

MINUTES
MCGSS council meeting
Date & Time: Monday November 18, 2013 @ 12pm
Location: MS2-084

Executives present:	Lucy Lu Peter Tikasz Phillip Zanet	Maeghan O'Neill Jasmine Kaur Rebecca Chin
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Councillors present:	Divya Gupta Amanda Wagley Derek Wray	Ivy Mak Devon Watt Rishika Saini
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Executives absent:	Rachel Krause	Nitish Pandit
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Councillors absent:	Yasmin Schuermann Samantha Medithi Nina Moutairou	Andrew Blakney Stephanus Rossuow
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Club representatives: Yue Su (Mac Robotics)

1. Approve agenda

Agenda approved

2. Approve minutes of council meeting on October 21, 2013

Minutes approved

3. Councillor reports

3.1 Report on previous PGSS council meetings

Oct 2: MCGSS has 4 votes instead of 3 on PGSS council;
There are several dates open for 1 additional MGSS member to attend
PGSS meeting → contact Lucy/Jasmine if you have availability so that
MCGSS can be better represented

3.2 Report on meetings with PGAs and QI

Nov 6: -\$1500 to the Association of Post-Grad Fellows fund (post-docs)

-make exams anonymous; no action yet

-freedom of association Canadian Federation of Students; **trip to Ottawa**

Nov 23

-PGSS: wants to improve grad-prof supervisor relationship (new resources online) www.mcgill.ca/gradsupervision

-considering making a contract

-There is an allocation for international students (\$1500/MSc; \$6000 PhD): is it supporting students? (there was an international tuition waiver prior to 2011)

-Quartier Innovation (QI): -partnership between McGill and community organizations in Montreal

-McGill Innovation Week was in early Nov

-grad student put on QI steering committee

-update on behalf of Rachel: Faculty Meeting → repairs will be carried out to barn but shouldn't affect students' research at the barn

3.3. Free (?) flu shot clinic

-\$15 fee waived on-site Tues Nov 26

-Lucy will send out an email to everyone tomorrow

3.4 By-elections:

-All of the positions have been filled

4. Business

4.1 Communication about council meetings

-Short summary of relevant points discussed at PGSS and MCGSS council meetings

4.2 Appointment of travel grant selection committee

-Peter and Meaghan

4.3 Mac Robotics club funding request

-Council approved \$100 for Mac Robotics Club for equipment
-Actual conference happening July 13-14 so Club will re-apply for funding
deadline May 30, 2014

4.4 Use of TV in grad lounge

-Get a Netflix account; requires a wireless media player; to be confirmed at next meeting

4.5 Suggestions for activities

-5 à 7: subsidized drinks, board games

-Future events that we would subsidized (if we get tickets full price/negotiate something on our own)

-Grad lounge floor to be waxed during final exam period

4.6 Number of department representatives per department

-cap to 2 department reps

5. Announcements

5.1 Bagel breakfast: Tuesday November 19, 2013 @ 9:30-11am, Faculty Lounge

5.2 Holiday Lunch: Monday November 25, 2013 @ 11:30am, Ceilidh

5.3 Flu shot clinic: Tuesday November 26, 2013 @ 11am-3pm, Centennial Centre

5.4 Next PGSS council meeting: Dec 4, 2013 @ 6:30pm, Thompson House

5.5. Next MCGSS council meeting: December 9, 2013 @ 12pm, MS2-084