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MCGSS council meeting
Time: January 16th, 2015 @ 4:30pm
Location: Conference Room

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

Council: Andrew & Hector (Plant Science), Maeghan & Georgia (Parasitology), Amanda & Darek (Food Science), Devon (NRS), Reshmi (MCSS Rep), Jacob (Faculty Rep), Lisa (Bioresource)

Absent: Ahmed (Treasurer, resigned), Divya (Bioresource), Ivy & Yin (Nutrition), Yasmin (Animal Science)
-Remember to please inform of your absence! Otherwise it looks like you just didn't show up!

Pizza!

Approval of Agenda: Council ListServ, Andrew FairTrade, Melissa

Motion to approve, Hector, seconded by Lisa

Approval of Minutes from Dec. 16th, 2014:

-Maeghan asked for a change of wording regarding the Letter to MCSS
-spell Jacinthe and Reshmi like so

Motion to approve, Derek, seconded by Hector

Reports

Maeghan: the letter to MCSS, will be sent Monday, Jan 19th, 2015

Melissa: we'll discuss FairTrade later (see below)

Andrew: reported on PGSS meeting from Jan. 7th, 2015

-PGSS votes no for CFS
-SG lost confidence vote

Hector: updating website; send details as you want things changed

Peter; have not yet heard about funding compensation for our Peer Helper Group; almost four months since inquiring for compensation by being excluded from the downtown group

Old Business:

1. Events: **Peter**, did you meet with MCSS regarding our drink event?
-used ~300\$/400\$ of drink events

- next exec meeting will look at budget for a more regular wine & cheese
- possibly even decrease frequency

Orientation, Jan. 6th, 2015, success? Small turn out

Wine & Cheese, Jan. 8th, 2015, success? Great turn out, 21/24 wine bottles

Student Engagement Day, Jan. 9th, 2015, Event will be Feb. 22nd, 2015

- get all services together to give out info
- sign-up, food, prizes
- 150\$, but will leave this for council to agree

PGSS Pizza, Jan. 12th, 2015, success? Great turn out, PGSS kicked in 300\$, we spent 91\$, well advertised, more oversight for distribution?

-please consult the googledoc for the current list of upcoming activities

<https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B306ZxUI-PMwTUIHTGROeINMSDQ&usp=sharing&tid=0B306ZxUI-PMwWm1Qb3dhQjE5MGc>

-upcoming events:

Movie Night, Jan. 14th, 2015, Happy, Peter

Bagel Breakfast, Jan. 14th, 2015

PGSS AGM, Jan. 15th, 2015, Maeghan, Georgia, Andrew

CFS Referendum, -Jan. 15th-16th, 2015, 8am-6pm

-with a polling station at MAC, tween MacDonald & Raymond, hopefully, we can get that move

-campaigners? Peter & Hector, Devon & Maeghan

New Year' Lunch, Jan. 19th, 2015, sign-up! Approved budget of 800\$,

Motion by Hector, seconded by Andrew

I-Week, Jan. 26th-31st, 2015, **Reshmi** & the Cultural Potluck? 3-7pm

PGSS, Feb. 4th, 2015, Maeghan, Georgia, Melissa

Ceilidh Drink, Feb. 4th, 2015, Devon? MIGHT CHANGE TO WINE & CHESSE

Movie Night, Feb. 11th, 2015, Peter

Bagel Breakfast, Feb. 17th, 2015, PETER will add to googledoc

Student Engagement, Feb. 20-something, 2015

-as always, we need volunteers to sign-up to help with these, and other, activities!!

2. Available Committee's: -**Peter**, Quartier Innovation? What this is? Why do we have a seat? Why do we want to send a rep?

-they were looking for student's to participate, not specifically MCGSS; student(s) have come forward, to participate

3. French Classes: Dates & times? Rooms booked?

- Ivy** was asked to compile a list of interested people and send it to **Peter** who will send it to the teacher; did this happen?
- classes are 90\$, 63 people signed up, times for classes are 1-3pm, 3-5pm, 5-7pm, depending on level, room not booked
- send a reminder to sign-up!**

4. Exam De-Stress Activities at MAC:

- Nic** was asked to find the parties responsible for organising these activities and how we can get more at MAC
- Peter** was asked to find out how MCSS is campaigning to get McGill to do these/ pay for them
 - dogs were volunteers; first time, big success
 - de-stress workshops will be included in the Newsletter

5. OGS & Student Stipends: -did we get any feedback from the last Newsletter?

- how to monitor this? Or proceed?
- Peter dug up the dirt on stipends/RA from Ian
- could leave the question in the Newsletter
- Peter** was asked to determine why Ian isn't attending our meetings?
- Ian willing to come and answer questions: **exec.** will make sure we have some questions prepared

6. 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 yes
- Ahmed has resigned; council (except Andrew) decided a vote was not required
- Hector will fill in as Treasurer: **Peter** will find a CRO
- Ivy, two for, seven against, two abstained: motion fails
- council did decide to have someone help remind Ivy, which will be Hector

7. Lawyer's Letter for MCSS: Was this submitted? Have we received a response?

- as stated in Maeghan's report earlier, it will be submitted Monday, Jan. 19th, 2015

New Business:

1. Update on PGSLF Accounts: **Andrew**

- how should we manage un-used funds?
- tabled until Hector can have a good look at all our accounts

2. MCGSS Position on the CGS Referendum: **Peter**

- MCGSS took an official position for the referendum concerning our membership in the CFS (Canadian Federation of Students), council adopted a no position on the referendum question (i.e., no we should not belong to the CFS)
- Motioned by Derek, seconded by Hector: unanimous**

3. Council ListServ: **Andrew**

-replying to old emails is an inefficient means of communication, as various councillors are being left off; we need to fix this.

-**Peter** will try something

4. FairTrade: Melissa

-database of FT sustainable options, or link, from our website

Miscellaneous Announcements and Discussions

Council Agenda Items: please have items submitted one week prior to our meeting, so Feb. 17th, 2015 is the deadline for our next meeting.
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Next PGSS Meeting, AGM, Jan. 15th, 2015, at 5pm in Stewert Bio S1-3

-Maeghan, Georgia, Andrew??

Next PGSS Council Meeting, Feb. 4th, 2015, at 6pm, Thompson House Ballroom

Next Exec Meeting, Feb. 10th, 2015, at noon in the Conference Room

Next MCGSS Council Meeting, Feb. 24th, 2015, at 4:30pm in the Faculty Lounge

Motion to Adjourn Derek & Amanda