



Master of Information Student Council

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Claude Bissell Building, 7th Floor, Student Lounge
April 10th, 2014 at 4:00-6:00pm

MISC AGM

Minutes

Present: Hannah Loshak, Laura DeVouge, Sean Hayes, Sanja Ljaskevic, Catherine Lamoureux, Leah Strudwick, Ria Riaz, Matt Gertler, Jessie Wionzek, Paul Weitzman, Mary Gu, Laura Chuang, Gillian Eguaras, Mari Vihuri, Hilary Barlow, Octavio Escalante, Mehreen Athar, Carolyn Dineen, Kim Pham, Jessica Samuels

Official Regrets: Amanda Chernawski, Alia Ahmad, Kyra Folk-Farber, Lucy Szczesniak

Absent: Ned Struthers, George Raine, Karolina Grzeszczuk, Brooke Windsor

Recorder: Laura DeVouge

The meeting was called to order with quorum being established at 4:13 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

Approved

2. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

Motion to Approve February Minutes

Second: Jessie

Approved

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

N/A

4. Reports by Executives:

a. President (Octavio)

i) Welcome new MISC members! You cannot vote yet though...

ii) Part-time studies policy update – Still awaiting response from Dean: Octavio told new members about the PT issue. We are still waiting. The new PT policies will start in the Fall. The Dean says that he supports getting a waiver for students who came in this year. Mari said that new exec will be contacting the GSU to set up a meeting with the Dean and SGS. Octavio consistently expressed concern about this policy.

iii) MISC Student Experience Survey - Ready for official release: A post through Facebook, and before the last meeting the Google Doc was sent out. Hannah will be preparing a report. There will be a closing date. Mari said that Kyra has the responses from last year's survey. Mari repeated her suggestion from last meeting that a committee should be formed to deal with it. An ad hoc committee can make sure reports are prepared for last year's and this year's survey responses. Constitution changes can later be proposed to turn this ad hoc committee into a standing committee that is appointed at appropriate times each year. Hannah said that this could cause scheduling issues. Octavio, Mary, Sean, Catherine, Kyra and Matt volunteered for the ad hoc committee.

Mari put forward a motion to create an *ad hoc* committee for the survey
Second: Octavio
Approved
Abstained: Hannah Loshak

iv) Exit reports - Thank you and reminder: They can be emailed to Octavio if people are without access to the Office. They should be kept on the MISC shared drive.

b. Vice President (Hilary) - NO REPORT

c. Secretary (Laura D.):

i) Elections and instructor award: The elections had more people voting for the Outstanding Instructor Award than MISC. Feedback from second-year students seemed to be that they did not know the people running for the positions, and thus did not want to vote. Jessie will be the secretary, and Lucy will be the treasurer for 2014-2015. Alan Galey won the instructor award.

Motion to approve the results of the MISC Spring 2014 - 2015
Second: Hannah
Passed: Unanimous

Motion to have Ria Riaz appointed to Academic Affairs Representative.
Second: Sean
Passed: Unanimous

Motion to have Mehreen Athar appointed to GSU Representative.

Second: Jessie
Passed: Unanimous

Motion to have Mehreen Athar appointed to Merch Chair.

Second: Gillian
Passed: Unanimous

Motion to have Leah Strudwick and Mari Vihuri appointed to Information Services Representative.

Second: Jessie
Passed: Unanimous

d. Treasurer (Laura C.)

i) April (exit) report: The numbers are fine. In the process of putting this years' documents for next years' audit to be ready for Lucy. An ongoing process until everyone has cheques from this year.

e. Webmaster (Hannah)

i) Student Survey Report: Hannah did it and it's out. Feedback from a couple people on the text, but it's too late now. She thinks that the questions give a lot of breadth. There will be a raffle for a Starbuck's gift card. Closing the survey on April 30th. Hannah wants to encourage non-MISC members to fill out the survey.

5. Reports by Representatives:

a. Alumni Association (Catherine) - NO REPORT

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

c. Admissions Committee (Kyra) - NO REPORT

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

i) Next Meeting: April 23rd. Current Faculty Council members should attend (you still have voting rights!): Octavio encourages all members to attend. Incoming MISC members are encouraged to attend.

ii) Modifications to course requirements for the ARM concentration – Passed: The executive Committee met because the FC meeting was cancelled. The last minute change was approved. INF1003 has been introduced as a required class for the ARM concentration. Octavio said he was asked directly whether it was approved, and asked for feedback. A letter was sent to the chair of the committee requesting that this change not be made. They responded to the letter point by point. They said that the syllabus is looked over. Laura D. said that she thought they didn't look over syllabi. The Dean said he was against the change. They said that the

course evaluations are the place to put this. Prof. Kelly Lyons said that the issues were valid, but should not be brought up at the executive committee. Hannah suggested that this should be spoken about at FC.

e. Graduate Students' Union (Sean, Hilary, Lucy)

- i) The petition for the CFS was rejected by a third party. The exec from GSU wants to see how the signatures were supposed to be interpreted more clearly.
- ii) Winter Headgrant cheques are in: Hilary has the Headgrant cheques and will give them to Laura C.

f. Student Tech Fund (Mari, Laura D, Akash) - NO REPORT

g. Information Services (Paul)

- i) Inforum collection survey: Created a form so people can submit their thoughts on the inforum collection.
- ii) Other outcomes: They are considering charging a nominal fee for not showing up for tech fund workshops.

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

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

j. Committee on Standing (George) - NO REPORT

6. Reports by Committees:

a. Academic Affairs (Alia): N/A

b. Professional Development (Kim, Jessie) - NO REPORT

c. Social (Mary & Jessica)

- i) End of the Year Party – Outcome: Jessica apologized for the party. Everyone said that it wasn't her fault. Despite people getting sick, the End of Year party was fun.

d. Merchandise (Gillian)

- i) Hoodies Sale - Outcome: Sold 33 hoodies. The free tote bags were given away. There is the Spring meeting and convocation to sell at.

7. New business

A portion for the budget is usually set for gifts for faculty gifts. Laura C. asked if she could purchase a gift for the staff and everyone just said yes.

8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn.
Second: Catherine
Passed – Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.