



July 2019 MISC General Council Meeting Minutes

Claude T. Bissell Building, Room 507
29 July 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		
Guests (Present): Tomoko Shida (Guest) Tamara Rayan Andrew Micak	--	--	--

1. Call to Order

Meeting came to order at [6:02] PM.

2. Roll call (see page 1)

3. Land Acknowledgement by Maya Pasternak

4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: BIRT that the MISC General Council approve the agenda as presented.

MOVED: Sydney SECONDED: Jason

CARRIED/FAILED

5. Approval of June 2019 MISC General Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION: BIRT that the MISC General Council approve the June 2019 MISC General Council meeting minutes as presented.

MOVED: Gaurav SECONDED: Cher-Ann

CARRIED/FAILED

6. Working Group Changes

6.1.) MOTION: BIRT that the MISC General Council approve the creation of the Diversity Working Group, with the mandate as presented.

BIFRT the MISC appoint Tomoko Shida and Tamara Rayan as Co-Chairs.

MOVED: Maya SECONDED: Gaurav

CARRIED/FAILED

Questions about what a working group is and how many people will be on it. There is no limit or minimum. Working group definition is provided in MISC Constitution. Note that that Working Group co-chairs and members are not voting members of MISC. Currently around 5 students on the steering committee of the Diversity working group, additional students and faculty are interested in getting involved.

Action: President will update constitution with updated mandate from Diversity Working Group once received and send it to VP Communications for website posting.

Action: VP Communications and Diversity Working Group will discuss updating the website with info on the working group

Action: President will look into locker rental for the working group.

6.2.) MOTION: BIRT that the MISC General Council appoint Andrew Micak and Meagan Lau as co-chairs of the Part Time Students' Working Group.

MOVED: Gaurav

SECONDED: Sydney

CARRIED/FAILED

7. Tech Fund Approvals

7.1) MOTION: BIRT that the MISC General Council accept the following motion to the Tech Fund By-Laws as presented and approved by the Tech Fund Committee.

MOVED: Nick

SECONDED: Cher-Ann

CARRIED/FAILED

Question about whether students who first opted out would be able to opt back into Tech Fund fees if they later decide they do want to access those resources. As of now, no - once you opt out for a term you are opted out. Infrastructure does not yet exist in the Fol to allow reversal.

Another question about what the logistics are for determining whether students have opted out of their fees. Tech fund has proposed short-term and long-term solutions to Inforum staff.

Argument that tech fund should be covered by mandatory fee for Fol students.

7.2) MOTION: BIRT that the MISC General Council approve the Tech Fund Committee's decision to purchase a 13" 2019 MacBook Pro (\$2269 plus tax) and a Dell 13" Dell XPS laptop (\$1499.99 plus tax).

MOVED: Nick

SECONDED: Robyn

CARRIED/FAILED

Two damaged laptops have been decommissioned. Both purchases will serve as replacements for the decommissioned items.

Question about whether Tech Fund should consider a 15" MacBook instead of the 13", for students interested in doing design work.

8. Executive Reports

8.1. Report of the President (*attached*)

Discussion of ideas for the post-election retreat, as well as discussion about potentially rescheduling the retreat. Dates for retreat will either be Oct 12 or Oct 19.

8.2. Report of the EVP (*none*)

8.3. Report of the VP-Operations

Preparing for upcoming elections.

8.4. Report of the VP-Finance

Students needing reimbursement from MISC should put any receipts in the appropriate mailbox (A61) next to student services.

8.5. Report of the VP-Communications

Updating website with bios of elected MISC members. Moving forward with plans to start a Toastmasters club, just needs information on membership fees and a sufficient number of students to join. Gaurav will also be sending out a survey to gauge student interest. Will also be updating website with an events tab to promote upcoming MISC events. MISC instagram is now active.

8.6. Report of the VP-Academic Affairs

Still working through MRAC, discussing statistics around incoming students. Will have more updates about academic affairs after Programs Committee begins meeting. Questions about programs our course requirements from the student body should go to VP-Academic Affairs and EVP.

MOTION: BIRT that the MISC General Council approve the Executive reports as presented.

MOVED: Abbey SECONDED: Gaurav

CARRIED/FAILED

9. Committee & Representative Reports

9.1. MISC-MUSSA Liaison (attached)

9.2. Social Committee

Has narrowed down plan for orientation. Thought about a barbecue lunch, but are now planning on hosting a pizza lunch with pizza from Pizzaiolo. Plan is to host it out on the lawn and have a picnic. Amazing Race for orientation is moving forward, working out issues that came

up last year. Also looking into events at Hart House, Spin, and other ideas for the last night of orientation. Current challenge is estimating event attendance. Allowing students to register ahead of time, or even requiring registration, may be a solution.

9.3. Survey Committee

9.4. Mental Health Committee

9.5. Professional Development Committee (attached)

9.6. Alumni Association Representative

9.7. Graduate Students' Union Representatives

Upcoming meeting on July 31 regarding Student Choice Initiative.

9.8. Tech Fund Representatives

Will hold a meeting to discuss goals and objectives for the upcoming year. Meeting scheduled with Dean to discuss incoming BI students and their access to tech fund.

9.9. MRAC

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

MOVED: Vipasha

SECONDED: Maya

CARRIED/FAILED

10. Old Business (*none pending*)

11. New Business

11.1. Changes to the Inforum

Books will start to be removed next Monday. Robyn is planning to host an Inforum Hackathon to bring students together to generate ideas about the future of the Inforum. Suggestion was to host the hackathon in early fall. MISC will serve as a point of information for all sides relating to the Inforum changes.

Argument to create a representation of what the Inforum collection was in the physical space before it was dismantled.

Discussion around potential ideas for the hackathon and solutions for recognizing the ways students have previously benefited from the collection.

Students also have questions about which items will be moved to Downsview and whether parts of the collection will be moved to UTM or UTSC.

Action: President to email Dean with questions generated regarding moving of the books.

Action: Add this topic to next month's agenda to old business.

11.2. International MI student initiatives

Goal is to create channel(s) to support and engage international students at the Fol. MISC could add an international student liaison, or an international student working group. Social committee would like to plan an event, but unsure at the moment what that event will be. Getting more international students involved in the peer mentor program is another possibility. Brief discussion around potential ideas - will be discussed further at future meetings.

11.2. Orientation/MISC event t-shirts

Discussion over cut and color options of tshirt. Order will need to be placed soon.

12. Announcements

Hackathon is now in the fall. MISC members should be updating their handbooks.

13. Adjournment

MOTION: Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

MOVED: McKinzey SECONDED: Sydney

CARRIED/FAILED

The meeting is adjourned at: [8:04] PM