

**Masters of Information Studies Student Council Meeting**  
**Thursday October 2, 2008**  
**Room 728, Claude Bissell Building**  
**5:30-7:00pm**

**1. Call to Order**

Julia called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**2. Approval of Agenda Items**

Rebecka made a motion to accept the agenda.  
Seconded by Max.  
Motion carried.

**3. Review, Corrections & Acceptance of last meeting's Minutes**

No corrections requested.  
Julia made a motion to approve the minutes from 26, August 2008.  
Seconded by Meg.  
Motion carried.

**4. Business arising from the Minutes**

Max informed council that he is working with Royal Bank to obtain a credit card for MISSC.

Rebecka reported that the Fall election was a success. All positions have been filled.

Eve informed council that new MISSC merchandise has been received. She will work with Marcia to put a Paypal link on the MISSC website.

**5. Reports by Executive Members**

a. President:

**Introductions.** Julia welcomed new MISSC members to council and asked each person to introduce themselves. She informed council that she will be concentrating on building the Website. In addition, Julia will focus on establishing protocols for the student tech fund and continue to support the activities of the professional development committee.

**Email Newsletter.** Julia asked council if there was interest in establishing a weekly newsletter that will incorporate all messages

designated for the student body. This should help ease email fatigue. Stella expressed concern that some emails are time sensitive and should be sent out as soon as possible. Julia agreed that time sensitive emails will be sent out when received.

Julia put forth a motion to establish a MISSC email newsletter that will collect all notices from council committees to be sent out once per week All event notices must be submitted by Friday midnight to be sent out before Monday at 9:00 am.

Seconded by John.

17 in favour; 1 opposed.

Motion carried.

b. Treasurer:

**GSU Head Grant.** Max has received funds from GSU based on the number of students enrolled in the MIST. program. Last year, the total funds amounted to almost \$5,000, broken into two payments.

**Budget.** Max reminded council members that they may not request reimbursement for funds if they are not part of a budgeted committee. No committee has gone over budget. Max also reminded council that all orientation events are paid for by council. Council has received approximately \$7,800 in student fees.

**CLA Travel Grant.** Max introduced Kate McDonald, President of the CLA Student Chapter. Kate explained that there is a long-standing agreement that the council will fund (50% of total) one student to attend the annual CLA conference.

Max made a motion that we appropriate funds to support the Student-to-CLA travel grant on an annual basis.

Members of council expressed concern that this agreement is unfair for students who are not librarians. Motion was not seconded.

John proposed that an ad hoc committee to investigate the nature of the grant and propose a more democratic means to support student travel. John and Kate will serve on this committee. They will approach Kate Guay, President of the ACA Student Association to ask if she would like to join.

## 6. Reports by Committees

a. Professional Development Committee:

Meg announced the dates for the upcoming PDC events.

8 October 2008: Resume clinic.

28 October 2008: Interview clinic

27 February 2009: Job Fair

Details about each event will be circulated closer to these dates.

Meg also informed council that she has arranged to have a banner made for the Job Fair and this can be used at the Graduate Student Conference as well.

b. Merchandise Committee:

Eve announced that the merchandise has been received, although only 72 mugs were shipped instead of the original count of 80.

Eve informed council that she requires volunteers to help sell merchandise at an event on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and at the iTea on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Eve also discussed her intentions to initiate a button drive for students.

c. Social Committee:

Theresa informed council that orientation week went well and that events were well attended. The only outstanding bill is for \$100 relating to the garbage bins at the BBQ. The social committee-hosted iTea was also a success. An ultimate Frisbee game did not fair well due to inclement weather.

Theresa reminded council that there is an upcoming dinner planned at the Old Spaghetti Factory. There will be an official pub night on October 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The committee is arranging to have a tour of the Mill Street Brewery. Announcements will be made closer to the dates.

John suggested that council plan a night at the opera and he can arrange a group rate.

d. Life and Times Committee:

Jessica informed council that the iSchool faculty have decided not to pursue a research day this year so as not to conflict with the student conference. There will be other opportunities for students to present and hear PhD students speak.

Jessica also asked council to consider what can be done with the first floor space. Susan Brown is looking for input. Meg suggested transforming it into a study space or group study area.

Jessica informed council that Judy Dunn is able to secure a copy of *Hollywood Librarian* to show students; however, there will be a licensing cost for screening the film. Members of council did not express any interest in this film; it has been shown before.

e. Admissions Committee:

Andrea emphasized that the goal of admissions is recruitment of new students. The number of applicants was down last year (only 182 students accepted offers), but the faculty is still trying to grow the size of its study body. This year, the target goal is to recruit 230 new students. Andrea suggested that it is just as important to encourage all who are offered positions to accept a spot in the program. Perhaps personal touches would help? i.e. bookmarks, DVDs, etc.

Andrea reminded council that the next cohort to enter the program will earn an MI degree, not a MSt.

Andrea also expressed concern that some first year students were not allowed to enroll in core courses because they were full. How will the faculty accept an increasing amount of students if they do not have room for the ones that are currently enrolled? Andrea asked that a Faculty Council Representative bring this point to Faculty Council. John agreed to do this at the next meeting.

The Admissions Committee is comprised of Heather MacNeil, Chun Wei Choo, Joan Cherry, Laura Jantek and Judy Dunn.

## 7. Other Business

a. F/IQ:

Meg introduced the Faculty of Information Quarterly journal, an open-source web journal that will be launching in October. The journal committee is hoping to formalize its structure by the end of the month and become a formal part of the student council. Council members may contact her for more details or attend on of the F/IQ meetings.

b. Class Reps:

Rebecka reminded council that there are currently no class representatives. Ensuring that each class has a representative is a duty that falls to the Academic Affairs Committee Rep. This position was vacant throughout the summer and was only recently filled by Stella. Rebecka asked council if members thought that class reps were necessary now that all evaluations are completed online? Max is also concerned about the privacy of participants in the online evaluations. Stella agreed to investigate both of these issues.

## 8. Adjournment

Motioned by Julia B., seconded by Andrea, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.