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## MISC Meeting Minutes

### 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:02PM

### 2. Roll Call

Name/Position	Present	Regrets	Absent
<b>Courtney DeMaeyer</b> (President)	X		
<b>Will Power</b> (VP Operations)	X		
<b>Usman Malik</b> (VP Finance, Tech Fund Representative)	X		
<b>Heba Roble</b> (VP Academic Affairs, Committee on Standing Representative)	X		
<b>Julia Geisler</b> (VP Communications, First Year PD Committee Co-Chair)		X	
<b>Shehroze Saharan</b> (Executive VP)		X	
<b>Ariana Cuvin</b> (Social Committee Co-Chair)			X
<b>Nem Hannah Brunell</b> (Social Committee Co-Chair)	X		
<b>Lala K. Sondajaja</b> (Upper Year Survey Committee Co-Chair)	X		
<b>Isabel Bowman</b> (Survey Committee)			X
<b>Natalie Somerset</b> (Upper Year MH Committee Co-Chair)	X		
<b>Lucas Luoma-Uhlik</b> (MH Committee Co-Chair)	X		
<b>Kexin Li</b> (Professional Development Co-Chair)	X		
<b>Rahul Sabu Joseph</b> (Professional Development Co-Chair)	X		
<b>Sara Cozzarin</b> (MISC-MUSSA Liason)			X
<b>Emma Ratcliffe</b> (Tech Fund Representative, Upper Year)		X	
<b>Nicole Librodo</b> (Alumni Association Representative)	X		
<b>Jill Munro</b> (Faculty Council Representative)			X
Guests (Present) <b>Mikp Wu</b> (DWG)	X		



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### 3. Land Acknowledgement:

- Read by: **Lala**

*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.*

### 4. BIRT the agenda for April 4, 2022 be adopted.

- Motion by: **Courtney**
- Seconded by: **Rahul**
- **Carried/Failed**

### 5. BIRT the minutes from March 4, 2022 be adopted.

- Motion by: **Courtney**
- Seconded by: **Nem**
- **Carried/Failed**

### 6. Previous Business

- No Previous Business

### 7. Executive Committee Reports

#### i. **President**

- Merchandise sales have been going well → getting rid of old stock - more orders to come
- Email sign-up sheet has been started for requests
- Spring elections cancelled → Reset in Fall 2022
- Call to council for end of year documentation to be explicitly detailed for next council as there will be no traditional hand-off
- Casa Loma trip was well attended

#### ii. **Vice President Academic Affairs**

- MRAC (Master's Recruitment and Admissions Committee) meeting this past Friday → Opportunity to see how many individuals are applying to program



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- Number of applications quite large
- The biggest concern amongst Faculty was determining who was actually their confirming admissions, which is not as prescient an issue for domestic students as it is for the international arena

iii. **Vice President Communications**

- Sends regrets; Nothing to share

iv. **Vice President Finance**

- Working on reimbursements
- Call to council to submit any outstanding requests

v. **Vice President Operations**

- Election cancellation - will lead to a hard reset in Fall 2022
- Words from elections contact Kristen Wallace, who suggested ways for MISC to promote itself better and to investigate any potential barriers for students in applying to run in elections
- Noted drop off amongst school groups campus-wide in terms of student group uptake
- Success in merch sales has also led to heightened awareness of MISC and expressions of interest for running in the fall of 2022

vi. **Executive Vice-President**

- Sends regrets; Nothing to report

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

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

## 8. Committee and Representative Reports

i. **MISC-MUSSA Liaison**

- Not present - Courtney to read
- Last day for nominations for MUSSA council
- Looking for new liaison for MISC-MUSSA

ii. **Social Committee**



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- Nothing to report
  
- iii. **Survey Committee**
  - SES (Student Experience Survey) - Emphasis on promotion (posters in Bissell seemed to help as students are now back in person)
  - Good replies to emails
  - Analyzing qualitative data - 146 respondents to survey at time of meeting
  - Survey extended to April 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Raffles planned for survey for end of year
  
- iv. **Mental Health Committee**
  - Past month every week on Thursdays - in person MH walks → Turnout has been lackluster
  - Stopped as semester wound down
  - Exit report preparation
  
- v. **Professional Development Committee**
  - Busy March for PD - 8 career panel events with 8 panelists
  - 10-15 participants per session including panelist
  - Lots of engagement and good feedback from both students and panelists
  - Next steps are purchasing gift cards - will send to VP Finance ASAP
  - In lieu of gift cards, some panelists mentioned they wanted gift donated to charity
  
- vi. **Faculty Council**
  - Change of council chair - Patrick Keilty will be presiding over meetings for 2022-2023
  
- vii. **Alumni Association Representative**
  - Reaching out to international students for bridging better connections to help current international students
  - Job shadowing program undergoing change - looking at trying pre-recorded informational interviews, which intends to promote greater accessibility
  
- viii. **T&R Working Group**
  - No representative; Nothing to report.
  
- ix. **Graduate Students' Union Representatives**



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- Nothing to report.
  
- x. **International Student Representatives**
  - Not present; Nothing to report.
  
- xi. **Tech Fund Representatives**
  - Not present; Nothing to report.

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

- Motion by: **Courtney**
- Seconded by: **Lala**
- **Carried/Failed**

## 9. Working Group Reports

- i. **Accessibility Interests Working Group**
  - Not present - Courtney to read
  - Website audit being wrapped up
  - Accessibility In the Curriculum initiative ongoing
  - AIWG website content - updating information resources
  - Planned social games night - cancelled due to online accessibility issues
  - Laura will be staying on as chair
  - Return to speaker series next year
  - Plans for accessibility style guide
  - Rest of budget remaining to go to student awards
  
- ii. **Class of 2020 Continuity Working Group**
  - Sends regrets - Courtney to read
  - Group is being discontinued due to declining interest
  - At end of month will be releasing reserved funds back to MISC
  
- iii. **Diversity Working Group**
  - March has been slow - offboarding and task-handover
  - Continuing to work on projects
  - Continuing to work on website revamp
  - New recruit planning for upcoming summer/academic calendar year



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

- Not present; Nothing to report.

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

- Motion by: **Nem**
- Seconded by: **Natalie**
- **Carried/Failed**

10. Other business

- Discussion: Potential summer committee proposal
- Continuing activity throughout summer including reimbursements and SSI budget use
- Concerns over orientation and clubs fair which happen to coincide with elections
- Summer engagement will be ongoing

11. BIRT the meeting be adjourned

- Motion by: **Courtney**
- Seconded by: **Heba**
- **Carried/Failed**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM