

MISSA Meeting
October 21, 2014
3:00 pm
Thomson House 304

Members Present:

Christina - President
Sean – Communications Officer
Nina – VP Internal
Sarah – PGSS External Rep
Julie – Shadow Curriculum Committee Rep
Samantha - Secretary
Allie – Social Affairs Chair
Allie G– Curriculum Committee Rep
Emily – Knowledge Continuity Officer
Mohammed – Curriculum PhD Rep
Laura – VP External
Fei – PhD Rep

Minutes

Christina gave a report on the recent faculty department meeting. They are transitioning from education to arts faculty. The dean of arts is very open to including SIS. It should be a positive change. SIS faculty wants us to share our news such as students going to conferences, receiving grants, or other endeavors.

Laura gave a report on the recent book sale, which was successful. There will be another one in the winter. AGM for PGSS at 6:30 tomorrow in the Thomson House ballroom. They will be voting on constitutional changes.

Christina added that there is an open house on Sunday, SIS will have a table, and they need students to work the table along with faculty.

Nina asked if everyone is on the MISSA listserv. Christina said yes, the listserv is run through PGSS now so it is automatic. Emails must be sent to MISSA office before they go out. Sean agreed to look into adding a signature to listserv emails explaining the procedure.

Sarah reported that she went to the first PGSS meeting two weeks ago. They voted to support a universal transit pass. They want the discounted Montreal transit pass to be available for all students, whereas currently it is only for student 25 and younger.

Christina presented the issue of the student fridge in the SIS mansion. There was confusion about the fridge and eventually it was explained that the fridge in the basement is for masters students, it is not broken, and most people seem unaware of the existence of the kitchen in the basement for student use. Laura agreed to arrange for a blog post to get word out about the presence of the kitchen and the need for routine defrosting and emptying of the fridge.

Christina presented the issue of the MISSA bank account. It is currently handled by PGSS, but there was talk of moving it to be MISSA's responsibility. There seemed to be no advantages to moving

account to MISSA's control. Committee moved to vote, and it was unanimous in favor of keeping MISSA bank account under PGSS control. Laura explained that MISSA does have its own bank account with possibly \$30 in it for emergencies.

Laura said that grant forms are getting revamped soon and will now be known as donation forms. This will be discussed next meeting.

Christina explained that there are plans for an all associations meeting in the SIS department. There it will be explained how to apply for donations, the listserv will be explained, as well as the shared Google calendar. It will probably be in early November. Laura explained that it will be mandatory for a representative from each association to come so that each association knows how to get donations.

Allie brought up the issue of a liquor license for the SISmas party and said she will investigate. Christina explained that it's easy to get server certification through McGill.

Nina asked if all general announcements now go through MISSA instead of through Kathryn Hubbard. Christina said yes and she will make more information go out explaining the process.

Mohammed asked about presenting ourselves to the arts faculty. Laura explained that no one got back to her when she sent out an email about that. Laura explained that there was not an elected art faculty representative this year because there is no longer a graduates arts faculty society. She said MISSA should look into arts faculty events for the future where SIS can have a presence. Emily asked about contacting individual groups in the arts faculty to announce ourselves. Christina said MISSA should ask PGSS for the names of the representatives of each arts faculty group.

Fei added that this year our funding is still coming through the education faculty even though we're moving to arts faculty. Laura was concerned about bias in the approval of funding since education faculty knows SIS is moving to art faculty. Mohammed said that clarification on this issue is needed. Laura said there will be a SIS faculty meeting in November where she can get clarification.