



AGENDA of the Annual General Meeting of the General Council

Claude T. Bissell Building, Room 705A
14 April, 2019 | 2pm

Attendance

Executive Committee

Jamie Duncan, Co-President
Emma Findlay-White, Co-President
Matthew Innes, VP Finance
Bronwyn Nisbet-Gray, VP Operations
(regrets)
Jason Cheung, VP Communications
Patty Facy, Executive VP

Academic Affairs

Hugh Samson, Upper Year
Gaurav Bamezai, First Year

Social Committee

Christina Bondi, Co-Chair *(regrets)*
Ciara O'Kelly, Co-Chair

Professional Development

Ritchie Singh, Upper Year *(regrets)*
Rebecca Jeong, First Year

MISC-MUSSA Liaison

Evelyn Feldman *(regrets)*

MRAC

Akram Wahdan

Alumni Association Rep

Viya Chen

Tech-Fund

Hussein Hashi
Rooney Lee

GSU

Nicholas Lindsay-Lewis

Faculty Council

Danielle Crecca
Susan Bond
Stephanie Anagnostou
Allen Kwan
Andrew Micak
Erin White
Calvin Won
Rumman Ferdous
Jason Battencarew
McKinzey Manes
Manda Vrkljan
Rida Idrees
Meagan Lau *(regrets)*

Mental Health Working Group

Marta Cooper Burt *(regrets)*
Robyn Forman

Guests

Hanna Gronovsky
Maya Pasternak
Laura Windhorst
Cher-Ann Chai

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at [2:16 PM]

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION

MOVED: Patty

SECONDED: Erin

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED/FAILED

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION

MOVED: Susan

SECONDED: Hugh

Be it resolved that the minutes of the March MISC meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED/FAILED

5. Executive Reports (10 minutes)

MOTION

MOVED: Susan

SECONDED: Hugh

Be it resolved that the following be approved as presented:

1. Report of the Presidents

Faculty of Information branded sweatshirts and portfolios are upcoming.

2. Report of the EVP

Diversity Committee is seeking for student participation. Patty will be working with current co-presidents to transition into the president position.

3. Report of the VP-Operations

Election results will be elected tomorrow. Review of some technical issues with this semester's elections.

4. Report of the VP-Communications

Minutes had previously been posted unofficially and then updated after the minutes were voted on. Emma brought up concerns about the difference between unofficial and official minutes being unclear.

5. Report of the VP-Finance

Budget adjustments to expand [] funding. Year-end report will be submitted soon.

CARRIED/FAILED

6. Officer & Representative Reports (20 minutes)

MOTION

MOVED: Hugh

SECONDED: Manda

Be it resolved that the following be approved as presented:

1. Report of Social Committee

Social Committee finished last social event last Thursday, the event was very successful and both the event and the pub night after had a great turnout.

2. Report of Academic Affairs

Academic Affairs Officer had distributed syllabi drafts last meeting. Although the contents of the meeting are public, the documentation (the syllabi) were not.

3. Report of Professional Development

(None provided)

4. Report of Alumni Liaison

(None provided)

5. Mental Health Working Group

Double the number of scholarships to the mental health first aid training workshop. Information posted to the Mental Health Working Group website.

Robyn will be participating in mental health related workshops this summer.

Robyn and Marta will be conducting a video interview with the Faculty of Information embedded counselor. Rida volunteered to help with the interview. Mental Health Working Group proposed a constitutional amendment that would embed the Mental Health Working Group into MISC.

6. MISC-MUSSA Liaison

(None provided)

7. Graduate Students' Union

GSU voted on proposed media policy: how media should be addressed at each meeting. Discussed minor fee increases and the Ford cuts.

Emma asked about student awareness of GSU grants. Students expressed having seen communications about these opportunities through their email. Hugh expressed that it is not clear whether these are meant to be targeted to professional or non-professional stream students. Another concern re: each application regarding reference letters, leads to students needing to constantly ask the same people for letters.

8. Tech Fund Report

(None provided)

9. MRAC Report

(None provided)

No report provided but Akram expressed need for MRAC to be more empowered/have more responsibility in their role.

CARRIED/FAILED

7. Ratification of Election Results

MOTION

MOVED: Manda

SECONDED: Jason

Be it resolved that the Spring 2019 MISC elections be ratified as presented (VP-Ops Report)

CARRIED/FAILED

8. Constitutional Amendments

MOTION

MOVED:

SECONDED:

Be it resolved that the constitution amendments be approved as presented.

7.4: question about proposed wording for Mental Health Standing Committee and whether it will replace the wording of the Mental Health Working Group in the constitution. Further question about the benefits of the standing committee and what will happen in the event that positions go unfilled in future elections; response was that moving the Mental Health Working Group

to a standing committee will encourage more longevity for the committee than keeping it as a working group.

7.5: Discussion about benefits of renaming Upper-Year Academic Affairs position to Vice-President Academic Affairs. Elevating Academic Affairs position to an executive position means that this title change is not merely symbolic, but will give the VP Academic Affairs a position on the executive committee. Discussion of duties of VP Academic Affairs led to creation of amendment 7.12.

7.6: Jamie suggested that social media also be addressed in the role of VP-Communications. Jason suggested split responsibility for coordinating social media between VP Communications and Social Committee.

7.8: Benefit of standing committee is that two co-chairs of the committee would be guaranteed, thus ensuring the workload of managing two surveys every academic year is more reasonably dispersed. Surveys are intended to assess how well MISC is representing the student body, and are intended to be designed so as to avoid survey fatigue among the student body. There is an effort to create a faculty-wide survey calendar to help mitigate survey fatigue among the student body.

There was one survey this year that ran from one month (March-April) and there were 19 responses. Discussing possibility of offering incentives for survey responses.

Patty amends amendment that VP Communications be chair of Survey Standing Committee.

Robyn mentions possibility of a kiosk with the survey on it, can use tech fund items for creating the kiosks. Jamie says that the survey kiosk incentive was something attempted in Colin Furness's course last semester and that he was able to get them to work.

7.9: Akram expressed concern about meetings being held only once a semester, and that MRAC needs to be more involved with the faculty on a more frequent basis.

One amendment (previously 7.9 - regarding role of alumni association representative) - motion was rescinded and struck from the list of amendments.

CARRIED/FAILED

9. Other Business and Discussions

9.1 Merchandise

Limited run of the MISC merchandise is in the MISC office, prices are not finalized yet.

9.2 Other

Upcoming Inforum review meeting, as well as upcoming conference.

10. Adjournment

MOTION

MOVED: Nicholas SECONDED: Gaurav

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED/FAILED

*The meeting is adjourned at: **4:14 PM***