



4th, October 2021, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

MISC Council Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:05 PM

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		
Natalie Somerset (Upper Year MH Committee 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
Guests (Present)			
- Amy Farrow (Accessibility Interests WG)	X		
- Patty Facy (Class of 2020 & 2021 Continuity WG)	X		



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Andrew Micak (Part Time Students WG)	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 October 4th, 2021 be adopted.

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

5. BIRT the minutes from July 30th, 2021 be adopted.

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

6. Executive Committee Reports

i. President

- New council member introductions
- Brief discussion about working groups allowing non-MI students to join as this has been precedent
- Merchandise is delayed/postponed – access to the office so potential office hours and sales in planning; logo contest to be internal?
- Professional Photos – pricing estimates were off as those were for events
 - Ryerson headshot booth as an option



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- Courtney is looking into contractors and prices – question raised – is this MISC exclusive or students?
- Camera in MISC office and students can use from tech fund/Inforum
- Hybrid meetings – microphone issues, purchase for MISC meetings?

ii. Vice President Academic Affairs

- Voting for new course proposals
- Graduate standing committee at end of September
- Upcoming Faculty Council meetings

iii. Vice President Communications

- Election communications
- Orientation with social committee thanks
- Message to new members to submit things by Sunday 6PM
- Fill out *meetMISC* info

iv. Vice President Finance

- More reimbursements processed
- Worked on draft budget
- Head grant form to be submitted to UTGSU
- Budget shared with and explained to MISC council
- Decision to up WG budgets to \$800 based on AIWG grants from last year, which would have otherwise resulted in discrepancy

Motion: *BIRT the MISC General Council approves the 2021-2022 MISC Budget*

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

v. Vice President Operations

- Request to new members to fill out intake forms
- AIWG audit of website in process
- Courtney calls for more Faculty Information Council reps from MISC

vi. Executive Vice-President

- Nothing to report



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

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

6. Committee and Representative Reports

i. MISC-MUSSA Liaison

- Meeting soon to discuss CDP events for coming semester and year
- Hoping for monthly CDP mini-meetings for students to hang out

ii. Social Committee

- Orientation activities in September – social karaoke night, game night, afternoon tea – *GatherTown* social was most popular
- Committee has received Requests for more game nights
- Intent for more casual events (drop in) & Halloween
- Desire for in-person events – but need to wait to see how things go; in person on hold for now

iii. Survey Committee

- Accessibility survey is now available for reading
- AIWG collaboration for accessibly documentation
- In-person poll ended a few days ago – council asked if the poll should be kept open for students who have now been in class for a bit
- AIWG input for surveys
- Call for tech fund collab survey? Tech survey is holding out for now

iv. Mental Health Committee

- No first-year co-chair
- Giving thanks to Survey committee for useful student input
- Recruiting members over summer
- 2 orientation events: Mental health resources & self-care workshop; not well attended

v. Professional Development Committee

- Events planned never went through (i.e., co-op, thesis events)
- Clubs & Association fair went well given technical glitches



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- Desire to figure out which clubs are active, and which are not

- vi. Faculty Council**
 - Nothing to report

- vii. Alumni Association Representative**
 - Nothing to report

- viii. T&R Working Group**
 - No representative: Nothing to report

- ix. Graduate Students' Union Representatives**
 - No representative: Courtney to report
 - Just held first meeting of year past Tuesday
 - Internal motions mostly → nominations and voting

- x. International Student Representatives**
 - Orientation chat held, connecting with other students

- xi. Tech Fund Representatives**
 - Behind on Fall deliverables
 - Tech/library promo materials for communications over next month
 - 2 iMacs replaced in Inforum → to go to PHD offices

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

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

7. Working Group Reports

- i. Accessibility Interests Working Group**
 - Welcoming new members
 - Reviewing how accessibility topics could be included in the different concentrations



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- looking at website accessibility in the iSchool
- Plans for a social event

- ii. **Class of 2020 & 2021 Continuity Working Group**
 - 20 or so active members of the group, on hold until we have a better idea if can hold event in Spring 2022
 - Question raised about membership (MMST) – WG does not include MMST students, Patty is open to how everyone can be included
 - There are CDP students in the WG, however

- iii. **Diversity Working Group**
 - No representative: Nothing to report

- iv. **Part-Time Students' Working Group**
 - Updates for iSchool website resources
 - Working on recruitment
 - Survey prep for earlier (normally Dec/Jan)
 - Social events depending on in-person acceptability

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

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

8. Other business

- None.

9. BIRT the meeting be adjourned

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 PM