

University of Toronto
Faculty of Information
Master of Information Student Council
Thursday, December 2, 2010
Student Lounge, 7th Floor, Claude Bissell Building
5 – 6 pm

Minutes

Present: Jessica Derreck, Val Stevens, Cybil Stephens, Carmen lee, Alex Wong, Jackie Flowers, Teresa Sine, Dana Silk, Jennifer Slater, Gillian Kwiecien, Chris Trainor, Greg Hughes, Christine DeLuca, Jessica Barr, ginger coons, Danielle Cooper, Katie Mercer, Jessica Lawson and Effie Patelos.

Regrets: Jessica Darling, Sarah Shujah, Samhita Gupta, Alexandra Hall, Ryan Nayler, Heather Buchansky, Kaitlin Perri, Brad Koegler, Angie McHodgkins and Yuliya Hlzud.

Recorder: Jennifer Slater

The meeting was called to order at 5:11pm with quorum established.

1. Approval of Agenda- Carried.

- a. Agenda amended to include a Tech Fund report on art in the lounge, a Merchandise update and an update from Jackie regarding the iSchool video project.

2. Reading and Approval of the Minutes November 4 2010. – Carried.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes- None

4. President's Report- Christine DeLuca

- i. Food in the Office- Christine reminded Council members that when they are in the office to make sure to throw all food garbage away outside of the office to ensure no vermin are attracted.
- ii. Term in review- Our faculty is now initiating an undergraduate program, we have hosted two successful information nights for prospective students with the help of students that took part and helped out. We are still accepting Tech Fund ideas for funding and it has been a good term so far.
- iii. Val enquired about class representatives final reports' as she had not heard anything about this lately. Christine responded that this announcement will be going out to reps via an email in the next few days.
- iv. Christine mentioned the potential need for a museums liason position for next semester. This position can be created through the constitution but it is felt that this could be a useful position to foster better communication and collaboration between the two student groups.
- v. Volunteers will be needed next semester to prepare for the Tech Fund referendum. As a referendum cannot be run by an executive member of the Council or by sitting on the Tech Fund we will need other Council members to work on this.

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- vi. An update regarding the Student Conference given by ginger and Danielle- This years' Conference Boundaries, Frontiers and Gatekeepers will host Cory Doctorow as the key note speaker. Building on the conference from last year with a broad theme that includes all of the various disciplines within the faculty, it will include poster and paper presentations. The Conference will be held March 4th to 6th. Danielle and ginger anticipate Conference attendance of roughly 100 people, it will be free to attend for iSchool students, \$7 for non-UofT students and \$10 for professionals to attend. A website for the Conference has been set up (bfg.ischool.utoronto.ca) and the budget has been aided with allocations from the iSchool faculty (\$5,000) and the GSU and Hart House (\$1,500). The Conference is asking for an additional \$1,500 funding from MISC.
- vii. Christine clarified that the Council gave \$1,500 in funding last year for the Conference and noted that we have enough in the Council budget as this was previously considered when the budget was created at the beginning of the year. The motion to vote was put forth and there was unanimous approval from all Council members, with quorum reached. Funding of \$1,500 for the Student Conference was approved.

5. Vice President – No Report

6. Treasurer- Gillian Kwiecien

- i. Update- The budget is looking good roughly half way through the school year and merchandise sales are going well and efforts to keep selling will be ongoing.

7. Secretary – No Report

8. Webmaster- Chris Trainor

- i. Blurbs- Chris noted that some Council members had still not forwarded him their blurbs for the MISC website and asked that these be forwarded to him as soon as possible.

9. Reports by Committees:

a. *Social Committee*- Jessica Lawson

- i. Past Events- The hockey night event went well and a similar event may be run again next semester. The pub night held at the Grapefruit Moon was very popular and had a great turn out. Information regarding the pub night was sent to MSGSA to include them in the event invitation.
- ii. Term-End Party- This will be held at the Free Times Cafe will be hosted on December 10th from 7:30pm until 2am. It was ensured that this event was accessible to all students and that vegetarian and vegan options would be available.
- iii. Upcoming Events- Jessica and Dana are working on an event series for January when students have more time again. This may include another potluck, a student lounge sleepover or a board games night.

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- iv. Cybil noted the potential to coordinate with the Social Committee and have an event after the Networking event in January.
- b. *Professional Development*- Cybil Stephens
 - i. Follow up on resume critique- The event has been going well so far and feedback has been positive. This year there were actually more professionals signing up than students.
 - ii. Networking event- Cybil has put out a call for volunteers to help with the set up and take down for the event. It will be held Friday, January 14th. Food will be provided for volunteers who are available to help out. Please sign up.
- c. *Academic Affairs* – No Report
- d. *Merchandise Committee* – Jessica Barr
 - i. Merchandise sales are at around \$650 so far this semester. Sweatshirts will be ordered in the new year as everyone is very busy right now.

10. Reports by Representatives

- a. *Student Tech Fund*- Alex Wong
 - i. Passed Events- These have been going well and suggestions from the Tech Fund iTea have been noted and are currently being considered.
 - ii. General Update- Alex and Carmen will be meeting Ivan next week so let them know if there are any questions and concerns that need to be discussed.
 - iii. Jill raised the ACA suggestion that we could potentially use the Tech Fund to fund professional workshops over an evening or weekend. With high demand across all streams for popular courses, like Conservation and Preservation, it was thought that the Tech Fund could be used to bring in professionals to conduct workshops on topics like digital preservation, etc. to teach topics that are in demand among students. This idea was well received and was noted for future considerations.
 - iv. Art in lounge- This has been chosen and they are working with the artist to get things set up for next semester.
- b. *Alumni Association* –Val Stevens
 - i. Update- The Alumni Association has been working on student conference grants and since the deadline has passed she will be meeting with them next week to discuss the candidates who have applied. If interested in these grants please apply for the next round.
 - ii. Kim Silk has created an iSchool institute course geared for graduating students. It is 8 weeks long and is held a couple hours a week to help students prepare for finishing their degree.
 - iii. Job shadowing is being worked on and will be up and running for January.
 - iv. The Ask an Alumni service is also going well and getting an increased response with their renewed presence on the iSchool website.
- c. *Admissions* – No Report

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- d. *GSU* – Teresa Sine
 - i. Update- A resolution has been passed regarding responses to student unions, which has been the focus of the past meetings in the wake of G20 concerns. There has been consistent discussion regarding legal fee sustainability concerns within the university after G20. She has the legal fees budget details, if further information is needed she can bring in financial statements.
- e. *Life & Times* – No Report
- f. *Information Technology and Inforum* – No Report
- g. *Faculty Council*- Danielle Cooper
 - i. Update – At the November 12th the vote to create an undergraduate program passed and will be based in Mississauga campus. Staff have already agreed to teach there, including Brain Cantwell Smith. Seamus discussed the targets to get three new faculty positions each year for the next five years. There will also be an increase in PhD students for the next year. Another major topic discussed was the 100 yrs of McLuhan conference will be held at the UofT next year. The iSchool will participate with a McLuhan conference and perhaps an iTea. This will be a great event for the faculty in collaboration with the university overall.
 - ii. Christine raised concern over the removal of adjunct professors being replaced by the three new faculty positions each year. This is an issue that will need further discussion in the future. This is an issue as professionals who have more practical experience in the field will not be as included in the faculty. This issue will be approached further in January. Cybil raised this as a professional development issue and mentioned that potentially hiring someone for professional development has been discussed, but it has never happened. She suggested working on an advocacy subcommittee to work on this issue and raise this to the faculty, perhaps with a focus on hiring a professional development position and protecting professional practical courses.
- h. *Programs Committee* – No Report
- i. *Committee on Standing* – No Report

11. New Business

- a. *Video Team* –Jackie Flowers
 - i. Kathleen O’Brien has expressed an interest in developing the online presence of iSchool through online videos. Currently an Office Space type movie is being considered with the potential of creating 5 webisodes. Themes may include recruiting, publicity, museums, information and historical. The group will be meeting to do more brainstorming and the idea will be discussed further. ginger has also offered to help.
- b. The issue of attendance regarding the Academic Affairs Representative was raised. The current Representative has missed more than 25% of MISC meetings this

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year and there is the issue of other Council members having to uphold the positions duties. This is an issue that needs to be addressed. The requirement to attend more than 25% of meetings is listed in the constitution. It is felt that the current Academic Affairs Representative is not responding or attentive to students concerns.

12. Meeting adjourned- time 6:15pm.