

## **MLISSA AGM Meeting**

**February 13, 2012**

Room 129 Education

Call to Order - 5:30 pm

Present: Alexis McKenzie (President), Emily Kozinski (Treasurer), Irena Trebic (Secretary), Elysia Donald (Internet Communications Officer), Ariana Ross (VP Internal), Emily Upper (Publications Committee Chair), Sabrina Hepworth (Education Faculty Rep), Wayne Pender (Curriculum Committee Rep II), Katarina Daniels (Prof. Association Liaison Committee Chair), Laurel Stokes (VP External & PGSS Rep), Matthew Brown (PGSS Rep II), Peter Steiner (PGSS Rep I)

Regrets: Nina Thurlow (Social Affairs Committee Chair), Jacob Siefring (Curriculum Committee Rep I), Sarah Macintyre (Chief Returning Officer)

### **1. President's Report:**

- Anonymous Website Feedback form for MLISSA has been posted to the website
- 2 new committees have been formed: Student Life Fund and Knowledge Continuity Committee. They are both full now

### **2. Student Life Fund**

- Last year, each full-time student was charged \$20/year which went to EGSS in addition to \$15/year which went to MLISSA. As a result of the new Student Life Fund which states that each graduate student society can only charge one fee of \$20/year, we are short \$15/year per student. We need to determine how to allocate the \$20/student between SIS and EGSS.
- Concerns were expressed about separating from EGSS which would mean that we would miss out on benefits such as Travel Grants, Workshops, Fellowships, etc.
- A member raised the question: Do we really benefit from EGSS? Several students expressed that they did not feel that our program had anything to do with Education and that aside from grants, we didn't gain anything from EGSS, since so few of our students attend any of their events due to lack of relevancy.
- There is no way for us to charge a fee specifically for SIS students. Exceptions were created for other faculties, ex. Management students but, at this point, it is too late for SIS to change the rules
- MLISSA reports to PGSS not to EGSS.
- Will have an electronic referendum with at least 2, but no more than 3 options
- We currently contribute roughly 25% of total EGSS funding (\$4,000/\$16,000)
- SIS also gives travel grants. We haven't talked about setting up funds within MLISSA to support conferences.
- One option is to give 50 % of the money to EGSS this year and then decide what to do for remaining years.
- Another option is to give EGSS the same % of money as last year. Last year we have them 20/35=57.14%. This would amount to \$11.43 out of \$20/student.
- A donation box for EGSS has also been suggested
- One suggestion is to ask EGSS to make a joint conference for EGSS and MLISSA. Then, we would contribute about \$3500 to that conference instead of giving them money
- Instead of funding 25% of all EGSS activities, we could just fund the portion that applies to us
- Another option is to not give any money to EGSS. We could make our events bigger by not giving money to EGSS. If we kept all the money and gave nothing to EGSS then the money we gain could go towards the same grants that we apply to via EGSS but now there would be a smaller pool of just SIS students. These grants could be given out by SIS to avoid conflict of interest.
- If we give 50% to EGSS, funds given to student groups will reduce significantly

- We need to make 2 decisions, one for this year, and one for the future. This will need to be clearly worded on the referendum
- Some of our students already received scholarships and grants from EGSS which makes it harder to not give them anything
- If we don't fund student organizations, they are not covered by PGSS insurance for off-campus events.

### **3. Career Fair**

- Just found out that CAPS can plan it for us in the future, like they do for all other student groups. They provide food, brochures, etc. This could mean we would be able to provide more funding to our student groups.

### **4. MLISSA Elections**

- Will take place online in the week before reading week

### **5. T-shirts**

- E-mail was sent today. They will be cheaper if we get more than 50 t-shirts (\$12 instead of \$15).

### **6. Other Events**

- We will have another end-of term party

### **7. Miscellaneous**

- PhD students are not currently automatically getting MLISSA emails due to problems with the PhD listserv. This month we have been contacting them via other means. We will investigate the status of the listserv.

Meeting Adjourned - 6:31 pm