



MUSSA January Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017
Location: BL 417

Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm

Regrets: Dana, Curtis, Tabitha, Dylan

In Attendance: Maya, Kelly, Natania, Claudia, Anja, Erika, Aurora, Kristen, Kathleen, Alice, Sydney, Taryn, Danielle

1. Meeting CTO

- Approval of Agenda - Motion approved
- Approval of November Minutes (Google Drive) - Motion approved

2. Committee Updates/Reports

- **Alumni Association**
 - Hart House Grad-itude event was a great success! Best MMSt Alumni event yet! - approximately 65 people were in attendance
 - FIAA papers set up on 5th floor are advice for current students -- take a look and interact with it!
 - FIAA student conference grants still available, submissions accepted until March
- **Admissions Committee**
 - Changes in the works for admissions next year: more info days, more points of contact with students
 - Librarians going on year-long research leave and may not do personal librarian program in the upcoming year
 - Orientation next year: going to make it conference-style so students can attend what they'd like to hear
 - Talking about creating a focus group for admitted students to discuss what worked and how they got to the iSchool
 - Looking to start a LinkedIn group or Facebook group for students coming from beyond Southern Ontario so they can get to know each other better before beginning courses

- There will be a March/April meeting for revisioning entry to this program
 - Email Erika if you have any ideas
- **Programs Committee**
 - At January 12 Meeting:
 - Cara is planning to teach a course on TRCs next year.
 - Discussed Planning and Operations Guide for the programs committee to promote a more proactive future
 - Discussed specific data sources available to the faculty for consultation in terms of potential changes
 - ALA accreditation process: only affects MI program but there is a push for some members to do a similar evaluation of the Museum Studies program as part of the 7 year plan (next plan won't be drafted until 2019)
 - Discussed Statement of Acknowledgement of Traditional Land and if it should be mandated as part of every syllabus - came to the conclusion that it is not something they could or wanted to enforce. Instead, approved wording will be provided to teaching faculty as part of syllabus preparation.
 - Faculty of Information's Commitment to the Findings and Call for Action of the Truth Reconciliation Commission document and discussed commitment to develop a new elective graduate course on Truth and Reconciliation Committees in Canada and around the world beginning in the 2017/2018 school year - this is in purview of this committee
 - A new elective on the TRC and other TRCs around the world is being created for next year
 - Supposed to be a Decanal fund of \$500 every year to support projects around the TRC such as workshops and exhibitions - anyone doing something related to the TRC or Indigenous Peoples in Canada may want to look into this for potential funding
 - Bachelor of Information program proposal is going forward to Provost's Office and seems likely to be approved. Will be looking for formal approval in Fall 2017 for admissions in Spring 2019 start date - intended to be 2 year program that students enter after second year of a general Arts and Science background
- **Committee on Standing**
 - At January 24 meeting:
 - Committee considered 12 requests for late withdrawals and/or coursework extensions
 - Committee approved 4 doctoral committees
 - Discussion of what committee approves when they approve doctoral committee
 - Nothing submitted by MMSt students
- **Tech Fund**
 - Working on referendum - voting will begin on the 13 or 14 and run until the 24.

- To promote this, MUSSA members should bring this information to their classes about the vote and what tech fund is.
- Feb 8 from 5pm-6:30pm info night will be introducing tech fund and the referendum/vote and answer questions
- Mount making workshop (funded by tech fund) will be run in May because the woman who runs it lives far away and is only available at this time.
- BIRT that MUSSA approves the TechFund Referendum
 - Information will appear on ROSI when students log in, the referendum statement is the most important part - the fee that would be charged (25\$ a semester for full time students, \$12.50 for part-time students -- used to be \$100 a year, has been cut in half) students have to approve the statement
 - Motion **approved** by MUSSA
- **Musings**
 - Great followings - approx 300 views a day (many of which are professionals)
 - We want to become a more professional blog. As of now there are no contracts for contributing writers, no editor in chief, posts are not being edited... We are hoping to work towards a more professional and formal structure for the future
 - we need a more formal standard for writers, a formal agreement for acceptable posting topics
 - Suggestions: Having an editor for each post, change the rules so that submissions had to be sent in well ahead of posting date, editorial assistant and administrative assistant position merge,
 - Anyone with suggestions contact Natania

4. Exec Updates

- Treasurer
 - We currently have \$631.66 in the bank
 - We spent \$191 at the end of first term pub night (made 117\$ on raffle) Still have to pay Maya back for AGO membership
 - 1st installment of head grant \$832 received
 - Special grant going toward the trip (will be received on Jan 31)
 - Once head grant is deposited, we will have \$1464
 - Our money goes toward the conference, end of year party, the trip to Ottawa
- Social Chair and/or Social Assistant
 - Ottawa: 3 faculty members are going (Matt Brower, Alan Sanbridge, and Dean Wendy Duff)
 - 38 people total (12 more people welcome!)
 - Bring up total price for class talks, make sure every class has a talk, be sure to point students to the website for all trip info
 - Friday at boston pizza for alumni event
 - Saturday morning options: Canadian Aviation Space Museum, Bytown Museum, or whatever you want (bus is being organized)

- End of term party: April 10 @ Hart House from 7-10pm “A Bewitching Affair” with after party at Duke of York or Bedford Academy (tbd)
- Toronto Caribbean Carnival Event February 10 @ BL 728 6pm-9pm (performers and lecturers) there will be food and fun, Caribbean student association is involved - this event is open to everyone
- GOEMP event: Friday January 27 @ Victoria Cafe 6pm
- First Year Representative
 - Board game night for MMSt students: needs more promotion for next time (social media, newsflash, etc)
 - Hoping to put on another event before end of term party
 - Promotion for MUSSA and MUSINGS for next year (role shadowing, etc)
 - Exec positions will be elected in April
- Second Year Representative
 - Peer resume review event in the works (room 417 in inforum)
 - Potentially Monday 4-6
 - Merchandise coming out within the next couple of weeks: Maya and Kate will finalize options and present to MUSSA
- Vice President
 - Conference: Call for proposals due on January 31, only 5 or 6 MMSt students presenting - promote student submissions!!
 - Elections: secretary for MISC wants to hold elections in March (tentatively the last week of March)
 - GSU: Meeting is January 31, we will be getting our grant on this day (200\$)
- President
 - Human library event (10 second year students were available)
 - Wasn't as successful as it could have been - sign up sheets for 2nd years were not distributed early enough
 - Attendance
 - If MUSSA is hosting or co-hosting an event, MUSSA members should be in attendance or inform Maya and Claudia that you can't make it.
 - Brand renewal strategy:
 - Scott Thornley Company: presented step 1 of 3 for new brand for the faculty
 - “The iSchool” is being dialed back/removed, emphasis on “Faculty of Information” and “University of Toronto”
 - Try to attend meeting for rebranding the program and voice your opinion

5. Announcements/Updates

- Space Analysis Working Group
 - 2nd group meeting:
 - Asking for more plugs, more bookable space, front lobby to be more accessible, rising tables, eating spaces, new elevators

- ANY SUGGESTIONS please email Sydney Rose, next meeting will be within the next month
- Open Announcements/Comments
 - MI workshops open to museum students
 - Cara designing a class on truth and reconciliation
 - Email professors before speaking in class
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Meeting adjourned at 5:05pm