



September 2019 MISC General Council Meeting Minutes

Claude T. Bissell Building, Room BL 728
28 September 2019 | 12-2pm

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): Adrian Peterson, Megan			

1. Call to Order

Meeting comes to order at 12:31 PM

2. Roll call (see page 1)

3. Land Acknowledgement by Patty

4. Approval of Agenda

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

MOVED: Sydney SECONDED: Abbey

CARRIED/FAILED

5. Approval of August 2019 MISC General Council Meeting Minutes

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

MOVED: Sydney SECONDED: Abbey

CARRIED/FAILED

6. Old Business (none)

7. Accessibility Interests Working Group

MOTION: BIRT the MISC General Council approve the creation of the Accessibility Interests Working Group and appoint Adrian Petterson as Chair.

MOVED: Maya SECONDED: Robyn

CARRIED/FAILED

Suggestion from Robyn to add language to the Accessibility Interests Working Group constitution description to include collaboration with the Mental Health Committee.

8. Changes to the MISC-MUSSA Liaison Position

MOTION: BIRT the MISC General Council approve the changes to the MISC-MUSSA position as presented.

MOVED: Sydney SECONDED: Laura

Abstentions worth noting: Nicholas

CARRIED/FAILED

9. MISC Operating Guidelines document

MOTION: BIRT the MISC General Council approve the creation of the MISC Operating Guidelines as presented.

MOVED: Nicholas SECONDED: Abbey

CARRIED/FAILED

Questions about wording re: need to have social media posts approved by VP Communications. Wording refers to communications related posts that would be sent out on the main MISC platforms. This year is a transition year of establishing VP Communications as position that is in charge of all social media platforms (in addition to acting as the webmaster).

Motion Fails. Action Item: President to review document to incorporate suggestions, and to bring updated document to October meeting.

10. Executive Reports

10.1. Report of the President (attached)

SCI discussion: Discussion about attendance at social events and how to ensure that only students who did not opt out of their society fees are attending. Considering asking students to show Acorn invoices. Restrictions for Tech Fund loans will become effective next year when there is better infrastructure in place to allow for this.

Action: VP-Operations will research large ribbon cutting scissors for our upcoming safe-opening ceremony.

Action Item: President will advertise that students can add calendar events to the MISC calendar.

Action Item: Gaurav will look into whether MISC calendar can be integrated with iCal.

10.2. Report of the EVP (none)

10.3. Report of the VP-Operations

Attended CRO training to learn how to use the voting portal. Nominations have completed and the election began Thursday, September 26 (will end October 3). Successful candidates will be notified on October 4.

10.4. Report of the VP-Finance (attached)

Presenting 2018-2019 Finance Report. MISC was over budget for projects last year, mainly due to the Hart House retreat. 2019-2020 budget: executive team will work on finalizing budget once the Student Choice Initiative numbers have been finalized. Based on current numbers, looks as though our budget will fall into the high end.

Action: Patty and Jason to review projects line on budget.

10.5. Report of the VP-Communications

Sending out newsletters. Students have reported that they have started reading the newsletter now that it has been renamed.

VP-Communications has started highlighting deadlines and dates of events so that students. Gaurav is working on updating documents on website. Kate Taylor won newsletter renaming

Action: Gaurav to look into MailChimp for newsletters.

10.6. Report of the VP-Academic Affairs (attached)

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

MOVED: Garuav

SECONDED: McKinzey

CARRIED/FAILED

11. Committee & Representative Reports

12.1. MISC-MUSSA Liaison (attached)

12.2. Social Committee (attached)

12.3. Survey Committee (none)

12.4. Mental Health Committee

Mental Health Committee has received applications from potential members.

12.5. Professional Development Committee

Clubs and [?] event received good turnout. Employer showcase is upcoming.

12.6. Alumni Association Representative (attached)

Inforum updates: Inforum collection has been dispersed to other UTL locations and staff has been reduced to a 0.6 FTE librarian position. Many upcoming events:

12.7. Graduate Students' Union Representatives

GSU representatives presented report, general council of GSU voted to remove OISE from GSU and [removed?] their funding. UTGSU is going to join the CFS's initiative to sue the Ford Government over implementation of Student Choice Initiative.

12.8. Tech Fund Representatives (attached)

Restricting Tech Fund access to students who opted out of Tech Fund fees: Tech Fund has decided to grant clemency for the 2019-2020 school year due

to infrastructure needs in order to implement such restrictions. Bylaws of Tech Fund allow for Tech Fund to contribute 3% of its budget to other committees/initiatives organized by MISC as a whole.

Discussion of ways that Tech Fund could contribute to MISC-related initiatives: Square Reader, Inforum, Tech Fund partnering with other committees, collaborating with iSkills to better represent MMST students, replacing equipment in the student lounge. Maya brought up importance of making sure Tech Fund is spent on Tech Fund-related equipment (and not infrastructure that the FoI should be providing).

12.9. Inforum Users' Advisory Committee (*none*)

Action: McKinzey to ask about details on ALA accreditation at next meeting.

12.10. MRAC (*attached*)

MOTION: BIRT the MISC General Council approve the committee and representative reports as presented.

MOVED: Nicholas

SECONDED: McKinzey

CARRIED/FAILED

12. Working Groups

12.11. Diversity Working Group

12.12. Part-Time Students' Working Group

13. New Business

14. Announcement

15. Adjournment

MOTION: Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

MOVED: Laura

SECONDED: Gaurav

CARRIED/FAILED

The meeting is adjourned at 2:25 PM