

AGENDA
MCGSS council meeting
Time: January 20, 2014 @ 12pm
Location: Faculty Lounge

Executives present:	Maeghan O'Neill Ivy Mak Nikita Ivanov Rebecca Chin	Peter Tikasz Rachel Krause Philip Zanet
Councillors present:	Amanda Waglay Rishika Saini Derek Wray	Yasmin Schuermann Andrew Blakney Stephanus Rossouw
Executives absent:	Vaibhav Gupta	
Councillors absent:	Samatha Medithi Divya Gupta	Devon Watt

1. Approve agenda

Agenda amended: 4.9 PGSS Hustings; agenda approved

2. Approve minutes of council meeting on December 9, 2013

Minutes approved

3. Councillor reports

3.1. Report on previous PGSS council meetings (January 15th)

- Blind grading (to protect students and evaluators)
 - Motion passed to consider blind grading but not viewed favourably; not practical
- Student-Supervisor relationship: New supervisor training (*Andrew will try to send out link*)
- MCSS:
 - Upcoming activities: Founder's Day, Casino Night, masquerade night
 - In the planning works: ice skating
- Budget: Peter is missing a few receipts to reimburse

3.2 Report of President

- Founder's Day:
 - Planned speakers: Holt Prize winners
 - Looking for student initiatives on campus: are there student-led initiatives that should be highlighted (sustainability)?
MSEG and Out of the Garden; permaculture series course (8 lectures during the semester); *send your Founder's Day suggestions to Maeghan*
- Advisory Board meeting:
 - Co-curricular record: student activities listed to complement academic transcript; currently mostly services (workshops) but the goal is to include club involvement

4. Business

4.1. Changes to by-laws

- PGSS student fees come in to MCGSS: Peter will create 3 accounts for MCGSS to fast-track reimbursement
- 2 signatures required/cheque (signing officers: Peter, Maeghan, Ivy) – until end of August
- *To change by-laws, have to have it approved (read it before next meeting at least 10 days before next meeting, voting at next meeting; need Council to be present!)*

4.2. Subsidizing events

- For PGSS and MCGSS events, MCGSS would subsidize Mac students that register (pay PGSS)

4.3. French courses at Mac

- About \$80 (*Maeghan will check the # of courses*)
- Would MCGSS subsidize? Need at least 12 people
- *Ask your department in order to gauge interest (beginner low and beginner high)*

4.4. Skill sets at Mac

- Potential courses to hold at Mac: TA training, First Aid, meditation
- Check which courses would most attended
 - *Nicolas will consult the list of most attended courses*
- Ask within dept
- *Rebecca will contact David to ask how much in advance they need to plan their workshops*

4.5. Communication about council meetings

- Councillors at each PGSS meeting to write reports about meetings (short summary on what's most relevant to MCGSS); *send to Maeghan who will post it on our website*
- May 7th PGSS meeting vacancy: filled by Andrew

4.6. Suggestions for activities

- Woodsmen event this weekend
- More Mac events (not only PGSS-tied events); consider MCSS ties, also grad-only events
- 5 à 7 (Happy hour): tickets to grad for 1 free drink
- Invite speakers? We used to have "Seminar with tea"
 - *Nikita will contact organizers of 4 O'clock Forum: see what kind of speakers are invited / how we can organize*
- Fyi, Ceilidh opens Wed and Thurs evenings – advertise on website

4.7. Netflix subscription in grad lounge

- Xbox/Playstation can be used to hook up the Netflix subscription; this can provide another opportunity for grads to relax

4.8. Study room desks

- *Rebecca will contact NRS:*
 - What can be done? Who own it? Can MCGSS split the cost? Moving MCGSS fridge/microwave into grad study room? Counter height desks?

4.9 Hustings

- Feb 20-28: PGSS nominations, referendum questions
- Bagel breakfast: food at the back of the room therefore you're more likely to stop and listen on your way to food, and ask for people's attention when the speakers speak (some money comes from PGSS)
 - For the February meeting announcement, highlight how PGSS contributes to MCGSS
 - Identify the time of the speaker so that those who want to listen can attend; try to schedule it early in the bagel breakfast (most people come between 9:30-10:00)

5. Announcements

- Bagel breakfast: Tuesday, January 21 @9:30---11am, Faculty Lounge
- Next PGSS council meeting: February 12, 2013 @6:30pm, Thomson House
- Next MCGSS council meeting: February 17, 2013 @12pm, Faculty Lounge