

February 1, 2002

A formal complaint, regarding the misrepresentation and irresponsibility of DSMISSA (Decision Science and Management Information Systems Student Association) towards its constituents and members.

Issued by Doug Bastien, a member of DSMISSA and an MIS student.

I bring to question the representation of DSMISSA to serve and represent its students responsibly.

The main points of this complaint are that:

1. DSMISSA is not fulfilling its Constitution

2. DSMISSA is not adequately representing its students

Concerning the conducts of DSMISSA since the Fall semester (September 2001).

1. Points of breach of constitution:

There are 9 breaches of constitution addressed in this complaint:

[Section 2.1]

"The primary objectives of this association shall be to: Provide activities of interest to DS and MIS students"

There were not activities for DS and MIS students in the fall semester. There has yet to be any activities for the winter semester.

[Section 2.2, 2.3, 2.4i, 2.4ii]

Other primary objectives that DSMISSA has not fulfilled, relating to stimulating social interaction, establishing ties, and increasing awareness about DSMISSA.

[Section 4.1]

"Any Concordia student who is registered in a Decision Science or Management Information Systems major programme is entitled to seek Executive Office"

A member of DSMISSA holds an executive position (VP) without being registered in a Decision Science or MIS major programme.

(Joanna Kolankowska, Marketing, VP Communications DSMISSA)

[Section 8.1]

"All meetings of members must be with at least five days notice and must be properly advertised"

There is no advertising of any meetings (despite repeated requests).

[Section 8.2]

"The General Meeting of members shall be held solely for the purpose of acting on...1) The election of Executives"

The election of Executives have been done out of meetings.

[Section 9.3]

"Non-attendance to four (4) meetings without valid reason shall be considered an impeachable office"

The president elected for the fall semester was not present at all, nor were they impeached. (Jaswinder)

2. The points of misrepresentation:

- Decision Science and MIS students are scarcely aware of DSMISSA.
- Very few MIS students are involved with DSMISSA.
- MIS students are being denied from applying for open VP positions (currently open: *VP special projects, VP marketing*)

The points of irresponsibility:

- DSMISSA is not promoting itself, nor recruiting any members.
- The VPs and President were not aware, until January 2002, that a constitution existed for DSMISSA.
- There is little opportunity for MIS students to become involved with DSMISSA or to benefit from DSMISSA's services.

I can say with certainty that DSMISSA is not performing in the interests of DS and MIS students, and its function as a student association representing DS and MIS students has expired.

It should be addressed that the efforts and commitment of the members and VPs of DSMISSA are not in question in this complaint. The issue here is the lack of success DSMISSA has with its current and recent activities, and the capacity for DSMISSA to properly represent DS and MIS students to CASA, the John Molson School of Business and Concordia University.

On a side note, I have informed the president of DSMISSA (Cheryl Gensaya) of my concerns and intentions regarding DSMISSA in the beginning of January. Furthermore I have attempted to be involved with the activities and functions of DSMISSA as a member and VP (marketing, an open position) with no success. I trust that the points in this complaint are addressed with the association in mind to prove these points false by providing proper proof of responsible conduct.

As a student and member of DSMISSA, I feel it would be in the best interests of MIS students to be represented directly by CASA until a Student Association in place of DSMISSA earns the trust of representing DS and MIS students. This option would be the best focus of resources (money, club space, etc.), and provide a more accurate representation of DS and MIS students.

Cordially,

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