The cards will feature the students name, their degree information, their University of Toronto email and the University of Toronto insignia.
 - iv. Resume Critique- Sign up will be set up soon.
 - v. Employer Showcase (formerly the Job and Networking Event- Will be held on January 14th and the Inforum is already booked. Wendy Newman has suggested that we have the job fair earlier this year to avoid conflicts with the CLA conference. Christine noted the need for security and maintenance to ensure that those outside of the faculty aren’t coming in, which was an issue faced last year. There has been a change in name to frame the event as a meet and greet rather than a job fair since jobs aren’t necessarily on offer.
 - vi. Full Day PD Event- Ulla de Stricker would be coming for a full day professional event. She has done this for other information faculties in the past. Maybe a short resume critique but 4 other workshops would be available as well. She is not sure of Ulla’s schedule, or if this would potentially be a paid event. There may need to be registration fees to make the event possible. Probably on a Saturday later in the year after the employer showcase.
- c. *Academic Affairs* – No Report
- d. *Merchandise Committee*- Jessica Barr
- i. Sign up Sheet for Merchandise Table- An email was sent out about the new merchandise available and the response is slow going so far. She is going to set up a table in the lobby to encourage students to purchase and make the items visible. She is setting up a time table to get help manning the table, please sign up when you get the email.

10. Reports by Representatives

- a. *Student Tech Fund*- Carmen Lee

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- i. Christine made a brief report to update the situation regarding the Netbooks. While it was previously stated that these had already been purchased and that too many were purchased, this is not the case. Having spoken with Tony it has come to our attention that they have not actually yet been purchased and Tony is still in to process of purchasing them. There was a miscommunication regarding the matter.
 - ii. Brainstorming- The software was mentioned before is being considered and Carmen is working on this with Tony. She is also thinking of future workshops and class tools that could be offered. Jackie noted that maybe additional plugs or outlets for laptops in classrooms. Angie noted the option of the extension cords offered at the Inforum. Gillian raised the option to consider the FIQ funding request under the Tech Fund. This will be discussed further and it will be checked to see if this would fit under the Tech Fund mandate. It will be discussed in the future or decided on by the Tech Fund members.
- b. *Alumni Association* – No Report
 - c. *Admissions* – No Report
 - d. *GSU* – No Report
 - e. *Life & Times* – Katie Mercer
 - i. Future Student Council iTea- Katie inquired if we the Council would be interested in wants to know if student council wants to host an iTea. It was agreed that this would be a good idea. Some of the potential ideas included an evening with student council or something involving the iSchool video. The schedule is filling in so this should be decided soon.
 - f. *Information Technology and Inforum* – Angie McHodgkins
 - i. The Inforum will be hosting a Halloween event and she confirmed that there were no conflicts with Student Council.
 - g. *Faculty Council* – No Report
 - h. *Programs Committee* – No Report
 - i. *Committee on Standing* – No Report

11. New Business- None

12. Meeting adjourned- 6:25pm