



15th, November 2021, 17:00 - 19:00

MISC Council Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 17:14

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		
Kexin Li (Professional Development Co-Chair)	X		
Rahul Sabu Joseph (Professional Development Co-Chair)	X		
Emma Ratcliffe (Tech Fund Representative, Upper Year)		X	
Mansi Jain (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		
Kamilah Ebrahim (GSU Representative)			X



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Guests (Present)			
- Amy Farrow (Accessibility Interests WG)	X		
- Lorena De La Garza (Diversity WG)	X		
- Miko Wu (Diversity WG)	X		

- 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 October 4th, 2021 be adopted.

- Motion to amend
- Motion by: **Courtney**
- Seconded by: **Usman**
- Carried/Failed: Carried

5. Career Services (Barbara Brown)

- Barbara not here at time of intended discussion
- **Motion** to amend agenda – *BIRT that the agenda for November 15th, 2021 be amended*
- Motion by: **Courtney**
- Seconded by: **Shehroze**
- Carried/Failed: Carried



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6. New General Council Member

- **Motion:** *BIRT the MISC General Council approves the appointment of Lucas Luoma-Uhlik as Mental Health Committee Co-Chair.*
- New potential co-chair found by Natalie for Mental Health committee
- Courtney read nomination statement
- Motion by: **Usman**
- Seconded by: **Lala**
- Carried/Failed: **Carried**

7. Executive Committee Reports

i. **President**

- Revamp of career services at iSchool, Barbara is back in a temporary capacity
- Survey for students to provide feedback on careers website
- Network with U of Alberta
- Call for charitable donations

ii. **Vice President Academic Affairs**

- Sends regrets; Nothing to report

iii. **Vice President Communications**

- Nothing to report

iv. **Vice President Finance**

- Submitted head grant application and received installment – \$16,806.94 – brings balance to \$55,716.24
- Reiterated process for reimbursements

v. **Vice President Operations**

- Audit of website continues
- Met with professional development to discuss website submissions and postings
- Discussion re: Analytics – WordPress extension is temperamental
- Call again to members to make sure they have appropriate access to GDrive



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vi. **Executive Vice-President**

- Looking into charities for donations
- Call for information on charities – by end of mid-December
- Courtney: Food bank is not operating since September because of lack of funds

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

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

8. Committee and Representative Reports

i. **MISC-MUSSA Liaison**

- Not present, no report.

ii. **Social Committee**

- Reported slow couple of months
- Hope for more end of the semester plans and events
- Next semester has the possibility of in-person events
- Initial future planning and thinking in place re: Graduation

iii. **Survey Committee**

- Part time students survey → drafted to be launched in January
- Professional development survey → ending Friday, only have 17 participants – call for extensions
- CDP students Survey to launch November 22 with raffle

iv. **Mental Health Committee**

- Recruited members for general membership, discussion of events to generate ideas
- Each week in MISC-y business will post a fact or a tip on mental health for those who cannot attend events
- Innovation session about Navi – U of T virtual MH attendant
- Grad Minds meeting, working with them and SGS mental health advisory committee for mental health services coverage insurance increased
- Student mental health consultations with U of T – shared survey results from summer



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- Hosting trail-walk event
- Reiterated statement of interest from Lucas for co-chair first year position

v. Professional Development Committee

- Survey has been out, might have to extend survey to get more responses
- Meeting with Chimo of Career Services this week for planning for fall event and to discuss more opportunities for students and co-ops/practicums
- Communicating with GLAM organizations for further opportunities for MI students

vi. Faculty Council

- From Executive meeting – upcoming meeting on 24th, pass a motion to update the Truth & Reconciliation – changing from standing committee to a more permanent body for more effective change
- Still requirement for students on board – 1 from MISC and one from MUSSA

vii. Alumni Association Representative

- Not present – sends regrets
- Courtney filled in – Alumni attended meetings, but are burnt out from virtual events
- Working on professional development opportunities
- Underspensing so potential for bigger events come new year

viii. T&R Working Group

- Vacant

ix. Graduate Students' Union Representatives

- Not present; Courtney to report
- Courtney unable to attend this month
- Based on minutes there are no major updates

x. International Student Representatives

- Not present

xi. Tech Fund Representatives

- Sends regrets – Courtney read report:



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- Speaker system in MISC office for hybrid meetings

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

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

9. Working Group Reports

i. Accessibility Interests Working Group

- Continuing projects from beginning of term:
 - Auditing MISC website
 - Collecting resources to help students learn about accessibility
 - Building own website
 - Currently at 12 members – seeing lots of interest

ii. Class of 2020 & 2021 Continuity Working Group

- No representative: Nothing to report

iii. Diversity Working Group

- Continuing with projects
- Hoping to see a bit more action and engagement
- Lorena is stepping down at end of month → two incoming co-chairs
- Miko provided a brief introduction as one of the new chairs

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: **Sheroze**
- Seconded by: **Rahul**
- Carried/Failed: **Carried**



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10. Other business

- None.

11. BIRT the meeting be adjourned

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

Meeting adjourned at 17:48