

MASTER OF INFORMATION STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 09, 2009
ROOM 212, CLAUDE BISSELL BUILDING
6:00-8:00PM

MINUTES

Attendance: Theresa Power, Meghan Ecclestone, Terri Rodack, Max Dionisio, Katherine Clubine, Jonathan Lofft, Meaghan Morgan, Amy Hoffman, Amanda leClerc, Caroline Higgins, Erica Conly, Kate Johnson, Jessica Nowlan, Leslie Thomson, Sascha Wiessmeyer, Andrea Gagliardi, Eve Leung, Christina Kim, Stella Palikarova, Julia Morrision Duller, Armin Krauss, Erica Sum, Julia Brewster

Present:

1. Call to Order

Julia called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm

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

Julia made a motion to accept the minutes.

Seconded by Max.

Motion carried.

Julia made a motion to accept the agenda items.

Seconded by Max.

Motion carried.

3. Business arising from the Minutes

Fridge and Microwave: Fridge and microwave are a health and safety hazard when they are dirty; though it's not an official part of MISSC, we need to be more responsible about cleaning them; this is not the cleaning staff's responsibility

Class Representatives: Wendy Duff, Graduate Co-ordinator for the Faculty, has raised the issue that we don't have class reps this year in light of the class reviews being online now.

She is concerned that people don't have a place to bring their concerns to for each class; the issue was discussed; most agreed that there is a need for students to have a representative to hear their concerns within each class

Stella will look into the SGS legislation regarding class reps and will meet with Seamus regarding his perspectives on creating a deeper role for class reps in light of the fact that the bulk of their work – distributing and collecting course reviews – is now down electronically

Subcommittee on CLA Grant: The committee has not yet had a meeting regarding giving money to the CLA for a conference grant. They will have a meeting within a month (i.e.: before February 9th, 2009) and will report at the next MISSC meeting.

4. Secretary's Report (Julia presenting on behalf of Rebecka)

Bill Mann will be stepping down as Program's Committee Representative because he is completed his degree; Julia inquired whether someone would be interested in stepping into the position, since it will be appointed rather than nominated

Issue at last meeting regarding out inability to make quorum; we agreed to continue to have the next three meetings on Friday evenings

5. Information Services Committee – Christina Kim

Christina discussed the initiatives taking place, including technological upgrades, the new website will be going up January 16th, the Inforum Instructional Series has a new roster of workshops set-up for the new year; critical making lab is available to students interested in that particular field of research

Space in the Inforum ("Ideas Exchange" section); there had been some concerns raised at the last meeting regarding possible noise arising from a café area; Christina will be relaying that concern at the next Committee meeting

Terri and Max have volunteered to draft a letter to the Committee in opposition to a coffee machine in the Inforum which includes suggestions on better use of that space.

Vote: Do you agree that the coffee machine is a bad idea and that we need to express our support for an alternative use of the Idea's Exchange space?

Yay: 24

Nay: 2

Abstain: 0

6. Webmaster's Report – Marcia Johnson

Website Tour: Marcia navigated us through the various features and functions of the new MISSC website

Julia requested that MISSC members review the existing content and give feedback to Marcia regarding their thoughts

7. Committee Reports

a. Social Committee – Julia Morrison-Duller and Theresa Power

Coffee House took place at the end of last year (December 2008)

Issue of food excess – number of students was much lower than last year, which created significant food waste; Julia and Teresa will look into ensuring this doesn't happen again

They would like feedback on good places to have pubs nights from MISSC members

Are considering another Blue Jays game, Harbourfront skating, games/movie night

b. Professional Development Committee – Amanda LeClerc and Meghan Ecclestone

Professional Resume Critique – Coming along, sign-up closes tonight (Jan. 9th)

Job Fair – Coming along. To date we have about 21 organizations signed up for the event. We will require volunteers for set-up the night before, and during the day of, to ensure everything gets done.

Faculty of Information Quarterly – we need a succession plan

Andrea suggested the possibility of having an elected position as the Managing Editor

Sascha suggested the notion of integrating it into the student tech fund

Katherine suggested a better awareness by reaching out to students to make the connection between their own work and journal submissions

Presenting at the Faculty council meeting

Issue of reaching out/marketing to students more effectively – both in terms of the journal, but with MISSC and student organizations broadly

Sascha suggested a group to plan an awareness event aimed at students to bring greater student participation among the student body; it will be casual group to meet at their own leisure

c. Admissions Committee – Andrea Gagliardi

Discussed the small gift to be sent to students – was quashed in the last meeting completely and no gift will be sent out. Admissions Committee decided instead to give telephone calls

d. Merchandise Committee – Eve Leung

Ordered 51 tots, sold 28, 2 lost, 21 remaining

72 mugs, 71 mugs, one lost

Usb keys, 25 ordered, then another 30, 54 sold

Water bottles 75 order, 36 sold, 49 remaining

1, 853\$

Bought for 2,000\$

Is ordering iSchool clothing

e. **Academic Affairs Committee – Stella Palikarova**

Spoke to Jens-Erik regarding online course evaluations – assured that they are totally confidential

Will take on the workload of class reps (see President's Report, above); discussion of how to create communication between students regarding course

f. **Treasure's Report – Max Dionisio**

Spreadsheet distributed

Issue of supporting the Housing Memory Student Conference – MISSC should support this monetarily is come way

We're not able to get a credit card, despite Max's best efforts

Request for students to speak to Dean Ross regarding the new course structure

8. Other Business

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9. Adjournment

Adjournment: 8:02pm.