



# March 2020 MISC AGM + Town Hall Meeting Minutes

Online - Zoom  
19 March 2020 | 4:15-5:45

## Agenda/Minutes

### 1.0 Call to Order

*Meeting comes to order at 4:15 PM.*

### 2.0 MISC Updates

#### 2.1 COVID-19 Resources

MISC and MI students compiled a giant google sheet with resources for MI students getting through COVID-19. Check our website for more info  
Accessibility Interests WG is starting a delivery service for students who need it, as well as chats for students who are feeling isolated. Mental Health Committee is also working on initiatives.

#### 2.2 MISC 2019/2020 Recap

Tons of events planned by Social Committee, PD Committee, Mental Health Committee, Survey Committee. End of Year Formal is tentatively happening, but likely will be cancelled. Employer showcase has also been cancelled. Last event before everything began to shut down was the Librarian's Guide to Homelessness training with Ryan Dowd, organized by our Mental Health Committee in collaboration with Daisy Dowdall.

MISC Working Groups also hosted planned lots of events. AIWG hosted a fall brownbag series; winter term an Inclusive libraries talk, Star Trek viewing party. DWG hosted SYLLA-BYE (diversifying syllabi in the iSchool) destruct-a-thon and many others (see slide deck). Part-time students working group hosted fall social, winter board game night was cancelled.

Tech fund is not accepting new funding requests this year. Wrapping up budget in coming weeks. Working with Inforum.

#### 2.3 Spring Elections

Moving forward as planned.

### 3.0 Student Services Update with Steff Rose

- Finalizing awards for students in concentrations that have not historically had awards given to them at convocation.
- Fol is now locked to public access, still has fob access. Student Services is still committed to getting necessary tech to students, though on a one-by-one basis and with minimal contact.
- Beginning a "Virtual Inforum" - sharing information, creating chatrooms, delivery of online programs, online brownbags, expanding our opportunities to utilize technology available to us. Student Services will be in contact with MISC and MUSSA leadership about these.

#### **4.0 Bissell Renovation Update with Dean Duff**

Let the light in and the ideas out. Renovating floors 1-3, hiring an architect starting in September to work on very detailed plans. Front door entering first floor. First floor will also have lockers, gallery space, classrooms? Second floor would have balcony that looks down. Building is a heritage building, so Fol will have to get permission on some things.

#### **5.0 Question Period**

##### **MISC**

Question about whether a new executive position on MISC could be proposed.

- Not for this upcoming year, but could be proposed for consideration by 2020/2021 council for the 2021/2022 year.

##### **STUDENT SERVICES**

Question about students in housing who are being asked to leave, but cannot because they are international.

- Understanding is that they can stay. Students are not required to move, they should be allowed to stay.

Question about financial assistance grants.

- Students with financial needs should contact Sherry. We will be using the Emergency Bursary protocol.

Question about summer courses and practicum placements.

- Will discuss summer courses in the coming weeks as we monitor situation. Pretty confident that they will be online. Practicum and co-op placements rely on external partners, everything is uncertain right now. Plan for Faculty is to have a plan in place by April 6.

##### **BUILDING RENO**

Question about additional washrooms with powered doors.

- Feasibility design was looking at putting additional washrooms on every floor.

Question about building reno timeline.

- Will be quite long. Will have to hire architect, go through layers in city. Unlikely (probably impossible) to have any construction before next summer, likely summer after.

Question about classrooms and labs being moved.

- Students will still have access to classrooms on floors 4-5, but not big enough to accommodate everyone.

## OTHER

Question about convocation contingency plans.

- Nothing finalized yet, Discussions about convocation will be happening, but nothing is decided at the moment

Question about whether Inforum Users' Advisory Group is continuing.

- So far not finalized (currently no director of the Inforum). Students have come forward with requests for [writing center?] and labs. Unsure who should oversee these changes. Once these changes are in place, there will be an advisory group on what these spaces become.

Question about continuation of focus groups: Will there continue to be online focus groups for self-study?

- Still ironing out details.

Question about how feedback from focus groups will be used and implemented.

- All of the feedback will be used as we write the self-study. The self-study is a self-assessment: describe changes, how population has changed, etc. Also look at recommendations of previous self-study and how we have addressed them so far. Feedback are key indicators of how our programs are improving. Also looking for things that can be addressed. Looking at hiring more faculty in areas that are growing. Also concrete suggestions in the LIS program.

Question about diversity of focus groups.

- Deeply concerned about diversity in concentrations, interested in having more diverse faculty. Has met with local industry leaders to discuss how to attract more diverse students. Providing more mechanisms to collect feedback enables more diverse feedback. We could even have a focus group on the issue of diversity if that would help.

## 6.0 Adjournment

*The meeting is adjourned at 5:45 PM.*

# MISC AGM + TOWN HALL

2019-2020

MASTER OF  
INFORMATION  
STUDENT COUNCIL

## Agenda

### 1. MISC Updates

- COVID-19 resources
- 2019/20 recap
- Spring Elections

### 2. Student Services Update f

with Steff Rose

### 3. Bissell Renovation Update

with Dean Duff

### 4. Question Period



# COVID-19 resources



## "Things to do in self-isolation" list

- Posted on our Facebook page
- Includes activities, reading/media recommendations, and resources to help students get through this period

## MISC Accessibility Interests Working Group support

- Grocery/pharmacy delivery for sick/at-risk students
- Social support/video chat for students feeling isolated

## Mental Health Committee Resources

- Good2Talk - helpline with free 24/7 counselling
- MySSP - smartphone app with helpline and online chat support
- [www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/feeling-distressed](http://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/feeling-distressed)



# MISC 2019-2020 Recap



- Events/Activites
- misc. MISC projects
- SSI Funding
- Tech Fund



# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## Social Committee

Co-chairs: Abbey Krueger, Laura Windhorst

- **Sept 3-6:** Orientation week
- **Oct 15:** MI Fall Social
- **Oct 21:** #elxn43 Watch Party
- **Oct 25:** MISC & Mussa @ ROM FNL
- **Oct 31:** MISC Halloween Party
- **Dec 5:** MISC End of Term Breakfast
- **Dec 10:** MI Holiday Party
- **Jan 17:** MI Coffeehouse/Open Mic Night
- **Jan 22:** MI Monthly Pub Night #1
- **Feb 13:** MISC Valentine's Day Breakfast
- **Feb 26:** MI Monthly Pub Night #2
- **Apr 16:** Annual MISC End of Year Formal

## PD Committee

Co-chairs: Akram Wahdan, Savannah Li

- **Sept 18:** iSchool Clubs & Associations Fair
- One-on-one resume & interview clinics
- Lunchtime LinkedIn headshot sessions
- PD Info Sessions
  - **Feb 26:** AI and Consulting
  - **Mar 4:** Research Beyond Academia
  - **Mar 13:** Jake Miller
  - **Mar 20:** Academic Librarianship
- **Mar 17:** 15th Annual MI Employer Showcase

# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## Mental Health Committee

Co-chairs: Val Masters, Lena Zhao

- #iShare event series
  - **Feb 12:** Communication Strategies
  - **Mar 5:** Mental Health Barriers & Resources
  - **Mar 26:** Mental Health in the workplace
- **Feb 27:** iColour
- **March 12:** Homelessness in Libraries skype training with Ryan Dowd

## Survey Committee

Co-chairs: Sharon Lam, Grace Chen

- 10 surveys run/completed
- **Mar 9-29:** MISC Annual Student Experience Survey
- Visit [bit.ly/MISCsurveys](https://bit.ly/MISCsurveys) for more details

# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## Accessibility Interests Working Group

**Chair: Adrian Pettersen**

- Fall Unwrap Accessibility brownbag series
- **Feb 28:** Building Inclusive Libraries (talk)
- **Mar 11:** Star Trek viewing party
- **Mar 17:** Field trip to Tangled Art + Disability
- **Spring 2020:** iDEC Conference

## Diversity Working Group

**Co-chairs: Tomoko Shida, Tamara Rayan**

- Multiple social events
- Reading group sessions
- SYLLA-BYE! A syllabus Deconstruct-a-thon
- Diversifying student awards project
- iSchool TRC Commitments

## Part-Time Students Working Group

**Co-chairs: Meagan Lau, Andrew Micak**

- **Nov 7:** PT Fall social
- **Feb 27:** Board game night

# STUDENT SPONSORED INITIATIVES (SSI) REQUESTS

- iSchool Peer Mentoring Fall Pizza Lunch
- AMIA October meeting
- AMIA January meeting
- Peer Mentoring Winter Pizza Lunch
- AMIA Lyrasis Oral History event
- Cookies with CAPAL
- ACA-LWB Human Library Event
- World IA Day

**Total funding provided: \$3737.30**

# TECH FUND

MI Reps: Vipasha Shaikh, Maya Pasternak

- Tech purchases requested by MI & MMSt students eg:
  - Speakers; megaphone; DSLR Camera; wireless headphones; Inforum laptops
- Funded student lounge revamp supplies
- Funded part of World IA Day
- Funded MISC/MUSSA bake sale and event door prizes
- Funded part of MMSt exhibition class projects
- Bi-annual referendum to reduce annual TF fee upcoming

# OTHER EVENTS

organized by members of the MISC Exec

- iSchool #ClimateStrike march
- Holiday charity bake sale (with Librarians Without Borders) - \$725 raised
- Bake sale for Wet'suwet'en - \$1560 raised
- Yoga at the Inforum with Chelsea Humphries
- Hart House Farm reading week retreat
- Alumni PechaKucha Night



# OTHER PROJECTS

organized by members of the MISC Exec

- MISC-y Business: Newsletter renaming and redesign
- Increased social media presence
- Purchased Square system to accept card payments
- 2020 merchandise
- Student lounge revamp
- Convocation awards diversification
- Created 2 international student representative positions

# REPRESENTATIVES

## Faculty Council Concentration Reps

- Katy Czajkowski (KMIM)
- Jillie Reimer (ARM)
- Kaitlyn Simpson (C&T)
- Lily Clarke (CIPS)
- Wing Lam Tse (ISD)
- Nicholas Lindsay-Lewis (HCDS)
- Eric Hanson (UXD)
- Victoria Yang (LIS)
- Patty Facy (Prez/GPO)

## FIAA (Alumni Association) Rep:

- Cher-Ann Chai

## UTGSU

- Patty Facy
- Katy Czajkowski
- Robyn Forman

# SPRING ELECTIONS



## Details

- Upper year positions for 2020-21 Council
- Term held from **May 1, 2020-Apr 30, 2021**
- More info & application at [bit.ly/misceselect-spring2020](https://bit.ly/misceselect-spring2020)

## Elections timeline

- Nominations: March 16-24
- Voting: Mar 26-Apr 2
- Results: Apr 9

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

### EXECUTIVES

- ✓ PRESIDENT
- ✓ VP OPERATIONS
- ✓ VP FINANCE
- ✓ VP ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
- ✓ VP COMMUNICATIONS

### UPPER YEAR COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- ✓ SURVEY COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR
- ✓ MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR
- ✓ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CO-CHAIR
- ✓ SOCIAL COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS (x2)

### REPRESENTATIVES

- ✓ ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (FIAA) REP
- ✓ UTGSU REP
- ✓ UPPER YEAR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REP
- ✓ UPPER YEAR TECH FUND REPS (x2)

# UPCOMING



- Fill out our Annual Student Experience Survey
- Read MISC-y Business for updates
- Check out [bit.ly/MISC-Calendar](https://bit.ly/MISC-Calendar)
- Stay tuned for more on elections, merchandise, and end of year events



# Student Services Updates

**Stephanie Rose**

Assistant Dean, Registrarial & Student Services





# Bissell Reno Update

**Wendy Duff**

Professor & Dean, Faculty of Information





# Questions



# FACULTY OF INFORMATION REVITALIZATION - DRAFT







Proposed 1<sup>st</sup>  
Floor Staircase





## Proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Lounge





## Proposed Entrance from Sussex Street

