



June 2019 MISC General Council Meeting Minutes

Claude T. Bissell Building, Room 728
25 June 2019 | 6-8pm

Roll Call

Name/Position	Present	Regrets	Absent
Patty Facy (President)	x		
McKinzey Manes (VP Operations)	x		
Jason Batten-Carew (VP Finance)	x		
Nicholas Lindsay Lewis (VP Academic Affairs)	x		
Gaurav Bamezai (VP Communications)	x		
Abigael Krueger (Social Co-Chair)	x		
Laura Windhorst (Social Co-Chair)	x		
Hanna Granovsky (PD Co-Chair)			x
Sydney Stype (MISC-MUSSA Liaison)	x		
Cher-Ann Chai (Alumni Association Representative)	x		
Maya Pasternak (Tech Fund Representative, Upper Year)		x	
Vipasha Shaikh (Tech Fund Representative, Upper Year)	x		
Robyn Forman (GSU Representative)	x		

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 6:01 PM

2. Roll call (see page 1)

3. Land Acknowledgement by McKinzey Manes

4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented

MOVED: Gaurav

SECONDED: Jason

CARRIED/FAILED

Amendments to the agenda include Inforum discussion and a report from the Mental Health Working Committee

5. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: BIRT that the minutes of the April MISC meeting be approved as presented.

MOVED: Robyn

SECONDED: Sydney

CARRIED/FAILED

6. Student Choice Initiative

Option to opt out of student fees will appear in acorn this coming term. MISC will include information about SCI in MISCellaneous newsletter.

7. Constitution Updates

7.a) MOTION: BIRT that the MISC elect an Upper Year Mental Health Committee Co-Chair during Spring elections, and a First Year Mental Health Committee Co-Chair during Fall elections.

MOVED: Gaurav

SECONDED: Cher-Ann

CARRIED/FAILED

7.b) MOTION: BIRT that the MISC elect two (2) Survey Committee Co-Chairs during Spring elections.

AMENDMENT: BIRT that the MISC elect an Upper Year Survey Committee Co-Chair during Spring elections, and a First Year Survey Committee Co-Chair during Fall elections.

MOVED: Nick SECONDED: Sydney

CARRIED/FAILED

7.c) Updates to constitution in light of Student Choice Initiative. Making clear that being a MISC member requires opting into the MISC society fee, and that MISC services are for students who are MISC members. Also introducing provision that only MISC members aka students who have paid their society fees can run in elections and hold an elected position on MISC.

MOTION: BIRT that the MISC General Council approve the changes to the MISC Constitution as presented.

MOVED: Vipasha SECONDED: Abigael

CARRIED/FAILED

ACTION: Patty to update constitution and send to Gaurav for posting on MISC website.

Question about students who opt out in fall, but decide to opt in in Spring. Students will have the option to still pay the fee halfway through the year if they choose.

8. Executive Reports

8.1. Report of the President (attached)

ACTION: Patty to send information about student convocation award to Gaurav to be included in the next MISCellaneous.

8.2. Report of the EVP

No report attached.

8.3. Report of the VP-Operations

No report attached.

8.4. Report of the VP-Finance (attached)

Question about reimbursement for purchases. No post-dated checks, must give receipt(s) to MISC for reimbursement, but can ask vendors to provide an invoice for large purchases.

8.5. Report of the VP-Communications

VP Communications has been working on the MISCellaneous newsletter, updating staff bios on the website. Initiative: Faculty of Information Toastmasters club (survey of student interest required).

8.6. Report of the VP-Academic Affairs

No report attached. VP-Academic Affairs and Madam President will meet about student sentiment around various academic related affairs.

MOTION: Be it resolved that the executive reports be approved as presented.

MOVED: Gaurav

SECONDED: Abigael

CARRIED/FAILED

9. Committee & Representative Reports

9.1. MISC-MUSSA Liaison

No report attached. Plans to start a CDP club which would be eligible for MISC funding. Questions about whether MUSSA has a tech fund representative and/or a society fee. If there is no tech fund rep on MUSSA, one will have to be appointed.

9.2. Social Committee (attached)

Concern over funding for summer social activities. We won't know how much money MISC will have for the year until the end of September, risk of leaving MISC in a deficit at the end of the year. General discussion over potential options that could be alternatives to the July 13 ice cream social. Also discussions potential ideas for the September 6 First Class Bash.

9.3. Survey Committee

No report attached (currently no survey committee).

9.4. Mental Health Committee

Five recipients of scholarship for first aid training. Committee is in process of collecting feedback from students who went through the training. Mental Health Committee met to discuss plans for upcoming year.

9.5. Professional Development Committee

No report attached.

9.6. Alumni Association Representative (attached)

9.7. Graduate Students' Union Representatives (attached)

9.8. Tech Fund Representatives

No report attached. Tech fund met with Kathleen Schaeffer about Tech Fund approval of some workshops. Maya met with Nalini to discuss whether BI students should be opted into the Tech Fund. Logistic issues include the need of BI students needing a council and their own student fee.

Patty brought up the question about whether students who opt out of the MISC fee will be able to borrow tech loans. Uncertain.

ACTION: President to look into logistics of restricting tech loans to students who have opted into tech fund fee.

9.9. MRAC

Discussed statistics of incoming students at the last Faculty Council.

MOTION: Be it resolved that the committee and representative reports be approved as presented.

MOVED: Abigael

SECONDED: Jason

CARRIED/FAILED

10. Old Business (*none pending*)

11. New Business

11.1. Updates to SSI (Student Sponsored Initiatives) Funding Guidelines

MOTION: the changes to the MISC Funding Regulations document be accepted as presented.

MOVED: Sydney

SECONDED: Vipasha

CARRIED/FAILED

Question about how funding regulations apply to BI students. They are not MI students and so these funding regulations will not apply to them.

11.2. Council Handbooks

Already exists an outline for council handbooks and purpose is to serve as a place for council members to record what they do throughout the year in order to make the transition process easier.

ACTION: President to send handbook template to all council members to start using.

11.2. Inforum Review

Council discussed potential of holding a referendum of current students to gauge student sentiment around the removal of the Inforum's print collection.

ACTION: President will look into next steps for MISC discussing and assessing student sentiment around the results of the Inforum review.

12. Announcements

13. Adjournment

MOTION: Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

MOVED: Cher-Ann SECONDED: Vipasha

CARRIED/FAILED

The meeting is adjourned at: 8:03 PM