



MUSSA July 2020 Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Location: Virtual Inforum

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Call to Order: 2:06

In attendance: Hanna Schacter, Jaime Meier, Chantelle Perreault, Jordan Vetter, Madison Carmichael, Melissa Mertsis,

Regards: Lindsay Chisholm, Erika Serodio, Sara Fontes,

1. Meeting Called to Order

- I. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
 - i. Hanna, Madison
- II. Approval of Agenda
 - i. Chantelle, Hanna
- III. Virtual Meeting Protocol
 - i. Jaime is secretary
 - ii. Approval from Hanna and Jordan

2. Exec Updates

- IV. President (Melissa)
 - i. MPOC Collaborations
 1. Compiling a workbook based on 79 ways to be less racist/be an ally for people to work through
 - ii. Anti-Black Racism discussion
 1. MUSSA led discussion
 2. Share resources you find and they can be sent in a Museletter or social media
 3. Commenting on museum responses to anti-racism (taking down confederate statues, etc)
 4. Open to suggestions on how MUSSA can do better
 5. Want to create a land acknowledgement
 - iii. Virtual Inforum
 1. Looking to get Chantelle and Lindsay access and Chantelle will provide an update if she has access
 2. Can get Hanna access if she is interested
 3. Keep in mind that it is an open channel!

- iv. Course Information
 - 1. Restrictions on taking extra courses
 - 2. Can take two additional courses but need additional permission from the faculty and provide an add/drop form to the faculty to get an official grade
 - 3. 7.5 credits is the requirement to graduate and you can take 2 half courses or one full year course
- v. Incoming student events
 - 1. "Getting Started" event July 18 and provide insights to incoming students
 - 2. Created a new group for incoming students and make the future first year rep the admin for the page so that it can be only first years
- vi. Discord
 - 1. Veronica from MISC has created one but MMSt students can join
- vii. Orientation
 - 1. One meeting with Lindsay J. so far
 - 2. August 24-September 12
 - a. iSkill workshops, clubs fair, financial literacy, social events, fun and professional events
 - 3. Another meeting later this week
- viii. 2020-2021 Planning
 - 1. Feedback and Goals
 - a. Conference? Work with MISC more?
 - b. Working with MISC more would be great and they also want more collaboration
 - i. Social event with just the two councils/mixer
 - c. Meeting with MISC because Wendy wants some sort of online conference
- ix. "Work hours"
 - 1. Not responsible to responding to MUSSA duties in the evening
 - 2. Approved idea (5 in favour, 0 opposed)
- V. Vice President (Jordan)
 - i. MUSEletter
 - 1. Two week cycle
 - 2. Next is Monday, August 3rd
 - ii. MMSt course calendar
 - 1. Useful for social team planning
 - iii. Look-ahead to elections
 - 1. Announce positions in September at the AGM
- VI. Treasurer (Interim: Jordan)
 - i. Budget update
 - 1. Merch details are still being worked on
 - 2. Considering budgets for Musings and MPOC
 - 3. Final copy will be shared at the AGM but council will receive a draft before

- VII. Social Chair and/or Social Assistant (Chantelle)
 - i. Recap of movie nights
 - 1. Two so far with the third happening tomorrow
 - ii. Upcoming social events
 - 1. Trivia night in August and looking into how to do that
 - 2. Events for orientation week: paint night/art night
 - a. Led by Denise or Emily?
 - iii. Book club (Hanna)
 - 1. First meeting went well (despite the crazy storm)
 - 2. Meeting on Monday
 - 3. Group chat for discussion and aiming for congestive and natural group discussion
 - 4. Look at options for the fall and fall into the anti-racist campaign
- VIII. Social Media Manager (Hanna)
 - i. Posting guidelines for different platforms
 - ii. Let Hanna know if you want something added to social media
 - iii. Get back into introducing the council posts
- IX. First-Year Representative (N/A)
- X. Second-Year Representative (Lindsay)
 - i. Merch - logo designs
 - 1. Submissions close friday

3. Committee Updates

- XI. Alumni Association (Chantelle)
 - i. Keep forgetting about MMSt (Joanna had this problem last year)
 - ii. Might be on a summer break? Ignoring Chantelle? The mystery continues
- XII. Admissions Committee (Madison)
 - i. Last meeting was at the end of June
 - ii. MUSSA to reach out on Madison's behalf to follow up
- XIII. Programs Committee (Interim: Madison)
 - i. Last meeting was end of June
 - ii. New courses were accepted, yay!
 - iii. Should equity and inclusion be a requirement? Difficult to implement but how can it be regulated? Push back has been experienced by the faculty and Wendy, as they are protected by the union but at least they are thinking about it
- XIV. Committee on Standing (Interim: Hanna)
 - i. Voting on things!
- XV. Faculty Council (Melissa & Jordan)
 - i. No summer meetings
- XVI. Truth & Reconciliation Working Group (Amanda)
 - i. Planning a meeting for next month
 - ii. Might be at the next meeting for updates
- XVII. Faculty Advisory Council (COVID-19) (Lindsay & Jaime)
 - i. Tuition exemption due to delays caused by COVID-19

1. Not so much an exemption, but a free extension to complete things
- ii. Internships
 1. MI and MI co-op has way more than us and it made me sad
 2. Melissa is meeting with Julie to talk about it further
- XVIII. UTGSU (Jordan)
 - i. Meetings update
 1. Meeting yesterday
 2. 10,000 for BIPOC students across all of the grad students
 3. Starting BLM initiatives in August
 4. Members have expressed concern over COVID-19
 - a. Insensitivity
 - b. Inproportionate burdens place on BIPOC and internal students and made a list of demands
(https://drive.google.com/file/d/189XqUWX3sabnkYolx_VQxSyBTkUpgs0M/view)
 5. Looking to increase virtual employment, freeze on campus housing price raises, etc
 6. Petition for unsafe reopening
(<https://www.change.org/p/meric-gertler-u-of-t-s-reopening-plan-is-not-safe-enough-we-need-to-take-fall-2020-online>)
- XIX. Tech Fund (Interim: Melissa)
 - i. Fee exemption?
 1. MISC is not charging the fee and we need to decide if we will charge or not
 2. Melissa will look into how Katie decided and implemented it
 - a. International students/outside GTA cannot access tech fund
- XX. MISC-MUSSA Liaison (Sara)
- XXI. Musings (Jaime & Erika)
 - i. Everything is going well
 - ii. Writing something for “Welcome to the iLife”

4. Announcements/Updates

- XXII. Open Announcements
 - i. Melissa
 1. Appreciate effort and participation
 2. Reach out to Melissa with any personal or professional concerns/on and off council because transparency is a huge goal for this year
 3. Possible changes coming to constitution
 - a. When the turn over happens/allowing for a “shadowing” period
 - b. Let Melissa and Jordan know if something is not working in your position so it can be changed
 4. Facebook page was deleted because it was not being utilized

5. Use email for official MUSSA business so it is easy to keep track but informal/quick updates can happen in the chat
6. Feel free to utilize the google drive
7. Campbell House is giving a 40% discount to MMSt students who want to see "Icon," an exhibition project from earlier this year
 - a. <https://www.campbellhousemuseum.ca/current-exhibition/>

Adjourned: 3:00