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## MISC Council Meeting Minutes

### 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 19:05

### 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)			
<b>Kexin Li</b> (Professional Development Co-Chair)	X		
<b>Rahul Sabu Joseph</b> (Professional Development Co-Chair)			X
<b>Emma Ratcliffe</b> (Tech Fund Representative, Upper Year)	X		
<b>Sara Cozzarin</b> (MISC-MUSSA Liason)	X		
<b>Nicole Librodo</b> (Allumni Association Representative)	X		
<b>Jill Muncro</b> (Faculty Council Representative)			X
<b>Nudrat Zehra</b> (Faculty Council Representative)			X
<b>Guests</b> (Present)			



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- Miko Wu (Diversity WG)	X		
- Shrada Anand	X		

- Opening remarks & introductions

### 3. Land Acknowledgement:

- Read by: **Usman**

*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.*

*3-5: BIRT the agenda for January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 be adopted as well as the minutes from the 4<sup>th</sup> of October and the 15<sup>th</sup> of November*

- Vice-president chaired meeting as Courtney was not able to attend; These 3 separate motions were mistakenly condensed into one
- Motion by: **Lala**
- Seconded by: **Julia**
- Carried/Failed: **Carried**

### 6. AIWG Chairman Change

- 7. Amy has stepped down as the AIWG Chairman. Laura Lamont will be taking over.

### 7. Executive Committee Reports

#### i. President

- Executive VP spoke in lieu of President
- Faculty directing update on long-term plans, no arrangements for in-person events
- Return to in-person on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>
- Student lounge should be adequate for an eating space but need to check in and



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- make sure protocols are being met
- Conflicting sentiments as Faculty wants all people back but nobody in building
- Charitable donations:
  - Potential donations 500\$ to Food4Kids
  - Water First \$500
  - Eagle - \$500
  - Help to refund the BIPOC award which has been depleted
  
- ii. **Vice President Academic Affairs**
  - No Faculty/academic related meetings this early in the semester
  - Email campaign to check in with students regarding mental health/settling in
  
- iii. **Vice President Communications**
  - MeetMISC starting again
  - Nothing else to report
  
- iv. **Vice President Finance**
  - \$55,551.19 in the account
  - Audit binder submitted in December
  - Reiterated processes for reimbursements
  
- v. **Vice President Operations**
  - Website updates
  - Beginning to think about Winter elections
  
- vi. **Executive Vice-President**
  - Major updates covered in President section
  - Working close with PD committee

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

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



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## 8. Committee and Representative Reports

### i. MISC-MUSSA Liaison

- Before Fall term ended ran survey with survey committee with CDP students regarding how they feel about being covered by two organizations and if they feel included
- Spam was reported in the survey, shut down and restarted
- Good responses from students
- Discussed with CDP Faculty representative
- Students want to know about social events and whether they are included (call for Social Committee for CDP inclusivity)
- Potential CDP-only event, will reach out to Social C.

### ii. Social Committee

- Representatives not present; Nothing to report

### iii. Survey Committee

- One ongoing survey – part-time student survey
- PD Survey discussion
- CDP student survey also complete, despite spam problem
- Student experience-survey recruitment process started and initial planning process started
- Open call for surveys to other MISC groups for April results
- Another raffle – end of the year raffle; Open call for gift ideas

### iv. Mental Health Committee

- UTGSU AGM – motion at Union meeting for UTGSU to investigate increasing MH insurance coverage passed unanimously
- Lucas stepping in as new first year co-chair
- Two Zoom events this month – goal setting & time management workshop, modeled on past MH activities
- Also a less formal iShare discussion about meeting new people – desire to have these every month
- MH outdoor walks pending COVID situation
- Social media expansion to increase engagement



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- v. **Professional Development Committee**
  - Survey report received – thanks to Survey Committee, ready to be published
  - 85% of students responded interested in industry panels
  - Planning on having an employee industry panel – two concentrations per Saturday, for four in Total in March – three to four panelists per concentration, working with Chioma
  - Life after iSchool event discussion
  - Designing promo materials to promote the events
  
- vi. **Faculty Council**
  - Nothing to report
  
- vii. **Alumni Association Representative**
  - Meeting past week, Chioma was guest speaker – update on careers office and PD interactions
  - Job shadowing program shifted from FIAA to Careers Office
  - Panel event happening next week – life after iSchool – focus on recent graduates
  - Grants and awards committee is struggling to find applicants for FIAA awards
  - Ask an alum committee thinking of doing a human library event - pending
  
- viii. **T&R Working Group**
  - Vacant
  
- ix. **Graduate Students' Union Representatives**
  - Support MH committee to make sure GSU MH motion passed
  - Typical politics at GSU level
  
- x. **International Student Representatives**
  - Not present
  
- xi. **Tech Fund Representatives**
  - Poster promoting tech fund rentals created in Nov/Dec – waiting to be shared for when people are to be back in person
  - Planning to send it out during reading week or shortly after, flexible with dates
  - Lala has noticed that there is no practical information on the iSchool website for contacting the tech fund



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

## 9. Working Group Reports

### i. Accessibility Interests Working Group

- Change of chairs
- Work on curriculum review and audits
- Accessibility resource page for website in works

### ii. Class of 2020 & 2021 Continuity Working Group

- No representative; Nothing to report

### iii. Diversity Working Group

- Change of chairs
- Continuing of initiatives
- Changing of website
- Working on logistics right now, meeting planned for later this month

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

- No representatives; Nothing to report

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

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

## 10. Other business

- None.

## 11. BIRT the meeting be adjourned

- Motion by: **Heba**



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- Seconded by: **Emma**
- Carried/Failed: **Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 19:43