



4th, March 2022, 17:00 - 19:00

MISC Council Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 17:17

2. Roll Call

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



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- Opening remarks & introductions

3. Land Acknowledgement:

- Read by: Courtney

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 March 21st, 2022 be adopted

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

5. BIRT minutes from the 21st of January 2022 be adopted

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

6. Executive Committee Reports

i. President

- Collaboration with Stacey with updates for T&R Committee – need to nominate candidate from MI program; Some expressions of interest, with candidate having replied to further enquiry: Shawn Johnston. Shawn’s extensive background and qualifications were presented to council.
- Unanimous favour for voting Shawn Johnston for Position
- **Motion:** BIRT Shawn Johnston be appointed to the T&R Committee as representative:
 - Motion by: **Courtney**
 - Seconded by: **Sheroze**



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- Carried/Failed: **Carried**
 - Shawn Johnston will be the new T&R representative
 - Booking space is still notoriously difficult – there is a severe lack of communication from the Faculty and from the University
 - Courtney meeting on Sunday with other Information schools in Canada – goal is to create a shared union space to discuss things and build up a support network
 - Open invitation for members of MISC to attend
- ii. **Vice President Academic Affairs**
- A couple of faculty meetings over these past months
 - Approx. 405 domestic applications, 1200 international applications for already by January 2022
 - Not really any new MI courses in the work, more PhD courses
- iii. **Vice President Communications**
- Call for council to observe missing social posts
 - Working on in-person posters logistics
- iv. **Vice President Finance**
- \$51,538.48 current in bank
 - Completed all charitable donations – all on budget
 - Call for potential donation to Ukrainian war - Red Cross as a good charity
 - Motion for donation of \$2,000 – open for discussion; Allocated funds from last year that had not been utilized so there is no concern for current budget
 - General support from Council
 - General call for public statement from MISC re: Ukrainian war
 - **Motion:** BIRT the MISC 2021-22 budget for charitable donations will be increased by \$2000, which will go towards the Ukraine red cross humanitarian crisis appeal
 - Motion by: **Usman**
 - Seconded by: **Lala**
 - Carried/Failed: **Carried**
- v. **Vice President Operations**
- Planning with president and VP comms for spring 2022 elections
- vi. **Executive Vice-President**
- Working with PD committee



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- Nothing else to report

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

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

7. Committee and Representative Reports

i. MISC-MUSSA Liaison

- Sends regrets; Nothing to report.

ii. Social Committee

- Weekly co-op work sessions moderately attended via iSchool discord
- No plans for in person events given severe reluctance and resistance with the Faculty and University

iii. Survey Committee

- Finished report for PT students survey and presented to PT working group
- Recruited 2 additional committee members for big student experience survey, form is finished and needs promotion
- Feedback from faculty and administration to integrate into survey
- Plans for promotion for Student Experience survey over next month
- Analysis of data as it comes in, as survey has to be presented by mid-April
- Plans for two big raffles

iv. Mental Health Committee

- Lucas sends regrets
- Workshops and discussion groups are not well attended
- Intent for more relaxing and fun events – Nature trail walks with coffee & tea as incentive
- Plans for drop in events for crafts & journaling but difficulties given booking space
- Student lounge promoted as potential alternative space
- Budget update: \$27.12 on tea will need to be reversed
- Natalie will draw up a projected budget for the rest of the semester



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- v. **Professional Development Committee**
 - Saturdays in March – 2 panels at 11 and 1 each focused on a particular panellist per concentration, beginning with HCDS & ISD for March 5th
 - Difficulties over the past 2 months with setting up panellists
 - Decent amount of people registered for tomorrow's events

- vi. **Faculty Council**
 - Nothing to report

- vii. **Alumni Association Representative**
 - Not present; Report available in Drive.

- viii. **T&R Working Group**
 - Representative voted for earlier in meeting; Nothing to report.

- ix. **Graduate Students' Union Representatives**
 - Nothing to report.

- x. **International Student Representatives**
 - No representative; Nothing to report.

- xi. **Tech Fund Representatives**
 - No representative; Nothing to report.

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

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

8. Working Group Reports

- i. **Accessibility Interests Working Group**
 - No representative – Forwarded report.
 - Continuing with website audit
 - Accessibility & curriculum initiatives ongoing – looking at resources from



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concentrations

- Reaching out to community members for input on resources gathered so far
- Updating their own information and resources to more accurately reflect current status
- Early plans for event in April
- Working on promotional materials
- Have not yet tapped into budget – plans to donate to student awards

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

- No representative; Nothing to report.

iii. **Diversity Working Group**

- No representative; Nothing to report.

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

- No representative; Nothing to report.

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

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

9. Other business

- Plans for gift cards next month as replacement for meals
- Set aside gift cards at MISC office
- Potential for April outdoor picnic as well

10. BIRT the meeting be adjourned

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

Meeting adjourned at 17:51