



The Macdonald Campus Graduate Students' Society

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Students' Council

Agenda

May 24th, 2016

4:30 pm – Macdonald Faculty Lounge

Attendance

Present: Nicolas Chatel-Launay (President), Mahsa Ghasri (Vice President), Héctor Gálvez (Treasurer), Georgia Limniatis (Public Relations Officer), Jaaved Singh (Secretary), Hilary Byrne (Parasitology), Chris Roebbel (Guest), Gabriel Lambert-Rivest (Plant Science), Kritika Mittal (Natural Resource Science), Laura Michalovic (Animal Science), Allyson Menzies (Guest - Natural Resource Sciences), Julie Yu (Guest – Dietetics and Human Nutrition), Bhakti Shinde (Guest – Food Science), Peter Tikasz (Guest-Treasurer), Mi Lin (Guest – Faculty Representative), Alexandre Martel (Guest - MCSS Representative)

Regrets: Marcus Kaji (MCSS Representative)

Absent: Naresh Gaj (Bioresource Engineering), Yasmin Schuermann (Animal Science), Ivy Mak (Dietetics), Chris Zealey (Biotechnology), Evan Marcefolas (Biotechnology), Jacob Ziegler (Faculty Representative), Maude Dagenais (Parasitology), Lei Tian (Food Science), Yin Hong (Dietetics), Chris Nzediegwu (Environmental Advisor), Laura Minieri (Food Science), Emmanuella Ellis (Agricultural Economics), Gabriella Djangmah (Agricultural Economics)

Approval of Agenda

N. Chatel-Launay added motion for signing authority

Be it resolved, the Agenda be approved with Modifications

H. Byrne motions, H. Galvez seconds

Motion cannot be approved, Quorum was not achieved

Approval of Minutes from March 22nd, 2016

Motion cannot be approved, Quorum was not achieved

Approval of Minutes from April 26th, 2016

Motion cannot be approved, Quorum was not achieved

Presentation

1. Strawberry Social and Sustainable BBQ

Presentation by Chris Roebbel. He explains what green drinks is about and their previous events. N. Chatel-Launay led with a history of these activities. C. Roebbel tries to find the best deals and most local options for his events. Last year was under-budget and C. Roebbel presented a budget. C. Roebbel is trying to reduce costs as much as possible. MCSS will only cover a third of the costs for the strawberry social and MCSS covers 50% of the sustainable bbq costs. He will be using the patio/ceildh, need help with set-up (June 30th).



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Sustainable bbq has a complication with the ceilidh kitchen renovation. Events are well planned out but C. Roebbel wants more international salads
N. Chatel-Launay opens a discussion on funding. N. Chatel-Launay starts with the new funding system with MCGSS and how MCSS should be funding events for grad students. MCSS cannot say that they can only provide a third of the funding cause only 1/3rd of students are undergrads for event. C. Roebbel says he can say fund up to 50% of the costs. MCGSS can and should volunteer. H. Galvez: all funding from MCSS from now on. N. Chatel-Launay: you can reach out to Internal Affairs Officer at PGSS or the PGSS grant program for funding. Internal Affairs Officer wants to do more activities out of MAC.
H. Galvez: We can help volunteer for sure

Reports

M. Lin: nothing to report

J. Singh: meeting with PGSS Internal Affairs Officer (IAO) about events at mac, funding sources, off-campus commuting initiatives and committee.

H. Galvez: everyone to contact hector to pay money owed, we were over budget on multiple line items, we ended the year with about \$9500 in our account. There is still \$16000 in PGSLF that weren't spent. We've reclaimed over \$7000 from PGSLF so far. Most departments have not exhausted their PGSLF for the 2015-2016 term. If the funds are not budgeted by June 30th, the money will be returned to MCGSS. H. Galvez is closing the accounts, you need to send your reimbursements to H. Galvez asap!

M. Ghasri: nothing to report

K. Mittal: softball? J. Singh explained team captain meeting this Thursday. P. Tikasz says there is a game on Thursday.

G. Lambert-Rivest: Plant Science is planning a bbq, need to contact Joelle for schedule, they are trying to get new departmental rep. There is a concern about a table near a plant science lab. Table is used by grads but department wants to sell table.

G. Limniatis: trying to get more people involved as councillors. 4 people from BREE want to be councillors. N. Chatel-Launay states that the constitution is fuzzy on what constitutes a department rep (can be different people? Only max of 2 votes per department)

H. Byrne Parasitology Pizza party

L. Michalovic: Animal Science lazer tag next month

N. Chatel-Launay:

Senate: new policy for graduate students who spend longer than their program, it changed in favour of grads. Everything is simpler and less of a pain to deal with if your research carries into extra years. G. Limniatis: grads can't access services though. McGill now allows students/staff/faculty to have first names be non-legal names (example: transgendered). Senate showed commitment to sexual assault policy. J. Singh: will it be built on previous work done by students? N: Chatel-Launay: It will be. And conflicts of interest must be reported to the university.

PGSS council: budget pass but proposal to abolish family caucus/international caucus and joining national student union have been tabled.



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Faculty: big funding opportunity for us to get involved on, big changes for the campus. Overpass over the 20 is falling down! Who will pay for it? McGill? JAC? Quebec? Connection is necessary for research, access and classes. There will be a compost facility on campus (40 trucks a day). Potential for biogas generation and heat. Potential for research and classes. McGill won't allow it without a vote from the MAC. We have a student on that committee, our rep needs to be solid. New electric train, would be near the 40, it may go all the way to the dt campus and run until 10pm. The closest is operation is in 5 years. We need to keep on top of it. Next year is when we can make changes. But our rep needs to read many documents, and attend public meetings. H. Byrne: how can it be on the downtown campus? The library big dig project will open up the ground.

Business Arising

1. Status of Summer Shuttle Bus Survey

N. Chatel-Launay apologises for not making the survey.

New Business

1. Signing Authority

Be it resolved that Nicolas Chatel-Launay and Jose Hector Galvez Lopez be radiated from the list of signing officers for the MCGSS bank accounts at CIBC and that Peter Tikasz and Jaaved Singh be named signing officers of the same bank accounts as of June 1st 2016.

No quorum

Nobody can sign cheques after June 1st

J. Singh: special one topic meeting on this item

N. Chatel-Launay: noon, should we set a date

J. Singh: Monday March 30th

2. Meeting Schedule for 2016-2017

A. Martel can't make Tuesdays during the summer. Summer is not a busy time for MCGSS so meetings will stay on Tuesday. Every second Tuesday is an executive meeting at noon. Every fourth Tuesday is a Council meeting at 4:30pm.

3. Website

Old website still up, people are going to it, we do not have access to the old website
Only the main domain redirects to the new

J. Singh will contact IT for how to shutdown old website

4. Departmental Reading Groups

G. Limniatis: previous attempts failed horribly, good idea but hard to get commitment. If members don't have to do presentations, it may work

Debate on whether it should be a MCSS club or MCGSS endeavor. MCSS gives us access to money. MCGSS would have to ask departments for funding

Simple reading/discussion format, money can be used

5. Fall Orientation and Events



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N. Chatel-Launay needs to be organized.

- 1) Ask Dean for money.
- 2) discuss MCGSS at orientation
- 3) tabling
- 4) bbq for lunch
- 5) campus tours

Bbq needs about 6 people (prep, running, cleanup), presentation – 1, tabling – 2, tour 2-4,

Dates: Thursday September 1st,

PGSS graduate orientation: corn-roast event, 2nd September. PGSS wants to bring people here.

N. Chatel-Launay suggests do both events on Thursday, we agree, it will have to be a large event. N. Chatel-Launay will tell us of conflicts between MCSS meetings

6. Off-(downtown)-campus project from PGSS

J. Singh: PGSS will be creating a working group to develop solutions for off campus commuters. There will be at least 3 MAC reps on the working group. We need to be there. It can significantly help our members who commute.

Miscellaneous Announcements and Discussions

Reminder: End of Term Reports, List of Achievements/Failures/Lessons Learned

Reminder: Speak to PGSS about live streaming and cross campus voting of GA's

Future Topic: Reviewing selection and role of departmental reps

Next meetings

PGSS Students' Council: June 1st, 2016 at 6:00 pm, Thompson House Ballroom

MCGSS Executive Committee: June 14th, 2016 at 12:00 pm, Faculty Meeting Room (TBC)

MCGSS Students' Council: June 28th, 2016 at 4:30 pm, Faculty Lounge (TBC)

Adjournment

H. Galvez motions for adjournment, N. Chatel-Launay seconds.