

AGENDA
MCGSS council meeting
Time: November 18th, 2014 @ 4:30pm
Location: Conference Room

Attendance: Exec: Peter (President), Ahmed (Treasurer), Nic (VP), Melissa (Environment Commissioner), Andrew (Secretary)
Council: Andrew & Hector (Plant Science), Maeghan & Georgia (Parasitology), Amanda & Darek (Food Science), Devon (NRS), Reshmi (MCSS Rep), Jacob (Faculty Rep), Yin (Nutrition)

Absent: excused: Yasmin (Animal Science)
not excused: Ivy (PRO), Divya & Lisa (Bioresource)

Pizza!

Approval of Agenda: three additions were made to New Business and passed unanimously
1. Nic something

Special Guest Speaker: Martine Larouche, Linking Action and Research on Sustainability (see attached PDF)
Peter will ask Maeghan for AGM notes to provide

Treasurer, Ahmed: **Andrew** asked to see the updates to the budget from our Sept. 23rd, 2014, council meeting
-**Ahmed** needs to get it together
-send comments to Ahemd

President, Peter: Jacinthe will attend our next council meeting and wants to meet with exec's
-**Andrew** asked: 1. Has NRS been billed for fixing the R3-014 lock?
2. When are the old computers going to be removed?
3. When is the next meeting regarding the shuttle? Peter needs to meet w/ MCSS folk to
-**Peter** will inquire on all three

Old Business:

1. Peer Helper Group: -**Peter** asked Jocinthe why downtown group refused to come to Mac, when we're paying into that group
-answer was that's inconvenient to come to Mac
-**Peter** reported that PGSS might give us some cash
-**Peter** asked to follow up on this with Niki (PGSS Financial Affairs) ALMOST TWO MONTHS, Get an answer

2. Events: -movie night Dec.10th; only 1 reminder so far
 -New Year's Lunch, week of 12th; book, menu?
 -feedback form in reminder?
 -will need to re-visit Drink event budget at council
 -bagel breakfast to co-ordinate w/ referendum? Move lunch to following week?

-**Peter** was asked after our September meeting to circulate the list of upcoming activities to council for us to sign up and organise volunteers
 -it should look something like this;

October 8th Drink @ Ceilidh	Didn't happen. Why not?
October 20th Bagel Breakfast	
November 5th Drink @ Ceilidh	Didn't happen. Why not?
November 18th Bagel Breakfast	Didn't happen. Why not?
December 10th Drink @ Ceilidh	
December 15th Bagel Breakfast	

- very clear we have big problems getting events to occur
- Andrew** asked why these events are not happening, **Peter** said he hasn't had time
- Also, have re-occurring problem of inconsistent newsletter and reminders going out about events, which is why Peter moved Bagel Breakfast to the Nov. 24th, 2014
- Peter** will set-up a googledoc on our googledrive listing our upcoming events and who will help with each event
- Peter** would like to hold a Holiday Lunch and a movie night; **Andrew** questioned why add more events when we cannot get the current list of events to happen
- Reshimi** agreed to will send reminding emails to co-ordinate helpers for events
- Devon, Reshimi, Derek & Amanda** agreed to help set-up Bagel Breakfast, Nov. 24th; **Georgia, Maeghan & Hector** agreed to help clean
- Peter** will procure the goods

3. Committee List: **Nic** had advertised remaining committees with seats
 -still missing 6 committees?
 -**Peter**, will do Student Services (only 3 meetings a year)
 -**Devon**, faculty planning
 -council will re-visit this in January

4. Grad Lunch Room: -**Devon** found the following coffee maker for ~100\$
<http://www.canadiantire.ca/en/pdp/cuisinart-brew-central-coffee-maker-0430571p.html#.VFEymYvF-YW>
 -it is on budget and has good reviews; will buy it

5. French Classes: -at least 30 people answered, all beginners, willing to pay 100\$, for 10-12 weeks
 -**Ahmed** will update council on dates & times, book rooms for next semester

6. Club Funding: -**Nic** circulated copies of the updated form and prepared the following

motion;

BIRT the new funding request form for club funding be ratified and posted on the MCGSS website within the next few days.

BIFRT a word format copy of the document be kept by the Treasurer and the Secretary of MCGSS and passed on to their successors.

-motion carried unanimously

-**Peter**, have both groups been invited to re-submit, and/or, make a pitch to council?

7. Dean of FAES Selection Meeting: Oct. 23rd, 2014

-**Nic** reported that the committee has received lots of feedback, but unknown how much, if any, might be from graduate students

-the committee is looking for someone who can be everything to everyone (all research disciplines, business and research experience, very fluent en français), & considering splitting Dean & Vice-Principal

New Business:

1. Flu Shot Clinic: -10am-2pm, Nov. 20th

-**Nic** confirmed both ASEQ and Bluecross will be present

-student ID, blue cross card, short sleeves

-**Peter** will send a reminder immediately!

2. Travel Grants: **Peter** asked to include on the agenda, but we decided to discuss it at the Exec. Meeting

3. New Building Meeting: Nov. 14th, 2014

-**Peter** would like council to take a position

-Council discussed as a Committee of the Whole for 20 minutes; -not interested in building as presented

-same answer as 2012

-underscores need for resolution on our money dispute with MCSS

4. i-Week, Jan. 26th-31st, 2015: **Peter** suggested some activities to compliment i-Week

-**Reshimi** will co-ordinate a cultural potluck

5. MCSS Rental; **Maeghan** wanted to know why MCSS is gauging us to rent the

Ceilidh and why they're being inconsistent

-increased amount for Ceilidh, 350\$ for 6hrs, before taxes

-**Peter** will circulate rental fee structure

6. Undergrads in the Grad Room: **Andrew** asked if we have a policy about having

Undergraduates using either grad room

-apparently they have the code and are using the room(s) after hours

-council agreed to start with some signs, stating that this is graduate

space and unaccompanied undergrads will be asked to leave, and then re-evaluate

-**Hector** will make signs & send template to Andrew

7. Phone in the Bunker: **Ahmed**

-10 students from different labs, but all in Bioresource, share an office without a phone, and cell phones don't work

-council agreed to look into how we can convince the department

-**Peter** said he would look into it; NEED TO DO by next week

Miscellaneous Announcements and Discussions

1. Council Agenda Items: please have items submitted one week prior to our meeting, so Dec. 9th, 2014 is the deadline for our next meeting.

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Next PGSS Meeting, Dec. 3rd, 2014, at 6:30pm in the Thompson House Ballroom

-Jake, Ahmed, Andrew

Next Exec Meeting, Dec. 9th, 2014, at noon in the Faculty Lounge

Next Council Meeting, Dec. 16th, 2014, at 4:30pm in the Conference Room

Motion to Adjourn by Derek, second by Andrew