

University of Toronto – Faculty of Information
Master of Information Student Council
December 12th, 2013; 4:00-6:00pm
Student Lounge, 7th Floor, Claude Bissell Building

Minutes

Present: Sean Hayes, Lucy Szczesniak, Catherine Lamoureux, Sanja Ljaskevic, Akash Venkat, Jessie Wionzek, Amanda Chernawski, Mary Gu, Laura Chuang, Ned Struthers, Mari Vihuri, Hilary Barlow, Octavio Escalante, Kim Pham, Jessica Samuels (via Chat)

Official Regrets: Matthew Gertler, Alia Ahmad, Gillian Eguaras, Kyra Folk-Farber

Absent: Samantha Pirner, Brooke Windsor, George Raine, Karolina Grzeszczuk,

The meeting was called to order at 4:16 pm with quorum being established.

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve

Second: Ned

Approved Unanimous

2. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

N/A

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

N/A

4. Reports by Executives:

a. President (Octavio)

- i) Part-time studies policy update – Emails to Dean of iSchool and Mike LeSage: Octavio said that this was going to be a difficult issue. Laura D. said that that with the law change in the Ontario Legislature, that the policy would have to be changed. Can we ask SGS what the new policy is given this decision? It would be enforceable for a year. This gives us strength against the policy. Octavio forwarded the letter to the iSchool Dean. It was decided to follow up regarding how this affects PT fees, and us.
- ii) FC and new president's responsibility – No update: No update on how this change will go about or change duties.
- iii) Constitution amendments – Small correction in website?: The last amendments' date is different than what's in the PDF. Hannah investigated and will fix it.

b. Vice President (Samantha) – NO REPORT

c. Secretary (Laura) - NO REPORT

d. Treasurer (Laura)

i) December report:

ii) Audit exemption: Sanjin didn't get Laura C. the records, and Laura has been working on them. Laura C. is trying to get them in chronological order.

iii) Microwave check for MUSSA: This will be written.

e. Webmaster (Hannah)

i) MISC minute complaints: The meetings minutes have been coming in a little late, and asked for the minutes sooner. Octavio apologized for their lateness.

5. Reports by Representatives:

i) Alumni Association (Catherine): Trying to figure out what to do about Ask-an-Alum. Many of the people have been out of Ask-an-Alum for a few years. Job shadowing is coming up. Mari asked if there was anything brought up about the student award. They felt like none of the applicants fit the criteria, so they were updating the criteria. Catherine said that she would look into it.

b. MISC-MUSSA Liaison (Sanja) – NO REPORT

c. Admissions Committee (Kyra) - NO REPORT

d. Faculty Council (Samantha, Karolina, Matthew, Amanda, Lucy et al.)

i) Self-study report: We spoke about the self-study report. After the FC meeting people met with Wendy Duff and Joan Cherry. Ned said that it was a weird balance. Octavio said that the external reviewers would be meeting with us. They could not focus on administration issues. The Dean took note of the issues.

ii) LIS requirements in one year – clarification: This was corrected by Eric Yu. There is little support from faculty for this new policy.

iii) Talks with union – internships possible starting in 2014: Speaking with the SLA union. Possibility for interns. They will be doing GSLA. Laura D. was concerned with the lack of competition: doing interviews and applying with resumes is a learning experience and that is being taken away. Mary said that she will

bring it up at the next meeting of the UTL Student Advisory Board Meeting.

iv) Co-op – also possibly starting in 2014: There is a co-op possibility being included. They can only have a certain number of places. Look for your own options. There are problems that will have to be sorted out.

e. Graduate Students' Union (Sean, Hilary Barlow, Samantha)

i) GSU Head Grant Form: The GSU head grant form was completed by Laura C. Sean thanked Laura C. for her hard work to get it done.

ii) Hilary said they spoke about the CFS, and some motions were passed to see what happened.

f. Student Tech Fund (Mari, Laura D, Akash)

i) November meeting: After referendum we updated the by-laws. We need to pass the By-Laws. Changes to people needed to quorum, changed some ambiguous wording, and there used to be set positions that were never filled. We added 'Policies of Engagement.' Right now it is a document of various policies that haven't be codified. We came up with a written policy. The big issue is that we can't track whom the last person was to take out an item. It gives up something to point to. Laura D. said that it was a deterrent. If we don't have a policy we're out of luck. Octavio thinks that it should go up to \$500. Jessie thinks that it was too much. Catherine felt like the \$100 was nominal, but still seems important. People shouldn't be afraid to borrow things. Sonja thinks that people should be responsible for the damage, and maybe should have to sign things. Mari said that MISC will not be passing the Policies of Engagement, but the By-Laws. The By-Laws hold up the Policies of Engagement. She thinks that we should probably be tracking the damages. We need to put up the By-Laws for motion. They will be approved in January. Ned is resigning, but will be continuing on as an advisor. Another thing we spoke about was the Tech Fund Party. Last years' winner was the puppy party. Akash will be working the MUSSA first-year. We're thinking January 20 at 7. The lounge has been booked. Octavio suggested that we start at 6 so people who have class at 6:30 can make it.

Motion to Approve the Tech Fund By-Laws

Second: Sean

Approved – Unanimous

Motion to appoint Mari as New Second-Year Tech Fund Representative

Second: Sean

Approved – Unanimous

g. Information Services (Ned, Laura C) – NO REPORT

h. Life and Times Committee (Jessica) - NO REPORT

i. Programs Committee (Brooke, Jessie) – NO REPORT

j. Committee on Standing (George)

i) Report on CCR meeting and launch: George was absent.

6. Reports by Committees:

a. Academic Affairs (Alia)

i) Pizza Party – outcomes: Pizza party meet-up was successful and issues were spoken about. There was good feedback.

b. Professional Development (Kim, Jessie) -

i) Volunteer participation at employer showcase 2014: Jessie said that everything is getting done for the employer showcase. Asked to pass on the message.

ii) Last call to invite more employers to showcase - and status so far: If there are any employers that you think should attend it will be looked into. There are less tech company's coming. Catherine mentioned it the Alumni Association meeting, and asked to get the word out.

c. Social (Mary & Jessica) -

i) End of term party - any comments?: There was a resounding well done from the meeting.

ii) Term budget comments; Under budget so far. Spend a little over \$2000, and will put the money towards the end of the year party.

iii) Overview of next term events: Mary explained what events would be happening next term.

d. Merchandise (Gillian) - NO REPORT

7. New business

N/A

8. Adjourn

Draft motions: N/A

Appendix: Overview of winter term social events

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Jan. 10th – Networking Social after Employer Showcase

Jan. 29th – Open Mic Night

Feb. 26th – Open Mic Night

Mar. 26th – Open Mic Night

Dates TBA – Coffee & Bagel Surprise

Puppy party @ iSchool

April end of term party