



25th, November 2020, 6:00PM-8:00PM

## MISC Executive Council Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
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		
<b>Akshata Kularni</b> (GSU Representative)	x		



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<b>Wing Lam Tse</b> (International Student Rep)	<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>Meagan Lau</b> (PT Students Working Group) <b>Adrian Petterson</b> (Accessibility Interests Working Group) <b>Robyn Foreman</b> (Student) <b>Lindsay Jackowetz</b>			

**3. Land Acknowledgement:**

Read by: Eric Hanson

I (we) wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto operates. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.

To acknowledge does not reconcile the suffering faced by these communities but we will continue to acknowledge the privilege we have to this land as we learn how to approach reconciliation with integrity.

**4. BIRT the agenda for November 25th, 2020 be adopted.**

- 5. Motion by: Katy
- 6. Seconded by:
- 7. **Carried**/Failed

**8. BIRT the minutes from October 5th 2020 be adopted.**

Motion by: Katy  
 Seconded by: Laura  
**Carried**/Failed

**9. Previous Business**

**10. Executive Committee Reports**

- a. President
  - Merchandise has been shipped - Sales will be dependant on website updates. Tech fund is operational.



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- Survey, Nice to see that there are positive comments from student survey. Also acknowledge the feelings of isolation.
  - Hoping to host a weeklong event on the holiday week before Winter Semester
  - Alex & Katy are working with Libraries without Borders, Winter Carnival, Proceeds go to food scarcity foodbank.
- b. Vice President Academic Affairs
- Lots of change happening in faculty - lots of self reviews with program and concentrations, new dean, etc.
  - Survey - lots of good responses. Will present some of the issues of survey at Faculty Council and will prepare a detailed report
  - Student Meetings with Deans - 2 meetings with deans regarding student concerns. Lots of good feedback but having a conversation that there will be action items from them regarding student concerns.
- c. Vice President Communications
- Misc-y business, still formatting issues, Mac specific problem. We are looking into working with it but reach out to VP Comms for feedback and concerns.
  - Social Media - Did Introduce MISC again - two more profiles of MISC. encourage members to share profile.
  - Getting profiles with non MISC students - showcasing iSchool students after MISC
  - MISC Calendar - Website revamp, Event Calendar on the website, want to amalgamate our Outlook/Google calendar on website to create a more centralized Calendar system.
  - Question from Adrian on Budget, what are our plans? More spending or lower fees?
  - Considered salaries positions? We can't offer paid positions or honorariums based on our constitutions
- d. Vice President Finance
- i. **Motion:** BIRT the council approve the 2020-21 budget  
Motion by: Katy  
Seconded by: Sara  
**Carried/Failed**
- Account of this week \$36,400 - amount will be hire based on other deposits
  - Projected revenue \$26,000



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- We are forgoing Winter Society Fees till next year
- GIC Reserves \$25,000
- Re: Hesitancy with BIPOC Grant amount, lowered amount to \$8,000 (\$4,000 per semester) based from council feedback. Committed to cause
- Audit will be submitted to UofT for Inspected. Helps release our fees and grants for next year
- Email Will regarding reimbursements or questions about budget
- If you have a student sponsored initiative don't hesitate to apply.
- Projected Expenses \$32,000 - Assets \$62,808.49 - Budget Remaining \$30,808.49
- Aggregate purchases in bulk - It will be better for our budget (eg, eTransfers)
- Robyn has a question about why the BIPOC Grant was reduced? Adrian clarified it wasn't to reduce but expressed concern that it was coming from student fees rather than iSchool. It should be the faculty responsibility to source money.

e. Vice President Operations

f. Executive Vice-President

- Great to meet with everyone regarding the website. You have any issues with the website, feel free to reach out with Drishti & Eric
- Went to a few meetings this month. UTGSU - New finance and Internal commissioner elected. There is a tuition exemption grant and no-contact food bank available to students.

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

h. Motion by: Sara

i. Seconded by: Laura

j. **Carried**/Failed

## 11. Committee and Representative Reports

a. MISC-MUSSA Liaison

- MUSSA Meeting on the 18th. There maybe a change with SSI funding as well.
- MUSSA had a member resign, appointed a new member from Admissions committee. Also decided not to collect fees.



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- Trivia Night on Nov 26th 2020
- b. Social Committee
  - Quiet for the past few months, Mostly an in person committees - difficulty to translate events online. Lots of other committees and groups with events. Feel that there should be more beneficial events such as PD and Mental health events.
  - Not sure what type of events they are going to host yet? Online games? Formal? Things are still being thought of.
  - Students are exhausted from Zoom/Virtual Meetings. Focusing on the Discord and Facebook groups and making sure they are being run efficiently
- c. Survey Committee
  - Delivered a Survey to Class of 2020 working group
  - Updated page on Website
  - Completing Virtual iSchool Survey results
  - Launched Professional Development Support Survey
  - Will Reach out later regarding Website survey
- d. Mental Health Committee
  - Heald “Bring Your Own Tea” event. Only 7 people but people had lots of positive feedback.
  - Collaborating with MPOC on Zine making Workshop and Self Care Discussion.
  - Future Events - iTea events, Dec 10th 4:30-5:00pm Looking for Volunteers to moderate and run games.
- e. Professional Development Committee
  - Checked in with many people in October,
  - Compiling resources for students for the website. Hoping to finish in the Winter
  - Thinking about of working with Part Time working group on a collaboration
  - Launched PD Survey - collaborating with the Survey Committee. Will help us prioritize actions in the upcoming winter term
- f. Faculty Council
- g. Alumni Association Representative
  - Nov meeting last wednesday



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- Ask an Alum is holding a Human Library Book Club panels - More concentrations will be available in the next few weeks
- Grants and the awards -
- Job Shadowing - Julietta has moved on from her position so TBD on who will be taking over.
- h. Graduate Students' Union Representatives
  - The UTGSU has had meeting with administration on tuition and funding and communication. Administration has plans to revamp the website especially as information is hard to find
  - Workign to extend waiver from one-semester exception to a two or full year exception.
- i. International Student Representatives
- j. Tech Fund Representatives
  - Had a few meetings - approving budget and positions.
  - Received an informal request for Adobe Creative Cloud licenses. Decided to not move forward because they already allocated money to MMST initiatives. Will transfer funds from the MMST initiative (similar to last year) so that they will be able to allocate funds.
  - Will not be collecting fees from 2020-2021. Functions are impacted because of COVID -19 but also Tech Fund has a good surplus of funds.
  - Looking to buying new Tech for the inForum. Will talk with Curtis Debi to help facilitate action items on new tech for Inforum.
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- k. **Motion:** BIRT the MISC General Council approve the Committee and Representative Reports as presented.
- l. Motion by: Katy
- m. Seconded by:Usman
- n. **Carried**/Failed

## 12. Working Group Reports

- a. Accessibility Interests Working Group
  - Round of Recruitment - 20 active members
  - Hosting bi-weekly office hours - help with scheduling, access concerns etc.
  - Working with Diversity Working Group and Museum Professions of Colour. Had a successful workshop on Zines yesterday
  - Had a chat with Wendy on putting Accessibility documents in admissions materials. For students to see iSchool is a friendly and welcoming place



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- Circulating materials to professors continuing from the Summer. Hoping to continue
- b. Class of 2020 Continuity Working Group
- c. Diversity Working Group
- d. Part-Time Students' Working Group
  - Had an event in October - Facilitated by academic success centre
  - Will have random drop in socials - communicated to them they don't feel connected in the classroom
  - Working with PD committee on events on the new year
  - Working on a Survey with the Survey Committee
- e. **Motion:** BIRT the MISC General Council approve the Working Group Reports as presented.

Motion by: Alex

Seconded by: Katy

**Carried/Failed**

### 13. Other business

- Discussion: Winter Week

Possible Ideas?

- Movie/Game Night
- Among Us games on Discord
- International Student celebration for students who can't go home for the holidays
- Hart House Collab w/ Virtual Dance
- MI Virtual Secret Santa

Podcast Club -

Would love to develop a Podcast hosting website and resource hub for how to produce a podcast.

Could be an audio version of the iJournal

### 14. BIRT the meeting be adjourned

Motion by: Katy

Seconded by: Laura

**Carried/Failed**