



MUSSA January Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 9th 2018

Time: 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Location: BL 728

Meeting called to order at: 5:00 pm

In Attendance: Aurora Cacioppo, Kristen McLaughlin, Kathleen Vahey, Hannah Hadfield, Serena Ypelaar, Erica Chi, Amy Intrator, Sydney Rose, Katlyn Wooder, Susan Jama, Marlee Yule, Leore Zecharia, Charlotte Gagnier, Laetitia Dandavino-Tardif

Regrets: Evelyn Feldman, Hannah Barber, Maeghan Jerry

Committee Updates/Reports

- I. Alumni Association
 - i. The Museum Studies reps on FIAA are brainstorming potential events for current and graduated MMst students. How would we like alumni to be involved?
 - ii. Grad-itude - a lot of organization required for events, ideas include a cocktail party/networking event with alumni, opportunities to mingle (i.e. trivia night, social networking/human library, question cards on the table as conversation starters, etc)
 - iii. Suggested idea to advertise student exhibitions to Alumni for networking opportunities and ways to connect students
 - iv. Job shadowing for Mmst students is still in review
- II. Admissions Committee
 - i. Nothing to report - meeting at the end of the month
- III. Programs Committee
 - i. Nothing to report - meeting at the end of the month
- IV. Committee on Standing
 - i. Nothing to report - meeting Jan. 10/18
 - ii. iSchool conference announcement - deadline to submit proposals is Jan. 24/18
- V. Tech Fund
 - i. Hannah Barber is working on the Powertools workshop
 - ii. **To do: think about the best moments of Mmst experience for timeline**
- VI. MISC-MUSSA Liaison

- i. Evelyn sent report to Erica and Aurora of the last meeting (Dec. 15) re: voting issues and other topics
- ii. Discussed Inforum 24/7 closure and decided to create a petition for students to ensure their voices are heard
- iii. Mentioned the Doctoral students' collaboration for TRC - they are planning a January event with Lee Maracle on the power of storytelling, as well as an Indigenous Matters Speaker Series to be promoted by MUSSA for MMst students - date and time tbd
- iv. MISC will promote the iSchool faculty merchandise
 - v. Joint MISC-MUSSA events: board games night in January (social chairs will meet to finalize details), another clothing swap & possibly a MISC-MUSSA pub night with DSA

VII. Musings

- i. Musings would like to expand their audience and is open to ideas (i.e. "Hitlist": - institutions that Musings would like to contact about the blog)

Exec Updates

VIII. Treasurer

- i. Meeting with business officer of iSchool - Museums Studies only joined iSchool recently, as it was part of another faculty - Tech Fund existed before this decision and that is why Mmst students contribute in tuition costs
- ii. Tech Fund docs to be available online to know our rights
- iii. iSchool gives a budget for Mmst field trips: the budget may disappear at any point but it depends on the Dean
 - 1. Field trips are organized by Cara - MUSSA can plan to go anywhere and network but the budget must be approved by the University for insurance purposes

IX. Social Chair and/or Social Assistant

- i. **Action: Kathleen to get MUSSA reimbursement request forms**
- ii. End of semester celebration budgeted \$200 and requested additional \$60 - \$30 was spent on raffle prizes, \$253 spent on food at Duke of York - usually \$1000 spending minimum but it was waived
 - 1. \$156 made on the raffle prizes
 - 2. Victory Cafe is reopened for future venue option?
 - 3. Note: do not book future pub nights on a Friday for accessibility
- iii. Advertisement space approved by Glen Menzies for MISC-MUSSA events board on 5th floor elevator lobby

- iv. Upcoming events: Skating next week, colouring/games night, resume swap, blood drive, Women in Leadership panel, Valentine's day movie night, trip to Markham
 1. Joint events with MISC - Games Night: Jan. 25 4:00-6:30 pm, tentatively planning for a pub night on Feb. 15th and clothing swap in March
 2. Markham Trip with \$10 deposits - professional development opportunity for Mmst students
- v. Social media - posters created for social events, MUSSA members should like and share posts to reach more people
- X. First Year Representative
 - i. First year students are enjoying the social events, however they would like more professional development and networking events
- XI. Second Year Representative
 - i. Upcoming merchandise sale - leftover t-shirts, mug, and tote - new merch includes navy blue sweaters with white letters
 1. Lunchtime sales on the next couple of Tuesdays
 2. Sales will close on Jan. 26/18
 - ii. Meeting with Andrea next week to discuss iSchool merch
- XII. Vice President
 - i. UTGSU AGM attended regarding the code of dismissal policy
 - ii. Grant reimbursement confirmation will be announced around Jan. 30th
- XIII. President
 - i. **Women in Leadership** - meeting held with Cara
The only date all the museum panelists are available is Friday. Despite the Museum Environments class being held in the afternoon, holding the event at night was discouraged.
 1. Date: **Friday, Feb. 9th - 2:00-4:00 pm Inforum 417**
 2. Mentioned extending the invite to Women and Gender Studies, Archives, and other interested departments
 3. Discussed possible Facebook event for social media promotion and catered snacks (Innis College?)
 4. **Action: confirm details and update panelists before making the posters**
 - ii. Musings will mention events in upcoming articles
 - iii. Inforum hours: Aurora has an upcoming meeting, students still have 24/7 access to classrooms 116, 224/225, 313, 320, 325, 707, 728, 729, 705A as the Inforum closes
 - iv. Next MUSSA meeting will be held before the panel (early Feb. to organize details and recruit help)

Announcements/Updates

- I. Open Announcements
- II. Next MUSSA event: Wednesday, Jan 17th - Skate day (5:00 - 7:00pm)
 - those interested can meet up earlier and leave iSchool at 4:30pm

Meeting adjourned at: 5:46 pm