



The Macdonald Campus Graduate Students' Society

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Students' Council

Agenda

February 23rd, 2016

4:30 pm – Macdonald Faculty Lounge

Attendance

Present: Nicolas Chatel-Launay (President) via Skype, Mahsa Ghasri (Vice President) Héctor Gálvez (Treasurer), Georgia Limniatis (Public Relations Officer) entered at 16:43, Marcus Kaji (MCSS Representative), Jaaved Singh (Secretary), Yin Hong (Dietetics), Yasmin Schuermann (Animal Science), Laura Michalovic (Animal Science), Krittika Mittal (Natural Resource Science), Naresh Gaj (Bioresource Engineering) entered at 17:04,

Regrets: Jacob Ziegler (Faculty Representative), Hilary Byrne (Parasitology), Chris Zealey (Biotechnology), Evan Marcefolas (Biotechnology), Lei Tian (Food Science), Chris Nzediegwu (Environmental Advisor), Ivy Mak (Dietetics)

Absent: Gabriel Lambert-Rivest (Plant Science), Maude Dagenais (Parasitology), (MCGSS Representative), Laura Minieri (Food Science), Emmanuella Ellis (Agricultural Economics), Gabriella Djangmah (Agricultural Economics)

Quorum was not attained. No voting could take place but discussions followed.

Approval of Agenda

K. Mittal added New Business 2: Nurse and Doctor Access
Y. Schuermann added New Business 3: Loading Dock
Be it resolved, that the agenda, be approved with modification
Moved by M. Kaji, Seconded by J. Singh
Unanimous consent but
No quorum, items will be discussed nevertheless

Approval of Minutes from January 26th, 2016

Quorum was not attained, unable to move

Reports

M. Kaji: Grad student contacted him as well as Joelle (MCSS Secretary) about having a dedicated multi-faith room on campus. MCSS provided a room for the student but it is not permanent. Student will have to book each time. M. Kaji stated there are spiritual services available but on the downtown campus, not MAC. M. Ghasri commented this situation has various requirements and will follow up with the student.

Y. Hong: Is back on campus after completing research downtown and is now more readily available to assist with MCGSS related tasks on MAC campus.



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H. Gálvez: Funds from PGSLF should be sent to MCGSS soon where he will repatriate 30% from each department as previously approved by council. MCGSS has paid PGSS for the legal expenses accrued from the previous MCSS-PGSS legal dispute.

N. Chatel-Launay: The Cyclical Review of Food Science has been completed (at least the interview stages). There will now be a conflict of interest section in the graduate student progress tracking/evaluation form. The presentation for the MAC 2025 Funding Vision is being completed. The Bagel Breakfast will be on March 15th, not March 16th as previously planned as the faculty lounge is not available that Wednesday.

Business Arising

1. Confirmation of no fee difference between Parasitology and Biotechnology

H. Galvez re-affirmed there is no fee difference between parasitology and biotechnology students. He did notice that parasitology has post-docs who pay less fees to PGSS. H. Galvez will not be penalising the Parasitology PGSLF though.

2. Wine and Cheese

N. Chatel-Launay stated that March 10th in the Faculty Lounge will not be a possible date for the wine and cheese. A long discussion followed pertaining to alternate dates (reading week, Tuesdays, 23rd) and locations (Ballroom, Ceilidh). N. Chatel-Launay was advised to find if the Faculty Room could be booked for March 23rd or if the Ballroom could be booked for March 10th.

A second discussion on logistics followed. L. Michalovic suggested grad students be allowed to bring one guest. H. Galvez suggested that external guests be charged an entrance fee as well as pay for drinks.

3. Ceilidh Kitchen sub-committee

We do not have any grad representatives on the sub-committee.

4. Faculty Planning Committee update

As previously stated in N. Chatel-Launay's report, the presentation of the 2025 Funding Vision is being prepared for distribution to departmental seminars. There will be a working group to develop ideas.

New Business

1. New Shuttle Bus

N. Chatel-Launay re-announced that there is a new shuttle bus. G. Limniatis stated the shuttle bus survey was very helpful and they received a lot of feedback.

2. Nurse and Doctor

K. Mittal has received numerous complaints from MAC grads trying to access health services such as a doctor. N. Chatel-Launay described the structure of Student Services to highlight how there is no reporting structure for MAC grads and how are contacts with MAC Student Services are limited in their ability to



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functionally change things. He also reaffirmed there is no longer a doctor for MAC but there was an increase to nurse hours. H. Galvez wants to know what we can do. N. Chatel-Launay conveyed a message of hope as the Student Services Cyclical Review is being chaired by MAC Associate Dean: Dr. Christopher Buddle. Council then discussed current solutions. J. Singh and H. Galvez described how there is a MAC reserved spot at the downtown walk-in clinic for urgent doctor visits. J. Singh is to confirm how it works and how many spots are available daily for MAC students since there is absolutely no doctor access in or around MAC campus. Once the MAC reserved spot for urgent medical needs is confirmed, G. Limniatis will advertise it and how to access this spot.

3. Loading Dock

Y. Schuermann shared the 50% of the Animal Science department regularly uses the loading dock for their research needs. She also mentioned BioResource is another active user of the dock for research purposes. Students in her department have encountered issues when security are attempting to ticket students using the dock for delivery as well as students who need to make short late night visits to campus (they park in the 30 minute parking). J. Singh will contact Pat Blue to understand why tickets are being given out and how best to resolve this situation.

Miscellaneous Announcements and Discussions

Wilderness First Aid Training: March 12th and 13th
Advanced Wilderness First Aid Training March 19th, 20th, 26th and 27th
Focus Group on Sexual Assault (see MyInvolvement)
PGSS Survey

Next meetings

PGSS Students' Council: March 16th, 2016 at 6:00 pm, Thompson House Ballroom

MCGSS Executive Committee: March 8th, 2016 at 12:00 pm, Faculty Meeting Room

MCGSS Students' Council: March 22nd, 2016 at 4:30 pm, Faculty Lounge

Bagel Breakfast: March 15^h, 2016 at 9:30am, Faculty Lounge

Wine and Cheese: **TBD**, 2016, 5:30pm, **TBD**

Adjournment

No quorum