

MINUTES
MCGSS council meeting
Time: December 16th, 2014 @ 4:30pm
Location: Conference Room

Attendance: Exec: Peter (President), Nic (VP), Melissa (Environment Commissioner), Andrew (Secretary), Ivy (PRO)

Council: Andrew & Hector (Plant Science), Maeghan & Georgia (Parasitology), Amanda & Darek (Food Science), Devon (NRS), Reshmi (MCSS Rep), Ivy & Yin (Nutrition), Yasmin (Animal Science),

Absent: Ahmed (Treasurer), Jacob (Faculty Rep), Divya & Lisa (Bioresource)

Pizza!

Approval of Agenda: 1. Maeghan asked to add a new item concerning OGS & student stipends
2. Peter asked to add a new item concerning two committee positions
Moved by Devon, 2nd by Nic

Approval of Minutes from Nov. 18th, 2014

Special Guest Presentation: 1. Julien, PGSS External Affairs
-Peter neglected to inform me that this was postponed for a future executive meeting
2. Trevor- MAC Robots (see attached)
-50% of participants are grads, they do free tutorials on Fridays, and compete
-council agreed to 500\$
Moved by Nic, 2nd by Hector
3. Ulysse- Capoeira Club, 1.5hr/wk (see attached)
-teacher is 55\$/wk
-asking 275\$
-but only 1/3 of participants are grads
-concerned that we're paying 1/3 and MCSS is paying 1/3, but grads only make up 1/3
-council agreed to pay 180\$, for the 1/3 participants of grads
Moved by Derek, 2nd by Devon

Reports:

Yasmin: question on French classes, can exchange students join?
-French class details discussed later during council

Andrew: asked to put no-kids allowed sign on googledocs

- reported on PGSS meeting from Dec. 3rd, 2014,
 - CFS referendum, details discussed later during council
 - PGSS leadership; Secretary-General forced to apologise to council concerning various inappropriate behaviors
 - fallout and discussion of this dominated the meeting
 - result is very ineffectual executive, as they stand divided on whether the SG should be removed, or not

Reshmi; international potluck

- need someone to speak at SOA orientation

Nic; can still add names to Dean selection list

Peter: -no one has yet been billed for fixing the lock for our work room, R3-014

- Jocinthe will attend our net council meeting and would like to meet with our executives

Ivy: the last Newsletter was sent Nov. 27th, 2014, and the next ought to be sent tomorrow, Dec. 17th, 2014

- raised the issue of OGS wants to be kept inform, such that it can speak to grads on our behalf
- council does not want OGS speaking to students for us, or forwarding our emails
- Ivy was asked to request a complete list of MAC Grads from OGS, and to ask OGS to please refer and grads to us if that have questions

Maeghan: library committee will be increasing items for archiving, which will create more study space, but will also increase time for accessing archived material

Old Business:

1. Peer Helper Group: -**Peter** was to get in touch with Jacinthe/Niki (PGSS Financial Affairs Officer) to find MCGSS compensation money for not being included in the downtown group
 - nothing as of yet; **Peter** will harass Niki for an answer, as it has now been almost three months
2. Events: -**Peter** has created a googledoc for council to sign up and organise volunteers
 - <https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B306ZxUI-PMwTUIHTGROelNMSDQ&usp=sharing&tid=0B306ZxUI-PMwWm1Qb3dhQjE5MGc>

- Reshmi** did not send any emails to help co-ordinate the last Bagel Breakfast
 - needs to be very clear why someone is asked to do something by council and that they do it
- Flu Shot Clinic: Nov. 20th, 2014
 - 90 grads were immunized, a bit more than half the clinic
 - is this better than last year?

- 1st Movie Night: Dec. 10th, 2014
 - only 4 people showed up, including Peter and Lisa
- Moved dates for our next executive, and council, meetings to Jan. 7th, 2015, and Jan. 13th, 2015, respectively
- Peter** asked to review our Drink Event; MCSS doesn't like us paying for tickets
 - council feels that's too bad, we're paying customers
- discussed our upcoming events (please consult the googledoc for the up-to-date information)
 - Pizza Lunch, Jan. 12th, 2015
 - PGSS wants to give us money (300\$) to promote the CFS Referendum
 - CFS Referendum, Jan. 15th-16th, 2015
 - Peter**, will make sure we have a polling station at MAC
 - New Year' Lunch, Jan. 19th, 2015
 - We will postpone this slightly, to accommodate the referendum activities
 - I-Week, Jan. 26th-31st, 2015
 - Reshimi** will co-ordinate the Cultural Potluck
- as always, we need volunteers to sign-up to help with these, and other, activities!!

3. Grad Lunch Room: -NRS will remove the old computers in R3-014 in the new year
 - Devon** brought in the new coffee maker
4. French Classes: **Ahmed not in attendance to brief**
 - Ahmed** was asked after our Nov. 18th council meeting to inform council on dates & times, and book rooms for next semester
 - has this been completed?
 - Ivy** will make a list of people interest and send it to Peter who will send it to the teacher
5. Linking Action and Research on Sustainability:
 - Peter** will ask Maeghan for the AGM 2014 notes to provide to Martine Larouche, as an immediate response
 - Andrew** will send the PDF to Ivy to advertise in the next Newsletter
6. MCSS Rental; **Peter** was asked to circulate the fee rental structure AND include it in a reasonable place in the googledrive
 - increased amount for Celidh, 350\$ for 6hrs, before taxes
 - 750\$ with bar & 500\$ without for 6hrs
 - Faculty Lounge is free!
7. Undergrads in the Grad Room: **Hector** prepared a sign and posted it
 - has this improved? Either room?
 - unknown how to monitor this
8. Phone in the Bunker: **Peter** did inquire with the department
 - yes, they'll get a phone

New Business:

1. Exam De-Stress Activities at MAC: **Hector**

- Nic** will figure out who organises these things and how we can get more
- Peter** will find out how MCSS is campaigning to get McGill to do these

2. Lawyer's Letter for MCSS: **Maeghan** (see attached)

- MCSS has refused to uphold their agreement to transfer the funds of the building maintenance fund to MCGSS as per the MOA and letter of intent, ~300 000\$
- MCSS has also refused to meet with MCGSS and PGSS representatives to discuss the matter
- The next step is to send a letter to MCSS from our lawyer. This needs to be approved by a vote. Peter and Nic abstained, as required/appropriate due to a conflict of interest, otherwise, approval by council of the letter was unanimous

3. OGS & Student Stipends: **Maeghan**

- student stipends & entrance scholarships currently run by department secretaries
- OGS-MAC wants to take over, making it more difficult for both profs & students
- OGS wants to be able to hold reigns over students to graduate, etc...
- are students getting paid on a correct timetable? Include a googleform in the next Newsletter and inquire
- otherwise, not clear how council might tackle this
- Peter**: why isn't Ian attending our meetings?

4. Motion to Impeach: **Nic**

- appropriately completed documents were submitted, asking for the removal of Ivy (PRO) and Ahmed (Treasurer)
- signed & submitted, must be voted on next council and requires 2/3 majority of yes to impeach

5. Two New Committee Positions: **Peter**

- Reshimi** will take over Nic's Faculty Committee, as Nic will not be able to continue in this capacity from Panama
- QuartierInnovation also has a seat for us, **Peter** will found out what this is, why we have a seat, and why we would want to send a rep

Miscellaneous Announcements and Discussions

Council Agenda Items: please have items submitted one week prior to our meeting, so Jan. 6th, 2015 is the deadline for our next meeting.
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Next Exec Meeting, Jan. 7th, 2015, at noon in the Conference Room

Next MCGSS Council Meeting, Jan. 13th, 2015, at 4:30pm in the Faculty Lounge

Next PGSS Meeting, Jan. 14th, 2015, at 6:30pm in the Thompson House Ballroom
-Maeghan, Georgia, Andrew

Motion to Adjourn by Derek, 2nd by Amanda