

MINUTES
MCGSS council meeting
Time: October 21st, 2014 @ 4:30pm
Location: Conference Room

Attendance: Exec: Peter (President), Ahmed (Treasurer), Nic (VP)

Council: Yasmin (Animal Science), Andrew (Plant Science), Georgia (Parasitology), Maeghan (Parasitology/Money Dispute Rep), Amanda & Darek (Food Science), Devon (NRS), Divya & Lisa (Bioresource)

Absent: Reshmi (MCSS Rep), Ivy (PRO & Nutrition Rep, class to teach), Melissa (Environment Commissioner, field), Yin Hong (Nutrition)

Approval of Agenda: -Andrew added the Flu Shot Clinic under New Business
-Agenda was approved unanimously

Approval of Minutes from Sept. 23rd, 2014: Motion to approve by Nic, 2nd Amanda

Reports:

Maeghan, Money Dispute Rep: MCSS has received an email reminding them of their original agreement and please return MCGSS their portion, with a friendly ten day ultimatum to respond

Old Business:

1. Peer Helper Group: **Peter**, contacted Jacinthe as to why the downtown group refused to come to Mac, when we're paying into that group
-**Peter, remind** Jacinthe to get back to us
-PGSS might even look at giving us some cash for this
2. Events: Drink Tickets, we only used ~30 tickets at the Sept. 24th event, out of a budget of 400\$
-2nd bagel breakfast, Oct. 21, as we had discussed more reminders, or at least better timed reminders are needed
-**Peter**, still needs to circulate the list of up-coming activities to council for us to sign up
3. Elections: CRO **Nelly** confirmed on Oct. 16th, 2014, valid and uncontested nominations of: Andrew Blakney, Secretary
Jacob Ziegler, Faculty Rep
-we also have two new department reps, Lisa Andrews (Bioresource) and Yin Hong (Nutrition)
-**Peter**, please add their email addresses to our list
4. Travel Grants: **Peter** sent out the five names
-Rachel Krause, Paula V. Guerra, Di Fan, Jacqueline Goordial,

Martina Solano Bielen

-**Ivy**, council agreed we should advertise the next deadline in the next Newsletter

5. Lock room R3-014: how was this resolved?

-**Peter** said NRS was not billed—at least not yet!

6. Committee List: **Nic** advertised the remaining committees with seats

-MCGSS is still missing six committee reps

-Maeghan will do the Safety Committee,

-**Nic and Ivy**, will advertise the rest in the next Newsletter

7. Winter Orientation: Jan 8th, 4-7pm, CC ballroom

-**Peter** emailed OGS to liaise with the first year office

8. Grad Lunch Room: A) **Peter** is in the process of asking NRS to remove the old computers

B) question on whether we need more games?

-**Nic** found the balls for the foosball table

-discussed bringing to the Celidh for events, probably not a good idea

-**Ivy**, advertise the lounge and games in the Newsletter

C) are we proceeding with providing coffee and/or filters?

-coffee is too expensive, we will do filters, **Peter** will keep them stocked

-**Devon** will find a new coffee machine, for ~100\$

9. Shuttle Bus & Survey: **Peter** will inquire about the next meeting

New Business:

1. PGSS President's Meeting: Peter update council on the PGSLF, ~550 mac grads, ~10\$/grad comes to us

-another meeting in two weeks to discuss devolution of treasurer responsibilities for each association; we're already doing this,

Peter will attend

2. Email Issue for new Mac Grads: new Grads were not added to MCGSS, or PGSS Listserves

-**Peter** says this has tentatively been resolved

-how do we avoid this in the future?

3. French Classes: **Ahmed** wanted to have a French class at Mac

-**Ivy**, advertise for interest with tentative dates in Newsletter

-aim to get started for next term

4. Club Funding: -Mac Robotics and the Capoeira Club both ask for funds

-both submitted after the indicated deadline of Sept.30th

- neither request made much sense, partly because our funding request form isn't very clear
- one probably with our form is it doesn't indicate how many grads Participate, so this should be added
- Nic** will fix our form immediately
- Peter** will invite both clubs to re-submit using our corrected form AND to come to our next council (Nov. 18th) to make a pitch

5. Bringing PGSS to Mac For Apple Picking?:

- Peter**, said to disregard
- instead PGSS Internal Affairs might try to aim to do two activities next semester at Mac; Winter Carnival and Snowshoeing?

6. PGSS Meeting Schedule: **Maeghan** pointed out that we don't have a schedule of who will attend PGSS meetings

- None of us attended the last meeting, Oct. 8th, 2014
- it is the responsibility of the PRO to do this
- Ivy**, make a schedule for the PGSS meetings and circulate it so we can sign up

7. Flu Shot Clinic: **Andrew**, forgot to add this item to the agenda, so we did not discuss it—*mia culpa!*

Miscellaneous Announcements and Discussions

1. Mental Health Exec Training: one day training, 36\$/person payable by PGSS
 - let Peter know if you're interested
2. When Illness, Tragedy and Death Affect Mac Grads, What Does MCGSS Do?
 - council agreed that this isn't our responsibility, unless it affects the academic career of the grad
 - suggested to discuss/clarify this at the next exec meeting
3. Is 4 O'Clock Forum being advertised? Date, time, place, topic?
 - Nope! Nothing happening, so stay tuned
4. Dean of FAES Selection Meeting: Oct. 23rd, 2014, 9:50am, Faculty Lounge
 - All were and are invited
 - Peter** and **Nic** will remind all Mac grads about the meeting immediately!
5. Newsletter: it was pointed out that the last MCGSS Newsletter was not prepared
 - Ivy**, please prepare the Newsletter
6. Council Agenda Items: please have items submitted one week prior to our council meetings, so Nov. 11th, 2014 is the deadline if you have agenda items for our next meeting (andrew.blakney2@mail.mcgill.ca)

*Next PGSS Meeting, AGM (Free Food!), Oct. 22nd, 2014, at 6:30pm in the Thompson House Ballroom

*Next Exec Meeting, Nov. 4th, 2014, at noon in the conference room

*Next Council Meeting, Nov. 18th, at 4:30pm in the conference room

Motion to Adjourn by Devon, 2nd by Derek

Reminder- eat the pizza during the meeting!