

The Macdonald Campus Graduate Students' Society

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Students' Council
Agenda
March 22nd, 2016
4:35 pm – Macdonald Faculty Lounge

Attendance

Present: Nicolas Chatel-Launay (President), Héctor Gálvez (Treasurer), Georgia Limniatis (Public Relations Officer), Jacob Ziegler (Faculty Representative), Marcus Kaji (MCSS Representative) entered at 4:48pm, Jaaved Singh (Secretary), Evan Marcefolas (Biotechnology), Hilary Byrne (Parasitology), Maude Dagenais (Parasitology), Gabriel Lambert-Rivest (Plant Science), Lei Tian (Food Science), Krittika Mittal (Natural Resource Science), Ivy Mak (Dietetics)
Jenn (Biotechnology VP Finance-Guest)

Regrets: Mahsa Ghasri (Vice President), Laura Michalovic (Animal Science), Yasmin Schuermann (Animal Science), Chris Zealey (Biotechnology)

Absent: Yin Hong (Dietetics), Naresh Gaj (Bioresource Engineering), Chris Nzediegwu (Environmental Advisor), Laura Minieri (Food Science), Emmanuella Ellis (Agricultural Economics), Gabriella Djangmah (Agricultural Economics)

Approval of Agenda

H. Galvez changes New Business 5 to New Business 1, Be it resolved, that the agenda, be approved with modification Moved by H. Galvez, seconded by G. Limniatis Unanimous consent

Approval of Minutes from January 26th, 2016

H. Galvez notes Behrang's name is spelt incorrectly Be it resolved, that the minutes, be approved with correction Moved by H. Galvez, seconded by H. Byrne

Approval of Minutes from February 23rd, 2016

Be it resolved, that the minutes, be approved Moved by H. Galvez, seconded by K. Mittal

Reports

H. Galvez: Has been repeatedly lobbying Behrang (Financial Officer of PGSS) for each departments' PGSLF

N. Chatel-Launay: The Faculty planning committee got a 5-month extension to come up with ideas for the campus. There was a brain storming yesterday to develop big ideas for campus. He concludes with his report of the food science cyclical review

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Business Arising

1. Wine and Cheese

N. Chatel-Launay admits that he has not performed his duties as expected. The permits and rooms were not booked in time so Wine and Cheese can't happen March 23rd. N. Chatel-Launay proposes the event should happen in April before exams in faculty lounge, H. Galvez proposes Tuesday April 5th. H. Galvez states N. Chatel-Launay to utilise councillors for tasks. N. Chatel-Launay does not have take on the weight of the event by himself. H. Galvez asks for volunteers to help. E. Marcefolas volunteers.

Motion: Graduate students of MCGSS are allowed to bring one guest to the Wine and Cheese. A guest has to pay entrance fee of \$5. After the entrance fee, a guest will be treated to the same regulations as a MCGSS member of receiving 1 free drink then paying \$1 for every subsequent drink.

Moved by H. Galvez, seconded by J. Singh Motion carried with unanimous consent

New Business

1. MCGSS AGM Reschedule

N. Chatel-Launay has booked April 19th, R2-045 for 12:30pm for the AGM. G. Limniatis and H. Galvez confirmed there will be pizza at the AGM. H. Galvez goes over the nomination details and that all positions require 20 signatures except for President which requires 40 signatures.

Motion: The MCGSS Annual General Meeting will take place on April 19th at 12:30pm in R2-045. The nomination period for MCGSS Executive positions will be from March 31st to April 14th. The campaign period for nominees for the MCGSS Executive will be from April 15th to April 25th. Elections will be held on April 26th 2016. The MCGSS council moves to appoint G. Limniatis as the Chief Returning Officer and appoints H. Byrne and H. Galvez as Co-returning Officers.

Moved by N. Chatel-Launay, seconded by H. Galvez Motion carried with unanimous consent

2. MCGSS Elections

This item was dealt with in the previous item. See above.

3. Focus Group on Sexual Assault (contact sarc.ods@mcgill.ca)

J. Singh was contacted by Sofia Guerrieri about hosting a Focus Group on Sexual Assault at MAC. She requested that MCGSS have a few members to meet with her. G. Limniatis and H. Byrne will contact Sofia to arrange a meeting.

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4. Bagel Breakfast

H. Galvez reiterated that we should have Bagel Breakfast on a Wednesday to accommodate members who can't come to Tuesday Bagel Breakfast. He suggests Wednesday April 13th and Wednesday April 20th as a backup. We would need to find a driver for April 13th to collect bagels.

5. PGSS Council Attendees

N. Chatel-Launay: PGSS council will be at Mac, and it will be the General Assembly (likely). We need to get MAC grads to come out. H. Galvez describes the last general assembly downtown and its failure to achieve quorum despite having a packed Thomson House. We need 81 members to attend. PGSS will bring food. J. Singh asks if there will be a shuttle. H. Galvez states PGSS will book shuttles if we can confirm how many grads will use it. H. Galvez suggests PGSS have the GA then their council meeting. H. Galvez states we need to work really hard to get quorum out at mac. If we don't, it would look so bad for the campus and our representation to PGSS. J. Singh states that all councilors will need to bring at least 5 people with us. K. Mittal states we should have speaking points sent to us and to particular people. H. Galvez and J. Singh both see a PGSS GA at MAC as a great opportunity.

Motion: Should MCGSS host a PGSS General Assembly on the Macdonald campus.

Moved by H. Galvez, seconded by J. Singh.

For: 6 Against: 2 Abstentions: 5 Motion is carried

Miscellaneous Announcements and Discussions

M. Kaji: The MCSS Jean Brown Award can be awarded to grad students, contact M. Kaji for nomination information.

N. Chatel-Launay: The MAC talent show is tomorrow

Next meetings

PGSS Students' Council: April 6th, 2016 at 5:30 pm, Mac campus, R2-045 then GA

MCGSS Executive Committee: April 12th, 2016 at 12:00 pm, Faculty Meeting Room

MCGSS Students' Council: April 26th, 2016 at 4:30 pm, Faculty Lounge

Bagel Breakfast: April 13th, 2016 at 9:30am, Faculty Lounge



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Wine and Cheese: April 5th, 2016 at 5:30pm, Faculty

Adjournment