



MUSSA December, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Date: December 10, 2020

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: [MMSt Channel](#) of the [Virtual Inforum](#)

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<https://ca.bbcollab.com/guest/0e9a2d0717ac4e83a4cace658a3fa3c4>

Meeting called to order at: 1:02pm

In Attendance: Chantelle Perreault, Jordan Vertter, Lindsay Chisholm, Melissa Mertsis, Annabelle Kolomeisky, Cassidy Latimer, Christina Ugge, Helen Yao, Jessica Parsons, Louisa Simmons, Magali Delgado, Sarah Cavaliere

Regrets: Jaimie Meier, Jefimija Vujcic, Natalie Scola, Erika Serodio, Sara Fontes, Amanda Berardi

1. Meeting Called to Order

I. Thank You/Welcome

II. Land Acknowledgments

- We recognize museums are closely related to colonialism -- so it's important to continue to do land acknowledgements and work on improving them when its possible
- Any suggestions on how to improve them? Get in contact with Jordan and Melissa
- We continue to work on the traditional land of Indigenous people.
- Toronto is situated on Turtle Island. Please see what land you're situated on :) native-land.ca

III. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

a. Motion approved by (2 MUSSA members):

- Annabelle Kolomeisky
- Sarah Cavaliere

IV. Approval of Agenda

b. Motion approved by (2 MUSSA members):

- Lousia Simmons
- Helen Yao

2. Exec Updates

- I. President (Melissa)
 - Council Reminders
 - MUSSA is a safe space - feel free to reach out with anything you're feeling
 - Please let Melissa/ Jordan know if you cannot attend future meetings
 - Next event is Dec 17th at 6pm - end of term party!
 - Meetings with Dean Duff
 - Met with her about student concerns and how to address them
 - Dean Duff is aware of problems and will work to rectify the issues on online learning next semester
 - Working towards a more reliable way to gain student funding
 - Possible conference next term re: funding -- more updates to come!
 - Meetings in the new year
 - January Meeting poll
<https://www.when2meet.com/?10493221-qTUSc>
 - Please fill out before the end of the term!
 - Rest of the semester will be figured out in the new year
- II. Vice President (Jordan)
 - a. MUSEletter
 - MUSEletter is going out - last one of the term is on December 21st
 - Will share winners of raffle and the amount of money that was raised
 - If you can, let Jordan know how to end MUSSA and how to wish everyone to a safe break
 - Trying to create a survey to gain student feedback -- will remain open in the new year
 - Will share results in the new year
 - b. Student feedback survey
- III. Treasurer (Jessica)
 - Income: 1,082.71 (35.6%) from raffle tickets and merch sales.
Expenses: 2,230.35 (86.8%) from events
 - a. Reimbursement Reminder (Melissa)
 - Received funds from Hart House from last year's end of year gala
 - Offered a reimbursement for cancelled gala because of Covid
 - Any expenses that need to be reimbursed? Use the reimbursement form in funds folder
- IV. Social Team (Chantelle/Natalie)
 - Trivia night -- really good turn out! Yay!
 - End of term party later in December -- please come join!
- V. Social Media Team (Hanna/Sarah)
 - Countdown posts still taking place
 - Google Forms to give shout outs -- Virtual high 5s!

- Winter “This or That” ?
- VI. Second-Year Representative (Lindsay)
 - a. Merchandise sales update
 - Made \$471 from mech.
 - \$429 is from mech and \$42 is shipping costs
- VII. First-Year Representative (Annabelle)
 - Meeting with Dean Duff went really well
 - There are a few issues with TAs that were never brought up, unfortunately
- VIII. MISC-MUSSA Liaison (Sara)

3. Committee Updates

- IX. Musings (Jaime/Erika/Mia)
 - Team couldn’t make it :(Things are going well, though!
 - Recruiting for new writers is coming up
 - Keep an eye out for call to enter applications
- X. Tech Fund (Magali/Helen)
 - Meeting last week -- approved notion for MUSSA raffle prizes
 - and worked for faculty reps to get a more updated list of equipment that needs to be updated and fixed.
 - Will be donating equipment that is outdated, since there’s no point in keeping them -- need suggestions on what to do with them
 - There’s a larger learning process with online learning, but there have been no requests for tech so far
 - Request form is here:
docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHE0eT32_AYhd8P6CBdA-RLvcp0lcZQx9yAcELxG6TRP2ukA/viewform
 - Initiative to impose a penalty for lost equipment will dealt with individually if any cases come up
- XI. Alumni Association (Chantelle)
 - Not many updates
 - Dec. 4th alumni hosted event
 - Hasn’t been a meeting since our last MUSSA meeting
- XII. Admissions Committee (Natalie)
 - a. Update on admissions numbers
 - Still waiting on the committee for more information regarding numbers
- XIII. Programs Committee (Christina)
 - Ischool wants to review learning outcome from all their courses
 - Project charter should be done but its not been sent out yet
- XIV. Committee on Standing (Louisa)
 - Landscape study: Irina will lead a town hall in January and will develop the project further
- XV. Faculty Council (Melissa/Jordan)

- a. Facility hiring
 - Working on filling 5 positions
 - 1 contract for museum studies for the activism course
 - Currently working on applications and will review applicants
 - MUSSA nominated someone to be a student rep
 - Is working on improving accessibility in the facility
- b. Covid-19 updates
 - Winter term starts on Jan 11th.
 - Last full week of semester 2 is April 5th -9th
 - Makeup class will happen for Good Friday
 - Tech support has been extended for more classes for those with 20 or more students
 - Facility is hoping to host event prior to classes starting -- more details to come
 - Wants to increase representation on committees for programs
 - Applications are still coming for Masters programs and increasing numbers of international students
- c. Careers update
 - Julie from careers team has moved on
 - Former careers officer is providing support for the workshops
- XVI. Awards Committee (Melissa)
- XVII. UTGSU (Jordan)
 - a. Annual General Meeting
 - Dec 1 - general meeting - a bunch of updates occurred but there was a lost quorum so more will be covered later
- XVIII. Truth & Reconciliation Working Group
 - Faculty hiring
 - Unable to make November meeting
 - Discussion about developing new area of concentration modeled by UBC -- ischool.ubc.ca/programs/specializations/fncc
 - Convo about hiring Indigenous faculty members
 - Next meeting will be on what the RA will focus on
 - Talk to hire Indigenous artists for the Bissell building (Yay!)
 - Dean Duff wants to kickstart this initiative but it might not happen - we're hoping for a smooth transition as we get a new dean
 - Amanda will try to get us meeting minutes to give more information on meeting updates
 - Curriculum discussions
 - Jury Duty-like position
- 4. Announcements/Updates**
- XIX. Open Announcements
 - Updates you would like to talk about, you can get in contact with Melissa and Jordan
 - Or you can fill out an anonymous survey !

Meeting adjourned: 1:34 pm