



November 2019 MISC General Council Meeting Minutes

Claude T. Bissell Building, 7th Floor Student Lounge
06 November 2019 | 6:00-8:00 pm

Roll Call

Name/Position	Present	Regrets	Absent
Patty Facy (President)	x		
Katy Czajkowski (Executive Vice 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	
Sharon Lam (Upper Year Survey Committee Co-Chair)	x		
Grace Chen (First Year Survey Committee Co-Chair)	x		
Val Masters (Upper Year MH Committee Co-Chair)	x		
Lena Zhao (First Year MH Committee Co-Chair)			x
Akram Wahdan (Upper Year PD Co-Chair)	x		
Savannah Li (First Year PD Co-Chair)		x	
Sydney Stype (MISC-MUSSA Liaison)		x	
Cher-Ann Chai (Alumni Association Representative)	x		
Jessica Peng (First Year Social Committee Representative)	x		
Maya Pasternak (Tech Fund Representative, Upper Year)			x
Vipasha Shaikh (Tech Fund Representative, Upper Year)	x		
Emily Waknine (Tech Fund Representative, First Year)		x	
Robyn Forman (GSU Representative)	x		
Lily Clarke (Faculty Council Representative)	x		

Wing Lam Tse (Faculty Council Representative)	x		
Eric Hanson (Faculty Council Representative)	x		
Jillie Reimer (Faculty Council Representative)	x		
Kaitlyn Simpson (Faculty Council Representative)			x
Victoria Yang (Faculty Council Representative)		x	
Guests (Present):			
Andrew Micak (PT Students Working Group)	x		
Adrian Petterson (Accessibility Interests Working Group)	x		

Agenda/Minutes

1. Call to Order

Meeting comes to order at 6:06 PM

2. Roll call (see page 1)

3. Land Acknowledgement by Val Masters.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

MOVED: Katy SECONDED: Eric

CARRIED/FAILED

Motion by Katy to move EVP report to follow Report of VP-Academic Affairs (carried)

5. Approval of September 2019 MISC General Council Meeting Minutes

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

MOVED: Nick SECONDED: Akram

CARRIED/FAILED

6. Old Business (none)

7. Executive Reports

7.1. Report of the President (*attached*)

Question about possible charities for a potential Faculty-organized bake sale and raffle. Ideas include: AbleGamers, partnering with Librarians Without Borders, caroling at a nursing home.

Call for suggestions for future merch. Ideas include: scarves, toques, stickers, water bottles, 1 TB flash drives.

7.2. Report of the VP-Operations (*attached*)

7.3. Report of the VP-Finance

MOTION: BIRT that the MISC General Council approve the 2019-2020 MISC budget as presented.

MOVED: Gaurav SECONDED: Robyn

Carried / Failed

7.4. Report of the VP-Communications

Website has been updated, only one issue with how a title is displaying - VP Communications is looking into it. Newsletter, MISC-y Business, successful - some students have asked us to take their announcements off the newsletter because they have received more responses than they could handle. Will be meeting with district director of Toastmasters International.

7.5. Report of the VP-Academic Affairs (*attached*)

Questions about who will be teaching R for Data Science. Question about the weight of the grade of the workplace grade for co-op. Question about what purpose will be of student evaluations if not to impact merit pay/promotion, but will be taken into account when deciding whether or not to change the structure of a course.

Action item: verify course code for R for Data Science course.

Update: Course code will be INF2309H

7.6. Report of the EVP

UTGSU updates: booking rooms through Hart House now require ULife certification, which MISC has. Ecology student society formed a laptop grant out of SGS reserves. University of Toronto Environmental Resources Network offers grants for relevant projects.

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

MOVED: Katy SECONDED: Akram

CARRIED/FAILED

8. Committee & Representative Reports

8.1 MISC-MUSSA Liaison (*attached*)

8.2 Social Committee (*attached*)

Suggestion from Robyn for an oatmeal bar for the Crunch Time Breakfast, also suggested Bampot as potential event venue. Andrew asked about potential for Lunch & Learn.

8.3 Survey Committee (*attached*)

Question about what Annual Student Experience Survey should be called.

8.4 Mental Health Committee (*attached*)

Question about whether to combine Accessibility Design Jam with the Inforum Hackathon.

Question about which other faculties our embedded counselor is embedded within (she is assigned to multiple faculties). Students have a limited number of meetings with the embedded counselor. Akram brought up an incident involving a student who scheduled a meeting with the counselor, but the counsellor's office was closed when they arrived (yet student was charged for missing the meeting).

8.5 Professional Development Committee

Working on defining professional development and working to greatly expand current professional development resources for students. Some overarching goals include access mentorship, networking ,etc. Plans to host topic-based information sessions. Call for help from other students for greater diversity at Professional Development talks. Plan to leverage student talent for peer-based expertise.

Action Item: consider options for compensating students who volunteer for PD workshops.

8.6 Faculty Council Representatives

Faculty Council constitution has changed, council is now much smaller. Recent meeting was mainly committee updates, not major items to vote on. BI students were present at Faculty Council.

8.7 Alumni Association Representative (*attached*)

8.8 Graduate Students' Union Representatives

Some leadership changes. MISC received first head grant cheque.

8.9 Tech Fund Representatives (*attached*)

Tech request #1: surface pros and chargers

MOTION: BIRT the MISC General Council approve the Tech Fund's allocation of \$5417.95 to the Inforum to be used as funding for 5 Surface Pros (6S), 2 Mac chargers, and 2 Mac Lightning cables.

MOVED: Nicholas

SECONDED: Akram

CARRIED/FAILED

Action: Questions about the quantity (why 5?) as well as whether purchase would include keyboards. Tech fund will reevaluate request and come back to MISC with update. Will go to Inforum for more details in circulation/usage statistics on current surface pro tablets available.

Tech request #2: funding for MMSt exhibition projects

Vipasha explained that certain percentages of Tech Fund budget has to go to MMSt collection/exhibition needs. This year that amount would be ~\$6000. Questions about how students would access funds. Students have to pitch project proposals with budgets and are approved by faculty. There is oversight process. The norm is that students have to pay entirely for their exhibition projects so this reduces cost barrier.

MOTION: BIRT the MISC General Council approve the Tech Fund's allocation of ~\$6000 to MMSt students' needs for collecting and exhibiting with regards to the exhibition project.

MOVED: Val SECONDED: Jillie

CARRIED/FAILED

Tech request #3: funding to open waitlists for iSkills workshops

Question as to whether all workshops would be attended in full if every waitlist spot was paid for. Idea would be to gradually start adding more workshops based on demand. Amount we are approving today is a maximum but it could be less workshops.

MOTION: BIRT the MISC General Council approve the Tech Fund's allocation of \$4125 to open up waitlists for the following iSkills workshops in the winter semester (see meeting package p. 18).

MOVED: Nicholas SECONDED: Robyn

CARRIED/FAILED

8.10 Inforum Users' Advisory Committee

No meeting date set yet. Should take place by the end of this month. Survey Committee's Inforum feedback survey report will be presented by Andrew and McKinzey at upcoming meeting.

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

MOVED: Vipasha SECONDED: Gaurav

CARRIED/FAILED

9. Working Groups

9.1. Accessibility Interests Working Group

Still looking for someone to handle social media. Hosting brown bag lectures this semester and are on EventBrite. Upcoming conference.

Action: email blurb with event details to Gaurav to include in MISC-y Business.

9.2. Diversity Working Group

9.3. Part-Time Students' Working Group (attached)

9.4. **MOTION:** BIRT the MISC General Council approve the Working Group Reports as presented.

MOVED: Andrew SECONDED: Adrian

CARRIED/FAILED

13. New Business

Inforum

Question from Robyn about how student survey will impact User Advisory Committee and what the general role of User Advisory Committee is. Robyn brought up accessibility-related reasons for keeping course reserves in Inforum. Course reserves will now be moving to the Media Commons, where students cannot browse collections (students will have to know call number to request items).

Course reserves are moving because there is not a full time faculty member in the Inforum to manage the course reserves. Course reserves will be moving to Media Commons where they will be managed by students?

Recommendation: some kind of practicum project for LIS student(s) to manage course reserves collection.

Table Inforum discussion to next meeting.

14. Announcements

15. Adjournment

MOTION: Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

MOVED: Nick SECONDED: Gaurav

CARRIED/FAILED

The meeting is adjourned at 8:10 PM