



MUSSA June 2020 Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, June 22, 2020

Time: 4pm - 5pm ET

Location: Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

Meeting Recording:

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1ZAEDzLYYoRLbWi1s_AhJEPiTGB5CBIYc

Called to order: 4:05 pm

In attendance: Melissa Mertsis, Jordan Vetter, Madison Carmichael, Lindsay Chisholm, Hanna Schacter

Regrets: Chantelle Perrault, Sara Fontes, Erika Serodio, Jaime Meier

1. Meeting Called to Order

- I. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
 - i. Lindsay, Madison
- II. Approval of Agenda
 - i. Hanna, Lindsay
- III. Appointment of an Interim Secretary
 - i. Appointment: Jordan (for today only, Jaime to continue role as Interim Secretary at subsequent meeting)
 - ii. Hanna, Lindsay
- IV. Virtual Meeting Protocol
 - i. We will be recording the meeting for those who are unable to attend

2. Exec Updates

- I. President (Melissa)
 - i. Council Goals
 1. Forgot to share these at our first meeting!
 - a. MUSSA/MMSt Goal: Transparency and creating a culture of sharing and implementing feedback
 - b. MMST Goal: Community-building and camaraderie with MMSt & CDP students
 - c. Broader Goal: Collaboration with faculty and other concentrations (i.e. MISC)
 - d. Priorities:
 - i. Working with faculty to support current & incoming students in light of COVID-19 (virtual and in-person)

- ii. Reflecting on our practices to be more inclusive and actively anti-racist
- 2. Feedback is welcome!
- 3. Will be shared with the entire cohort in a future MUSEletter and at the AGM in September
- ii. Anti-Black Racism discussion - Recap to date
 - 1. Black Lives Matter protests have been in full swing for almost a month, lots of institutions have made statements of solidarity, including UofT and MUSSA
 - 2. Students from Diversity Working Group (DWG)/MPOC/Work-Study positions with Wendy (in collaboration with other individuals) created the petition and survey on Diversity and Inclusion that has been circulating around the faculty
 - 3. The petition prompted students to write letters to the Dean
 - 4. Faculty of Information meeting with Wendy took place in response to the petition (week of June 8)
 - 5. MMSt-specific faculty had their own meeting about the petition and ways to support, and put together an MMSt action plan (Friday, June 12)
 - 6. MUSSA wanted to show our support and now are working with a number of students from the above-mentioned groups as well as MISC, Indigenous Connections, Accessibility Working Group and a few other individual students
 - a. Met with Wendy and some of the faculty (Monday, June 15)
 - i. Faculty acknowledged the points of the petition but we are still waiting on action items to be addressed
 - b. Students, along with the support of individual profs in the faculty, are escalating student & faculty concerns within the iSchool to UofT's provost (Thursday, June 18)
 - 7. Cara requested a meeting with MPOC & MUSSA to share their MMSt action plan (Tuesday, June 16)
 - a. Prior to the meeting, MUSSA & MPOC sent an email to all students asking for feedback to share with Cara
 - b. A few individual students voiced their concerns directly at the meeting, and other student feedback was presented anonymously
 - c. Cara mentioned a Town Hall for the MMSt faculty to share what they are working on and get further input from students, alumni and the museum community at large
 - d. You can view the meeting notes and MMSt action plan from this meeting at mussa.ca/minutes

8. Waiting for further announcements/instruction on the Town Hall and to hear back from the Provost, Wendy/the Faculty, and Cara/MMSt for actions take and next steps
 - iii. MPOC Collaborations
 1. "75 Things" campaign (working title) to launch beginning of July
 - a. A social media campaign for taking action to combat anti-Black racism
 - b. Based on the points in this article <https://medium.com/equality-includes-you/what-white-people-can-do-for-racial-justice-f2d18b0e0234>
 - c. MUSSA members have been working with MPOC and DWG to finesse the list of actions and be more suited to student capabilities (e.g. finances)
 - d. Stay tuned for how you can be involved and help promote
 - iv. Virtual Inforum still TBD
 1. Melissa & Jordan meeting with Lindsay and Steff from Student Services Wednesday June 24 to follow up on getting MUSSA access to host events on the Virtual Inforum/Bb Collab
- II. Vice President (Jordan)
- i. iWeekly
 1. Some students were not receiving these weekly emails from the iSchool since beginning of March
 2. This has been fixed - if you are still not receiving the iWeekly from Min, let us know
 - ii. MUSEletter
 1. Now on a consistent 2-week cycle
 2. Send anything you wish to be included to Jordan or the MUSSA Gmail by the Monday of the week it goes out
 3. Next deadline is Monday, June 29, then every 2 weeks after that
 - iii. Survey results on Merch, Movie Night, Book Club
 1. Responses: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1eqUgmGBZhShuZYv9tFRsjk7NtwCLmGXTsrvKxCtNXjs/edit#responses>
 2. Movie Night
 - a. Based on votes:
 - i. Wednesday, June 24, 8pm
 - ii. Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark
 - b. Platform: Kosmi
 - i. Chantelle to set up host link, test that it works to send out to everyone in advance in the MUSEflash + on Facebook group
 - c. Future movie suggestions:
 - i. National Treasure
 - ii. Night at the Museum
 - iii. All of Indiana Jones

- iv. Ocean's 8 (which was already on the voting list)
 - d. Sending out MUSEflash Tuesday AM with the details, begin social media promotions Monday night
 - 3. Book Club
 - a. Winning novel: Metropolitan Stories: A Novel by Christine Coulson (<https://tinyurl.com/ydydjtyk>)
 - 4. Merch votes (* = previous years' merch)
 - a. Crew Neck Sweater (16) *
 - b. Canvas Tote (13) *
 - c. Mug (12)
 - d. T-shirt (11) *
 - e. Hooded Pullover Sweatshirt (9)
 - f. Baseball cap (8)
 - g. Toque (8)
 - h. ¾ sleeve shirt (5) *
 - i. Racerback tank (4) *
 - j. Face mask (2)
 - k. Other suggestions:
 - i. Quarter zip sweaters
- III. Treasurer (Interim: Jordan)
 - i. Budget in progress
 - 1. Received Musings proposal, considering MPOC budget needs, and revisiting initially planned budget in light of most events likely being virtual
 - 2. Progress has been put on hold temporarily given other things happening
- IV. Social Chair and/or Social Assistant (Chantelle) → Melissa
 - i. Movie Night (see above)
 - ii. Another social team meeting coming soon to continue planning
 - iii. Suggested idea of doing a monthly schedule of events to have consistent dates/times held in people's calendars, but switching up the events each time
- V. Social Media Manager (Hanna)
 - i. Will post for movie night tonight
 - ii. Break from Meet MUSSA posts given current situation
 - iii. Looking to share other anti-racist resources - send to Hanna
 - iv. Will post for Indigenous heritage month
 - v. Can we do something specific to amalgamate anti-racism museum sources weekly? E.g. highlighting statues being taken down
- VI. First-Year Representative (N/A)
- VII. Second-Year Representative (Lindsay)
 - i. Merch
 - 1. Shipping logistics?
 - a. Can we charge people an extra \$1-2 to help cover costs?
 - b. See what MISC is doing for shipping to get ideas

2. Proposing creating 2 logo sizes/designs, to go on different types of merch
 3. Hats + mugs test out as the new merch, otherwise people liked similar options to what we had in previous years
 - a. Confirm what inventory we have left from last year before ordering more
 4. Give colour options for only a few items, e.g. tshirts
 5. Suggested to create an order form to show different merch + colour options
 - a. Set up like a store on the website (a form)
- ii. Book Club
1. Reached out to iSchool Book Club about potential interest or collab, no real response - moving forward with Museum Studies Book Club
 2. Alumni interest
 3. Make a Facebook group for ongoing discussion
 4. Zoom as interim plan until we get Virtual Inforum access
 5. Weekly question prompts

3. Committee Updates

- VIII. Alumni Association (Chantelle) → Melissa
- i. July 8, 2pm - event for recent grads, panel of alumni
 1. Being promoted by Career Services to alumni, MUSSA can co-promote closer to the event date
 2. Alumni attendees:
 - a. George Jacob, President and CEO, San Francisco Bay.Org
 - b. Shelley Falconer, President and CEO, Art Gallery of Hamilton
 - c. Kelly McKinley, CEO, Bay Area Discovery Museum
 - d. Neil Brochu, City of Toronto
 3. Current students can also attend
- IX. Admissions Committee (Madison)
- i. No real updates for Admissions
 - ii. Madison to reach out to Michelle to confirm handover
- X. Programs Committee (Interim: Madison)
- i. Meeting on June 8, next meeting June 25
 - ii. When can we anticipate course timetables? → “soon”
 - iii. Fall for sure online, Winter still unknown, they might split Fall and Winter enrollment times
 - iv. Working to support the statement from students, to better include courses that bring DEI into the faculty
 - v. New MMSSt course on EDI in GLAM being introduced (pending official announcement)
- XI. Committee on Standing (Interim: Hanna)
- i. Voting still happening throughout the summer

- XII. Faculty Council (Melissa & Jordan)
 - i. No meetings in the summer
- XIII. Truth & Reconciliation Working Group (Melissa)
 - i. Appointed MUSSA's rep: Amanda Berardi
 - ii. No concrete updates yet
 - iii. Will invite Amanda to next meeting, or at minimum provide an update
 - iv. Indigenous Connections/Truth & Reconciliation Working Group webinar in the works for August
- XIV. Faculty Advisory Council (COVID-19) (Lindsay & Jaime)
 - i. FAQ for us to look over
 - ii. Wendy sending out a larger notice
- XV. UTGSU (Jordan)
 - i. No recent meetings
 - ii. Will need to put out a call for a student rep to the University Complaint and Resolution Council for Student Societies (CRCSS) Panel
 - 1. Can't be a council member
 - 2. Appointees go into a pool of students who may be called on to serve on the panel (July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021)
- XVI. Tech Fund (Interim: Melissa)
 - i. No updates
- XVII. MISC-MUSSA Liaison (Sara)
 - i. No updates
- XVIII. Musings (Jaime & Erika)
 - i. Musings is continuing posting throughout the summer!

4. Announcements/Updates

- XIX. Open Announcements
 - i. Suggestions for ways MUSSA can be better, more inclusive, anti-racist allies, advocates, and human beings!!!!
 - ii. Greenwood (student-led initiative by students at Blackwood Gallery, UTM) call for submissions
 - 1. Details at <https://greenwoodutm.com/>
 - 2. Deadline of July 7 - maybe some social media posts?
 - iii. MeWels - Mental wellness and health for students at U of T, specifically international students
 - 1. Looking for Executive Team members, fill out application by July 3
 - 2. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdL87H7DKgqWnNOfftSfMVE3PzTfg6LNWQvdkKqk4fwig-41Q/viewform?fbclid=IwAR1lyPD7bj0bvur2TnrLkJoB1R8r2vojPQyVj_x9kThy1ZCnBtmRUGluelA
 - iv. Call for Articles - "On Hold: LIS People and Places During a Pandemic"
 - 1. Submission Deadline August 4, publication September 2020
 - 2. <https://librarianship.ca/blog/cfp-voices-covid>

Called to close: 5:00 pm