

MINUTES
MCGSS council meeting
Date and time: June 23rd, 2015 at 4:30pm
Location: Faculty Lounge

Attendance (execs): Hector (treasurer), Georgia (public relations officer), Christopher (Environmental rep), Nicolas (President).

Attendance (council): Hilary and Maude (Parasitology), Ivy and Yin (Nutrition), Yasmin and Laura (Animal science), Maeghan (Building Maintenance Fund commissioner).

Absent: Jacob (regret; Faculty rep), Reshmi (MCSS interim?)

Quorum: Yes (total members/2 +1 = 13/2 +1 = 7.5, so 8 people).

Pizza!

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve by Maeghan, seconded by Ivy

Approval of previous minutes (May 19th, 2015):

Motion to approve by Hector, seconded by Georgia

Reports

1. Nicolas: Nicolas met with the secretary general of VP academics, said there would be another meeting April 6th, and that PGSS will come twice to Macdonald for council meetings during the 2015-2016 academic year.

2. Hector: Hector says that we need volunteers for strawberry social. It was determined that Hector and Maude would do set-up, and Hilary would be there during the whole event to help out.

Hector also mentioned (again) that leftover money in the PGSLF needs to be used before June 30th, otherwise send him a report on how student reps plan on using it. If this is not done, the money is taken away from the PGSLF funds and pooled back into the MCGSS account. Hector needs a date for events as well as well. Dates are flexible but amounts are not. Hector will hold them to the amount and for the event that it is being used for.

Old business

1. Events (Nicolas): We may not go forward with the sustainable BBQ, we will discuss after the strawberry social to see whether we will do the BBQ or not. In the past, the Sustainable BBQ has been poorly attended and is difficult to run (although cheap). Bagel breakfast tasks will be delegated properly (maybe a committee for major events? More on this later).

2. Committees (Nicolas): Committees: they are important. We are trying to fill all of the positions, ideally with people from council but also non-councilors that want to be involved with student affairs. Nicolas will send the doc with the committee descriptions.

3. Strawberry Social (Nicolas): Strawberry Social is taking place on June 25th. Starts at 4 pm (set-up group should be there at 3:45 pm) and should be over by 5:30, or until food runs out.

New business

1. 2015-2016 Budget (Hector): Hector went through each line item in the budget, explained the breakdown (cost of each event x number of events). No modifications were made. He answered all of the council's questions. Moved to vote by Hilary and seconded by Christopher. Vote in favor: unanimous approval.

2. 2015-2016 Priorities (Nicolas): Priorities include services for mac students, maybe some more skillsets, more focus on mental health. No big discussion right now, but Nicolas wants us to think about issues on Mac campus and what we can do to resolve them. Everyone was told to brainstorm and ideas will be presented at the next council meeting.

3. Executive vacancies (Nicolas): No forms were received for the second wave of nominations. We are still missing the following positions: Vice-President, Secretary and MCSS representative. Another call for nominations will be sent out (Nicolas and Nelly are to take care of this). Deadline will be July 10th, 2015. An e-mail will be sent out 2 weeks prior to the deadline, and it will also be in the July newsletter. We are also missing student representatives for several faculties.

4. Schedule of future meetings (all): It was decided that the schedule should remain unchanged for the time being (3rd Tuesday of each month), and could be modified as council receives more members. One date was changed: the December 22nd, 2015 meeting was changed to December 15th, 2015.

5. Bagel breakfast commissioner (Nicolas): We need a commissioner to be in charge of major events (Andrew's idea) ex: bagel breakfast. Maeghan moved to table the event since Andrew was not there. Andrew should come up with a name of contenders as well as a detailed motion if the position were to be created.

Hector seconded the motion to table the event. Approved unanimously.

6. Building Maintenance Fund discussion (Maeghan): Hector motioned to enter a closed session. Maeghan seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Miscellaneous Announcements and Discussions

Next PGSS Council Meeting, August 19th 2015 at 6:00pm, Thompson House Ballroom

Next Exec Meeting: July 14th, 2015

Next MCGSS Council Meeting: July 28th, 2015

Motion to adjourn by Hector, seconded by Maeghan.