



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

## MISC Executive Council Meeting Agenda

**1. Call to Order**

Time: 5:06

**2. Roll Call**

Name/Position	Present	Regrets	Absent
<b>Katy Czajkowski</b> (President)	x		
<b>Drishti Thakkar</b> (Executive Vice President)	x		
<b>Eric Hanson</b> (VP Operations, Faculty Council Representative)	x		
<b>Will Power</b> (VP Finance)	x		
<b>Laura Viselli</b> (VP Academic Affairs)	x		
<b>Alexandra Wong</b> (VP Communications)	x		
<b>Jessica Peng</b> (Social Co-Chair)	x		
<b>Veronica Rutherford</b> (Social Co-Chair)	x		
<b>Grace Chen</b> (Upper Year Survey Committee Co-Chair)	x		
<b>Lala Kumalasara Sondajaja</b> (First Year Survey Committee Co-Chair)	x		
<b>Michael Changhao Gao</b> (Upper Year MH Committee Co-Chair)	x		
<b>Natalie Somerset</b> (First Year MH Committee Co-Chair)	x		
<b>Savannah Li</b> (Upper Year PD Committee Co-Chair)	x		
<b>Julia Geisler</b> (First Year PD Committee Co-Chair)	x		
<b>Sara Fontes</b> (MISC-MUSSA Liason)	x		
<b>Victoria Yang</b> (Alumni Association Representative)	x		
<b>Ariana Cuvin</b> (First-Year Social Committee Representative)	x		
<b>Running Zhang</b> (Tech Fund Representative, Upper Year)			x
<b>Xinyi Yu</b> (Tech Fund Representative, Upper Year)	x		
<b>Usman Malik</b> (Tech Fund Representative, First Year, Faculty Council Representative)	x		



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<b>Akshata Kularni</b> (GSU Representative)	<b>x</b>		
<b>Yuhui Wang</b> (Faculty Council Representative)	<b>x</b>		
<b>Risa de Rege Braga</b> (Faculty Council Representative)	<b>x</b>		
<b>Nudrat Zehra</b> (Faculty Council Representative)		<b>x</b>	
<b>Guests (Present)</b>			
<b>Andrew Micak</b> (PT Students Working Group)	<b>x</b>		
<b>Adrian Petterson</b> (Accessibility Interests Working Group)	<b>x</b>		

### 3. Land Acknowledgement

Read by: Katy Czajkowski

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

Motion by: Katy

Seconded by: Akshata

**Carried**/Failed

### 5. BIRT the minutes from June 5th 2020 be adopted.

Motion by: Katy

Seconded by: Laura

**Carried**/Failed

### 6. Introduction to MISC!

Katy briefly introduced MISC, the roles of members and the collaborative opportunities available between committees, working groups and representatives. Members introduced themselves to MISC

### 7. Previous Business

- a. BIRT the council appoint the following members as Working Group (Co)-Chairs:
  - i. Diversity Working Group: Oy Lein Jace Harrison and Lo Humeniuk
  - ii. Accessibility Working Group: Adrian Petterson

Motion by: Wing

Seconded by: Savannah

**Carried**/Failed

### 8. Executive Committee Reports

- a. **President**



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Got requests about student club MS Teams groups, open to helping set up any other new student group requests. Met with Wendy and access is temporarily paused to Bissell. Conversations about opening Inforum for study space however, reservations expressed about opening too soon. Appointed to the advisory committee for new dean search at FoI. Will push for more diversity in hiring. 7th floor renos on hold as it's not a priority for MISC at the moment thought it may change depending on the current situation.

Question about reserved merch from last year. Is there a timeline and how will it be facilitated? (outdoor pickup etc.) Katy will address this at the next meeting. Merch is currently scattered at Bissell, former MISC President Patty & Katy's house and is working to figure out logistics

### **b. Vice President Academic Affairs**

Talked about self study at the programs committee meeting. Will push that action items from the DWG report be addressed. MRAC surpassed goals for enrollment last year. iSchool wants to change MI application questions - concern over open ended questions that are ambiguous and want to create more specificity.

### **c. Vice President Communications**

Emphasized that students/members should reach out if they need MISC to promote events via MISC-y Business. Monthly communications are now weekly. Addressing MISC-y business email errors and taking steps to address these issues. Consolidating calendar system and assessing feedback on preferred calendar system.

Suggested we could have our Google Calendar subscribe to the Outlook calendar. Open to suggestions on the best platform for students.

### **d. Vice President Finance**

Gone through budget for the next year. Budget will look different than normal - good financial health. Working on audit exemption with Katy as well as headgrant SSI requests and reimbursements; reach out for any MISC related expenses. Advising working groups and committees to keep as many receipts on hand.

BiPOC grant - will try and match FoI grants for BiPOC scholarships. Cost cutting planned since many programs were budgeted for in person events and activities.



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Questions about donations - was that allocated to other organizations and groups?  
Belief that FoI should contribute more funds rather than have the labour be on MISC.  
FoI is already planning to match any donations and the plan is that FoI donations will come from alumni, etc. Questions on why MISC is responsible when FoI should be focused more on contributing funds. No funds will be taken away from other initiatives and if things change, finance will revisit the issue.

**e. Executive Vice-President**

Introduction as new VP.

**f. Motion:** BIRT the MISC General Council approve the Executive Reports as presented.

Motion by: Savannah

Seconded by: Akshata

**Carried/Failed**

**9. Committee and Representative Reports**

**a. MISC-MUSSA Liaison**

**b. Social Committee**

Lots of engagement on Facebook group and hosted events over the summer with good attendance. 378 members on FB. purchased Jackbox games for next games night. Planning to conduct a survey on communication channels in collab w/ survey committee. Intro with new first year chair

**c. Survey Committee**

Introduction with new first year co-chair. Working with Patty w/ class of 2020 committee. Canvassing other committees on potential new surveys

**d. Mental Health Committee**

Talked with FoI on ways to host mental health events. Working with outside groups to potentially collaborate. Introduced new first year rep.

**e. Professional Development Committee**

Introduction with new first year co-chair. Hosted 2 virtual roundtables over summer. Worked with Eric on possible initiatives he could help with. Working on different resource modules and events for the new year.



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**f. Faculty Council**

Introductions with new members

**g. Alumni Association Representative**

FIAA had its first meeting in the beginning of September. PD committee renewed access to Ontario Library Association Education Institute initiatives. Awards committee were granted 15 grants for iSchool students. Virtual programming initiatives planned for Ask an Alum. Grants and Awards with one being planned for BI and BIPOC students each.

**h. Graduate Students' Union Representatives**

New Slack focusing on COVID launched. Surveys planning on being launched with UTGSU. UTGSU governance issues, Other UTGSU updates

**i. International Student Representatives**

Worked on forming Faculty of Information International Students Association FIISA

**j. Tech Fund Representatives**

Introduction to new first year rep.

**k. Inforum Users' Advisory Committee**

**Motion:** BIRT the MISC General Council approve the Committee and Representative Reports as presented.

Motion by: Katy

Seconded by: Drishti

Carried/Failed

**10. Working Group Reports**

**a. Accessibility Interests Working Group**

Recruitment with new members. Several events over the summer. Working with Access officer at iSchool on new initiatives . Working with other committees and groups within iSchool.



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**b. Class of 2020 Continuity Working Group**

**c. Diversity Working Group**

**d. Part-Time Students' Working Group**

Recently had orientation group with other PT students. Working on mentorship group. Planning on monthly events and collaborate with PD groups.

**e. Motion:** BIRT the MISC General Council approve the Working Group Reports as presented.

Motion by: Katy

Seconded by: Laura

**Carried**/Failed

**11. Other business**

**a. Discussion: Budgets**

Questions on the funding structure of donations. Do we want to send a precedent that we are funding other students? Questions on funding and whether past surpluses will carry forward.

**12. BIRT the meeting be adjourned**

Motion by: Katy

Seconded by: Drishti

**Carried**/Failed