

University of Toronto  
Faculty of Information  
Master of Information Student Council  
Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Student Lounge, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Claude Bissell Building  
5 – 6 pm

**Minutes**

**Present:** Effie Patelos, Katie Mercer, Chris Trainor, Christine DeLuca, Teresa Sine, Alex Wong, Jessica Barr, Kaitlin Perri, Heather Buchansky, Val Stevens, Sarah Shujah, Jessica Derreck, Cybil Stephens, Alexandra Hall, Angie McHodgkins, Yuliya Hluzd, Jennifer Slater, ginger coons, Samhita Gupta.

**Regrets:** Gillian Kwiecien, Carmen Lee, Brad Koegler, Dana Silk, Jessica Lawson, Jessica Darling, Jackie Flowers.

**Recorder:** Jennifer Slater

- 1. Approval of Agenda – Carried.**
- 2. Reading and Approval of the Minutes February 3 –Carried.**
- 3. Business Arising from the Minutes – None.**
- 4. President’s Report – Christine DeLuca**
  - i. Guest Speakers- Wendy Newman has set up 3 sessions with IS professional speakers. These have not been advertised yet, but they will be soon. These sessions will be held from 5:30-6:30pm in Dean’s conference room every Wednesday until the end of the semester. Alex has volunteered to be there on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to greet and thank the speaker.
  - ii. New Council Position – MISC-MSGSA Liaison Position- This position will be listed under 4.4.1, in the ‘other representatives’ section in the Constitution. Will have a full job description as listed at the end of the minutes. A vote was put to the Council to institute this position in the Constitution. The Council voted unanimously in favour of the motion.
  - iii. Referendum- A draft of the referendum question has been created. We discussed a potential clause to ensure that the money is going towards collective, not individual student efforts. This is a great opportunity to advertise what tech fund is doing and the resources that we have provided for students. We should focus on bettering the iSchool community collectively, rather than more narrowly finding individual needs. We need to agree on the mandate of the Tech fund before the referendum so that we are all comfortable on what is being voted on. We will clarify the mandate of the Tech Fund and go over by-laws to ensure we are clear before the referendum.
  - iv. Part time students- Part time students have asked Christine to talk to the faculty to have requested that one required course per term be offered as an evening class so that they can more easily complete their required courses. They have asked the Council to endorse this and to promote the option. The Council agreed that this is a very fair option for this to be made available. In order to address this Christine will send an email to forward to the Dean and

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members of the faculty to make them aware of the issue. The incoming Council will be asked to work on promoting this option when they begin, as it is almost the end of the current semester.

**5. Vice-President – No Report**

**6. Treasurer- Christine DeLuca**

- i. General Report / Update- an update from the Treasurer will be emailed to the Council members.
- ii. SLA Student Group- Jessica Derreck- There will be an panel event on April 7<sup>th</sup> in room 748 and SLA is requesting \$50 in funding from the Council to give tokens of thanks to the panellists. The motion was put to the Council who votes unanimously in favour of providing the funding for the SLA.
- iii. Librarians Without Boarders- On behalf of the LWB, Angie has asked Council to consider funding collections development efforts during the LWB trip to Guatemala. The funding will fully go towards buying books and resources for the school library. We discussed the budget and decided to vote now on funding 500\$ now. The Council will vote on potential additional funding next meeting if no other student groups request the funds. A motion was put to the Council regarding the funding of \$500. The Council voted unanimously in favour of the funding.

**7. Secretary – Jennifer Slater**

- i. Elections- the dates for the election have been set to coincide with the voting for the referendum so that the tables can be manned at both times and so it is easier for students to come out and vote at the same time. Nominations will open on Friday March 11<sup>th</sup> and close on Monday March 21<sup>st</sup>. The voting will take place Monday March 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday March 29<sup>th</sup>. Council members were encouraged to run for positions and to encourage their classmates to get involved next year.

**8. Webmaster – No Report**

**9. Reports by Committees:**

*a. Social Committee – Christine DeLuca*

- i. Past Events- the pub night for the Conference was fairly quiet until later in the evening, but otherwise went well. Christine has contacted the Dean regarding the date for the end of year event, however, she has not received a response yet. The Council discussed dates and stated preference either for April 9<sup>th</sup> or April 16<sup>th</sup>. This will be decided and advertised soon.

*b. Professional Development – Cybil Stephens*

- i. The interviews do's and don'ts event was well attended. PD is working with Wendy Newman to fund and promote the IS speakers that Christine discussed. They are still selling business cards to students, but they need to email them if they are interested. A social media speaker may also be coming in soon, but further details are not known yet.

*c. Academic Affairs – No Report*

*d. Merchandise Committee –Jessica Barr*

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- i. The shirts are selling well so far, however, we need to have 60 ordered in order for the prices to stay the same. So far we have sold 51 shirts and tomorrow will be the last day before the orders will be going in.

**10. Reports by Representatives**

- a. *Student Tech Fund – Alex Wong*
  - i. The Jobspice resume software has been purchased for the Inforum with help from the Tech Fund and is now available to the students. The photographer for the art in the lounge project has been in contact with the Fund members but is a slow going process.
- b. *Alumni Association – Val Stevens*
  - i. The job shadowing sign up has been slow going. Several Council members stated that the directions for the sign up were slightly confusing and should be clarified. Val stated that she would bring this up at the next meeting. She also promoted the FIAA Award and encouraged anyone interested in applying.
- c. *Admissions - No Report*
- d. *GSU – Sarah Shujah*
  - i. At the last meeting the GSU Council approved a 3.3% (\$1.92) cost-of-living increase in the GSU fee for 2011/2012 (\$58.60 + \$1.92 = \$60.52) that will be implemented on our tuition next year and will be collected as two equal sessional amounts.
- 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 – No Report*

**11. New Business – None.**

**12. Meeting adjourned – 6:35pm.**

Purposed amendment to the Constitution:

MISC-MSGSA Liaison shall:

- a) ensure that there is greater communication and collaboration between the MISC and MSGSA councils.
- b) attend all council meetings held by MISC and MSGSA throughout the school terms.
- c) be responsible to coordinate with the MISC Social Committee and Professional Development Committee representing the interests of the MISC and MSGSA Councils.
- d) undertake to produce annually a report, which will be presented to the MISC Executive Council detailing important collaborative ventures that MISC and

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MSGSA were involved in, suggestions for future MISC-MSGSA Liaisons and any recommendations for the MISC Council in general.