



# MUSSA November Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday November 13, 2019

Time: 12:00-1:00 PM

Location: BL 538

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Approve: Natalie, Jordan

Approve Prior Agenda: Joanna, Natalie

In Attendance: Jaime Meier, Natalie Heaton, Emma Puddicombe, Jordan Vetter, Sydney Stype, Joanna Wreakes, Michelle Wright, Melissa Mertsis, Erika Serodio, Julie Suh, Denise Tenio, Lindsay Chisholm, Savannah Sewell, Amy Smith, Jordan Fee, Ally Forand, Vicky Jamison, Madison Carmichael, Hanna Schacter

Regards: Elizabeth Cytko.

## Committee Updates/Reports

- I. Alumni Association
  - i. Meeting this evening.
  - ii. Last meeting they talked about free entrance to OLA conference.
  - iii. They sometimes forget about us and it is an ongoing project to have them remember us.
- II. Admissions Committee
  - i. Nothing to report.
- III. Programs Committee
  - i. Last meeting was about student evaluations.
  - ii. Students should be encouraged to participate in evaluations and it is important that people do not bring hate speech into the evaluations. How to talk about providing constructive feedback instead of combative? First and Second Year Reps will make a small presentation for before class and will let the instructors know in advance.
  - iii. Portfolio partnership with Haley Sharpe Design has begun and the faculty is exploring whether this will become a formal part of the degree and if it can be sustained internally and externally.
  - iv. Concern about complete syllabi and when it needs to be finished.
- IV. Committee on Standing
  - i. Met with Associate Dean to learn more about the role.
  - ii. Next meeting is in January.
- V. Tech Fund
  - i. \$6000 to second year exhibition projects and hope to continue this in upcoming years but there trouble getting the money released and that is being worked on.

- ii. Shout out to Vicky for being awesome!
- VI. MISC-MUSSA Liaison
  - i. Nothing to report.
- VII. Musings
  - i. Good viewership .
  - ii. Approved for getting a camera - YAY - for a possible future photographer role.
  - iii. Possibly planning a workshop with the AGO.
  - iv. Shout out to Natalie's article - emphasizes the power of sharing.

#### Exec Updates

- VIII. Treasurer
  - i. Review of account activity to make sure everything is balancing.
  - ii. Total expected spending was \$1240 and actual is \$942.
  - iii. Field Trip Budget Recap
    - 1. Finalizing numbers but currently looking to be \$7 under budget - good job planners!
  - iv. Will get out reimbursements.
- IX. Social Chair and/or Social Assistant
  - i. Ottawa
    - 1. Really great trip but people wish they had more time at each place.
  - ii. Textile Museum Tour (November 29)
    - 1. Actually November 28.
    - 2. 1:45pm-4:00
    - 3. \$5 each to be paid at MUSSA office hours or email to set up money exchange.
  - iii. Board Games Night (November 13)
    - 1. TONIGHT
    - 2. 6-8pm
  - iv. Holiday/End of Semester Party (TBD)
    - 1. Working on it!
    - 2. Looking for possible venues
    - 3. Done before classes are over, so anyone who is going home can still attend.
- X. Social Media Manager
  - i. Shout out to Melissa!
- XI. First Year Representative
  - i. Concerns about Ethics class and students have reached out to the Dean and Cara and Lindsay will be meeting with them next week.
  - ii. Prof has been spoken to and they spoke directly to the class about addressing concerns.
- XII. Second Year Representative
  - i. John B. Aird Gallery is charging students \$4500 to put things on the walls and it was not advertised this way and feels "underhanded." Should be advertised as a fundraising project rather than a contemporary art

show. Recommended to have a meeting with Cara and prof of the class.  
Final numbers for the exhibition budget will be out tomorrow.

- ii. Playwell event on the 28th and 29th
- iii. Merchandise
  - 1. Nothing to report.
  - 2. Photos have not been done for advertising.
  - 3. No financial update.
  - 4. Suggested to set up a weekly time slot, possibly at the inforum.
- iv. Weekly announcement suggestion - have them happen in every class or switch to the exhibition class that almost all the second years are in.

### XIII. Vice President

- i. UTGSU update
  - 1. Not a zesty meeting.
  - 2. Elected new chairperson, general elections for reps in each division (we are division two).
  - 3. Discounted presto cards are no longer possible.
- ii. Grant
  - 1. 942 dollars head grant.
- iii. OMA Conference
  - 1. October 25th - 9 students attended.
- iv. Winter Panel -Ideas?
  - 1. Money left from MMst 50 so we could do a panel but Cara wants to hear about what we would like this panel to be on. Possibly people in science institutions and eco club is interested in having a panel for sustainability in museums and faculty.
  - 2. Will make poll on facebook group for topics.
- v. Department survey
  - 1. All MMSt and CDP on MUSSA asking how are we doing? Events we want? Specifically ask why people are not attending events. To be sent out next week.

### XIV. President

- i. Field Trip Recap
  - 1. Successful - professionals loved us and lots of students made connections.
  - 2. Professionals are open to sharing contact information and science museum released their accessibility standards .
- ii. [Council Member Manual Initiative](#)
  - 1. Template for a guide for the person coming into the position next year.
  - 2. What would have made stepping into this position easier for you? Due April 14th, 2020.
  - 3. Replace year end report.
- iii. Semester 1 Progress Meetings
  - 1. Optional but want to hear about how it is going, what is good about MUSSA, what MUSSA needs to improve on, etc
- iv. Semester 2 Meetings scheduling idea

1. Scheduling meetings is NOT EASY
  2. Schedule all meetings for the entire semester at the first meeting?  
ALL IN FAVOUR
- v. December Council meeting?
1. No council meeting or show up early to the holiday party for quick update? ALL IN FAVOUR
- vi. Secret Santa?
1. Don't know what it is? GOOGLE IT - Emma Puddicombe, MUSSA President.
  2. We are NOT doing white elephant you monsters.
  3. \$20 cap, so it can be less but not more.

#### Announcements/Updates

- XV. Open Announcements
- i. The Dean is leaving in January so can brainstorm a nice parting gift.