



5th, June, 2020, 3:00PM-5:00PM

## MISC Executive Council Meeting Agenda

### 1. Call to Order

Time: 3:02

### 2. Roll Call

Name/Position	Present	Regrets	Absent
Akshata/UTGSU Rep	Y		
Alexandra Wong/VP communications	Y		
Changhao/Mental Health Committee	Y		
Grace/Survey Committee	Y		
Jessica/Social Committee	Y		
Katy/President	Y		
Laura/ VP Academics	Y		
Running/Tech Fund Rep	Y		
Sara/MISC-MUSSA liaison	Y		
Savannah/Upper year PD	Y		
Veronica/Social co-chair	Y		
Victoria/FIAA Rep	Y		
Wing/International Rep	Y		

### 3. Land Acknowledgement

Read by: Sara Fontes

### 4. BIRT the agenda for June 5th, 2020 be adopted.

Motion by: Victoria

Seconded by: Jessica

**Carried/Failed**

### 5. BIRT the minutes from April 27th 2020 be adopted.

Motion by: Akshata

Seconded by: Victoria



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**Carried/Failed**

### 6. Previous Business

- a. BIRT the council appoint the following members as Working Group (Co)-Chairs:
  - i. Class of 2020 Continuity: Patty Facy
  - ii. Part-Time Working Group: Meagan Lau; Andrew Micak

Motion by: Laura

Seconded by: Wing

**Carried/Failed**

### 7. Executive Committee Reports

- a. President
- b. Vice President Academic Affairs
- c. Vice President Communications
- d. **Motion:** BIRT the MISC General Council approve the Executive Reports as presented.

Motion by: Laura Viselli

Seconded by: Alexandra Wong

**Carried/Failed**

### 8. Committee and Representative Reports

- a. MISC-MUSSA Liaison
- b. Social Committee
- c. Survey Committee
- d. Mental Health Committee
- e. Professional Development Committee
- f. Faculty Council
- g. Alumni Association Representative
- h. Graduate Students' Union Representatives
- i. International Student Representatives
- j. Tech Fund Representatives
- k. Inforum Users' Advisory Committee
- l. **Motion:** BIRT the MISC General Council approve the Committee and Representative Reports as presented.

Motion by: Laura Viselli

Seconded by: Alexandra Wong

**Carried/Failed**

### 9. Working Group Reports

- a. Accessibility Interests Working Group



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- b. Class of 2020 Continuity Working Group
- c. Diversity Working Group
- d. Part-Time Students' Working Group
- e. **Motion:** BIRT the MISC General Council approve the Working Group Reports as presented.

Motion by: N/A

Seconded by: N/A

Carried/Failed

### 10. Other business

- a. Discussion: Student Society Fees
  - i. Finance Meeting will take place with Jessica, Laura, Alex, Sara, Veronica, and Katy

### 11. BIRT the meeting be adjourned

Motion by: Laura

Seconded by: Akshata

Carried/Failed



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### **3. Land Acknowledgement**

We wish to acknowledge that we serve an organization that operates on the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaties signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.



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### 7.a President Report

#### Meetings (15)

- **Dean, Wendy Duff:** April 27th, 2020 | April 29th, 2020 | June 4th, 2020
- **Faculty Council:** April 30th 2020
- **University of Toronto Graduate Student Union (UTGSU):**  
May 7th, 2020 | May 19th, 2020 | May 28th, 2020 | June 1st, 2020
- **Programs Committee:** April 30th, 2020 | May 14th, 2020
- **Committee on Standing:** May 11th, 2020
- **Student Services:** April 28th, 2020
- **MUSSA:** May 19th, 2020
- **MISC Executive:** May 14th, 2020
- **Social Committee:** May 13th, 2020

#### Points of Information:

- All Fall courses will have remote option; not every class will have FTF option
- As many onsite activities in the Fall as possible
  - Earlier start to iSkills? Earlier Orientation?? How many question marks can I put in reference to the future??
- Student Services is still doing tech loans
- UTGSU: investigating their Winter elections; various resignations
- UofT is not changing Fall start date

#### On-Going Initiatives:

Website Updates | Promoting SSI Funding | Planning 2020-21 Budget

#### Future Ideas, Dreams, and Plans:

BLM | 7th Floor Renovations | Tech Fund | Microsoft Teams | iConference (Winter 2021!?)



## 7.b VP Academic Affairs

### **VP Academic Affairs Report – June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Laura Viselli

#### **Meetings Attended:**

1. Committee on Standing (May 11<sup>th</sup> 2020)
2. MISC Executive Meeting (May 14<sup>th</sup> 2020)
3. Committee on Standing (June 4<sup>th</sup> 2020)

#### **Special Initiatives:**

1. Joined the Faculty of Information's **Pandemic Planning Advisory Council**.
  - Invited to join the council which will give input to the 5 working groups that are preparing for the 2020-2021 academic year.
2. Alerted Student Services to the confusion that arose as a result of the **Inforum's AMA on Instagram on May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020**.
  - In response to a question the Inforum's instagram account posted to their story that all Fall 2020 classes will be online. This led to multiple inquiries from current students to the VP of Academic Affairs and other members of the MISC executive team. After the initial concern was raised further discussion ensued, including conversations with MUSSA representatives, and the concern was brought back to student services to reiterate its importance. Student services has now updated <https://ischool.utoronto.ca/covid-19-information-for-students/> under the 'Fall Term 2020' heading to reflect the current status of the delivery of classes in Fall 2020.



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### 7.c VP Communications

#### Meetings

- **MUSSA:** May 19th, 2020
- **MISC Executive:** May 14th, 2020
- **Social Committee:** May 13th, 2020

#### Overview

- Learning the ropes

#### Initiatives

- Creation of a communication strategy using Hootsuite
- Supporting MISC communications (how can I help committees more?)

#### Upcoming

- MISC-y business: quarantine edition
  - Potential change in layout - or at least sections during quarantine to not separate MISC from non-MISC events and instead into. PD, social, etc.
    - Differentiate between MISC vs non-MISC (aka Inforum) events - colour-code
  - ASK: what content do we want?
- #MeetMISC
- iSchool tips of courses/profs/clubs

#### Questions:

- Advising students on whether to move to Toronto or not
- Question on MISC-y business layout
- Question on how formal Wendy Duff's, teachers, iSchool's commitment to D&I & related mental health

### 8.a MISC-MUSSA Liaison

- MUSSA put together an official statement on anti-racism and continuing support

### 8.b Social Committee Report



# Social Committee June 2020 Report

Jessica & Veronica

## Overview

- From the beginning of April, we have decided to focus mainly on incoming students' engagement for the rest of the summer.
- Incoming student Facebook group was created to support student navigation and promote outreach, in addition to be used as a platform for student body engagement in the coming year.
- The two social chairs have, and will continue to, participate in meet/greets and weekly check-ins.

## Initiative

### Incoming 2020 iSchool Students - Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/incoming2020ischoolstudents/>

- 165 members (as of June 2nd)

#### Completed

- Scheduled
  - Two (2) engagement posts
  - Two (2) FAQs posts
- Unscheduled (ongoing)
  - Recommended resources and information, scholarships and opportunities
  - Reminders for events, shared from MISC page

#### Planned

- Scheduled
  - Engagement posts
    - Faculty of Information scavenger hunt (June)
      - With small random draw for prize
    - Ask an upper year
      - Maybe partner with peer-mentorship coordinators
  - FAQs posts
    - Course selection guide (June)





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- Financial matters, relevant to when they are due (August/September)

Provided two MUSSA members with moderator privileges

## Events Participated

- Participating in incoming student events to engage with new students, and promote MISC and our role in supporting the student body.

### Faculty of Information Virtual Meet & Greet - May 9th, 23rd

- Formal sessions with student services and administration

### Incoming Students Thursday Weekly Check-Ins - May 14th, 28th

- Informal Q&A with student services

## What's next?

### Collaborations

- Peer mentorship program
- MUSSA

Getting Started session (July 18th)

Orientation Week