



Minutes

Attendees: Mai, Anita, Tiffany, Sara, Derek, Hilary, Lauren, Mouhanad, Tim, Sam, Michelle, Hector, Tyler

Regrets:

1.0 Call to order

2.0 Everyone accepted the Agenda

3.0 GSA Involvement with SAM (Tim)

- 3.1 Tim presented himself and the plan for the GSA
- 3.2 He assured us that he will provide us with common services (as with any other faculty associations) in terms of election services, websites, troubleshooting common issues... He will let us know when this is good to go.
- 3.3 Though there is a framework for faculty association, he assured us that we have freedom to organize social events any way we want
- 3.4 If we need anything, we should just let him know/update him; he's regular communication with the FRC
 - 3.4.1 Mai asked about there being no voice regarding faculty specific issues with no space for the FRC to speak out
 - 3.4.2 Sara (new FRC) reassured that there is more openness and new business is always requested at the beginning of every meeting
- 3.5 Announcements
 - 3.5.1 HSR is changing in September, students will get special presto cards. We will need to link student HSR account with the new Presto card, which will get activated in September 1st.
 - 3.5.2 There will be a "Town hall meeting" to come up with a proposition regarding the new student activity building. There are two big spaces for grad students.

4.0 Future plans for MOLE (Mai)

- 4.1 McMaster Open Learning Environment, SPICES project
 - 4.1.1 Objective: Open up grad students supporting multidisciplinary
- 4.2 Thing is already there, might as well use it!
 - 4.2.1 It takes so much effort to talk to the professor and in many cases people didn't even reply to our emails (no extra work...)
 - 4.2.1.1 In general, the idea was well accepted
 - 4.2.2 We need support from University, GSA... to create a situation in which professors actually come to us



4.2.3 Anita asked what is the difference is between just taking the course and taking it through MOLE

4.2.3.1 Answer: We avoid all the paperwork when auditing the course.

4.2.3.2 Anita: There is always a lot of resistance for this, space issues, teacher doesn't get compensated,

4.2.3.3 VP internal mentioned that extra space and workload could be bad for professors

4.2.3.3.1 But, in MOLE, professors can put a cap! The professor decides how many students they take in

4.2.4 Tiffany asked about auditing for best courses and then asking those specific professors

4.3 Site costs \$300.00/year to maintain; \$900 set aside to maintain for 3 years

4.4 Sara suggested to get PhD's on board to teach this courses!

4.5 Hector suggested that MOLE could become a platform for PhD students to advertise their skills and organize workshops

4.6 Anita suggested with contact the MacPherson Institute (education courses); they can help!

4.7 Mai will meet with the SGS to discuss this

5.0 Introduction to Faculty of Science Senate Representative (Anita)

5.1 She started recently; and will be dealing with academic-related topics

5.1.1 Anita aimed to connect with other people/associations; right now there are no major activities until September

5.1.2 If we have any issues related to academics, talk to Anita!

6.0 Workshop Updates

6.1 Teaching Dossier Workshop (Taru, Michelle)

6.1.1 Poster, Registration Setup, Room Booking, Food

6.1.2 We will post-poner it to August or September

6.1.3 Aim for 25 people

6.1.4 Make it as interactive as possible

6.1.5 Dr. Kajiura, from Biology department, will probably teach it

6.1.5.1 Objective: Basics of Teaching Dossier, how to do it, help construct it...

6.1.6 Mouhanad will do the poster

6.1.7 We need to set up the Eventbrite once we know the date (Tiffany will probably help)



6.2 Machine Learning Workshop (Sam)

6.2.1 We discussed about the workshop itself: content, duration, price...

6.2.2 2-day workshop (full day) hosted by MacDATA Institute; typically \$10 fee during school year

6.2.3 SAM will help in promoting it mainly

6.3 NeuroTechHa workshops

6.3.1 Mostly promotion coming up in September

7.0 September Social (All Executive Members)

7.1 Trivia night

7.2 Suggestion: McMaster University History or questions related to McMaster

7.2.1 We created a committee (Hector, Sam, and Lauren) to help Tyler organize the questions

7.2.2 Remember to: contact EGS so it doesn't overlap with Metrics stuff

7.2.3 Week of September: 25 – 29 for Trivia; Tyler will speak with manager

7.3 Hector suggested: Karaoke sponsored Sam! (A different event)

7.3.1 Start organizing next meeting (aiming for November)

8.0 Financial update (Tyler)

8.1 We have around \$400.00 in the bank account

8.2 We still have access to \$600.00 from GSA

8.3 We are getting \$2,000.00 from the Faculty of Science

8.4 Tim suggested getting a sub-account from the GSA so we don't spend money on fees

8.5 Hector and Tyler will get Michelle signature privileges on Monday, July 24

9.0 New business

9.1 Give Slack a try (Tyler and Mai)

10.0 Adjournment