1. Fall Elections
Elections went well considering that many students weren’t very familiar with the incoming students within the first few weeks – voter turnout was at approximately 30% of the MI student body and almost all of the positions were filled through the nominations and election period. We also have a notably higher IS&D representation on council.

2. Academic Affairs Chair and Representatives
Melissa Bell is our Academic Affairs Chair on MISC and, as mentioned in the previous Faculty Council Meeting Report, we are working to make the position more visible with better lines of communication. A list of representative names and step-by-step directions on how to email their representative via Blackboard is up on the MISC website, and Melissa is sending out reminders to the representatives to ‘check in’ with students at least halfway through the semester. We have about 2/3 of the representative forms.

3. Tech Fund
The Tech Fund Committee now has its three MI representatives and the MISC has just passed a large proposal for the Inforum workstations and room 417 – the next step is approval by the MSGSA. The incoming students have a lot of great ideas for purchases, so we anticipate that the tech fund will become more active this year in making a difference for students. The MISC has been trying to make the past and current efforts more visible to students by listing the key purchases by the tech fund over the past few years on the MISC website, and hopefully this will in turn garner more ideas and enthusiasm from students in making the tech fund pay off for them during their time at the iSchool.

4. Merchandise
The MISC has lots of ‘University of Toronto – Faculty of Information’ branded merchandise for sale, including some very nice t-shirts, and anyone is welcome to make a purchase! The table sales will be on Mondays at noon in the lobby of Bissell beginning on October 17th, and items will also be available for purchase at the iTeas. Our Merchandise Chair for the year is Coralee Leroux – if you’d like to arrange another time to purchase, email Coralee, Victoria, or the main MISC email address. Photographs (taken by MI student Amy Weir) and prices are available on our website and on the MISC office door.

5. Events – Past and Upcoming
The Orientation/Welcome BBQ, September Pub Night, Clubs & Associations Open House, and Ulla de Stricker Resume Clinic were all well attended and the MISC feels like we’ve had a successful start to the academic year! Our December holiday party has been set for Thursday, December 15th at 8pm (location to be determined) and everyone is welcome to join us in celebrating the end of the fall semester and holidays. The Employer Showcase by the Professional Development Committee (Heather Buchansky and Pam Murray) has been set for Friday, January 13th, 2012.