



27th, February 2021, 1:00PM-3:00PM

## MISC Executive Council Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order 1:06
2. Roll Call

Name/Position	Present	Regrets	Absent
<b>Katy Czajkowski</b> (President)	x		
<b>Maddie Osei</b> (Executive Vice President)			
<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
<b>Wing Lam Tse</b> (International Student Rep)			x



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<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>Amy Farrow</b> (Accessibility Interests Working Group)	<b>x</b>		

### 3. Land Acknowledgement:

Read by: Usman Malik

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 February 27, 2021 be adopted.

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

### 8. BIRT the minutes from January 23rd, 2021 be adopted.

- Motion by: Katy
- Seconded by: Usman
- Carried**/Failed

### 9. Previous Business

### 10. Executive Committee Reports

- a. President

Reps in Programs Committee at **Faculty Council** - Officially still one member from MI, Faculty decided not to formalize two MI members on the committee even though two were present in the past. Alternatively has thought about opening up the Committee for students to openly voice their thoughts to Programs Committee



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**UTGSU** - Looking to extend tuition extension. Don't know how it relates to our program because we have a Tuition balance to complete at the end of the program

**Student Services:** Summer timetables in march, it will be online. Communitating the need for more bursaries for studies and getting a conversation started.

**Meeting with Wendy** - New Dean should be announced in March. A New building Working Group will be formed with MI and PhD reps.

April end of term Lunch, Coordinating with MUSSA 3rd week in April

**Motion:** Whereas the former Executive Vice President has resigned, BIRT the MISC General Council appoint Maddie Osei as the interim Executive Vice-President, in reference to Constitution item 5.10

1. In case of vacancies for whatever reason in the positions mentioned in Article 4 after the proper election time has passed during the academic year, a vote of the General Council shall suffice to appoint replacements.

Motion by: Katy

Seconded by: Ariana

**Carried/Failed**

ii. **Motion:** BIRT the MISC General Council increase Budget Line: Meeting Food from \$320 to \$750

Motion by: Katy

Seconded by: Ariana

**Carried/Failed**

iii. **Motion:** BIRT the MISC General Council increase Budget Line: Projects from \$950 to \$1500

Motion by: Katy

Seconded by: Eric

**Carried/Failed**

b. Vice President Academic Affairs

c. Vice President Communications

No big updates. Continuing to the update MISC-y Business

d. Vice President Finance

- \$38,006.75 in the account

New grants also to be deposited



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- Lots of funding still available for SSI
- Send Receipts/Invoices by April 30th
  
- e. Vice President Operations
  - Nothing new to report. Working with Victoria & PD Committee to update websites. May do outreach at some point in the future.
- f. Executive Vice-President
  
- g. **Motion:** BIRT the MISC General Council approve the Executive Reports as presented.  
Motion by: Katy  
Seconded by: Eric  
**Carried/Failed**

## 11. Committee and Representative Reports

- a. MISC-MUSSA Liaison
  - Talking about electing the next Liaison
- b. Social Committee
  - Still figuring out our scope especially since many groups are hosting Virtual Events
  - People are exhausted. Would love to have time to vent
  - Will hopefully build some of these programs in the next few weeks
- c. Survey Committee
  - Student Experience Survey
  - Recruited a few more people to help
  - Questions on Mental Health, Student Experience, Accessibility etc.
  - Reach out if you have any suggestions or questions
  - Will start send some digital prizes.
- d. Mental Health Committee
  
- e. Professional Development Committee
  - Did first PD workshop lead by Husna Arif from Career Exploration & Education - only 4 people attended. Was looking into making a series but may not due to low turnout.
  - iConference - April 16th. Coordinating Submissions with Natalie
  - Updating PD website on MISC Website - Job Board, etc.



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f. Faculty Council

g. Alumni Association Representative

FIAA Meeting on Feb 17th. Upcoming AGM on June 9th - electing a new Secretary & VP

Ask an Alum - Human Library Series, successful and will hopefully continue this in the future with some modifications

Mindfulness Sessions - Students are allowed to attend

PD Committee looking to collaborate with MISC

Alumni Reunion - Work in progress whether there are funds to invite virtual speakers

h. T&R Working Group

Official term ending at the end of the year - requesting for it to be a permanent working group

-Last meeting was going over the terms of reference of the working group. Will update students on it if requested.

Working on how to structure the student representative role in the future And figuring out how to make the position more official to MISC. Will hopefully be making it more permanent in MISC meetings especially as we try to be more engaged with T&R initiatives

i. Graduate Students' Union Representatives

j. International Student Representatives

k. Tech Fund Representatives

Not too busy of a month - Discussed with Curtis Debi on new laptop bags.

Deliberating on where to donate old Tech Fund equipment

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

Motion by: Katy



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Seconded by:

Carried/Failed

## 12. Working Group Reports

### a. Accessibility Interests Working Group

We have an event coming up - Register on Eventbrite Hackathon

### b. Class of 2020 Continuity Working Group

Patty Facy has done lots of outreach with appearances on both TV & Radio. Will hopefully be more engaged with MISC in the next few weeks.

### c. Diversity Working Group

Lo has stepped down from DWG. Lorena is taking the role.

Syllabi Deconstruction had some create conversations from Faculty. Reach out if you want to be involved.

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

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

Motion by: Katy

Seconded by: Usman

Carried/Failed

## 13. Other business

- Discussion: None

## 14. BIRT the meeting be adjourned

Motion by: Katy

Seconded by: Usman

Carried/Failed



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