

Minutes

Museum Studies Graduate Student Association (MSGSA) Meeting
Wednesday, November 21, 2012 10:00-11:00 AM
Bissell Building, Room 305

Present: Caitlin Tracey-Miller, Claire MacDonald-Matthews, Samantha Haddon, Robyn Bosnyak, Lyne Allain, Desiree Fuller, Britt Holliss, Ana Marie Martins, Rola Osseiran, Lauren Williams

Absent: Jennie Fiddes, Katrina Cohen-Palacio

1. Call to Order at 10:00 AM

- Welcome

2. President's Report (Caitlin)

- Head Grant
 - Received our head cheque for the year (approximately \$600.00 with more to follow in the winter)
- Name and Logo
 - MUSSC, MUSSA, SAMS, MSSA, suggestions?
 - survey the students
- Info night for incoming students
 - More coming up throughout year, Caitlin will let us know
 - Welcome to come and talk to potential students

3. Vice-President's Report (Claire)

- Survey?
 - Opting for paper over email
 - To be handed out before Christmas
 - Going to set up a Google Doc that all MSGSA members can edit
- Should MSGSA have twitter?
 - Hashtag already exists (#mmstTO)
 - Potential to connect with other faculties

4. Secretary's Report (Lauren)

- Approval of minutes from last meeting

5. Treasurer's Report (Desiree)

- New spreadsheet including starting balance and receipts
- Latest bank statement in the cabinet upstairs
 - Claire will forward the bank statements to Desiree
 - Caitlin going to give Desiree a key for the cabinet
- Going to draft a budget for the year

6. Second Year Rep (Brittany)

- Potential student "town-hall" meeting
 - Too close to end of the term?
 - Early winter term?
 - Do we want the Dean there?

- One with students first and then taking the ideas to the staff
- As a follow up to the survey to preserve anonymity of some ideas
- Moderator? Claire has volunteered to do this
- Survey question: would you go if we had a town hall meeting?

7. First Year Rep (Robyn)

- Website Update
 - A newsfeed rather than continuous emails
 - Made *Musings* a bit more visible
 - Waiting on a MSGSA logo
 - Domain? Do we want to pay for one?
 - The MISC website is connected to the iSchool website.
 - Would we want to do this? Would require a redesign
 - Best to have our own domain with a link on the iSchool website
 - Caitlin will ask for the link on the website
- Business card service
 - Drafted order form (Name, degrees, email)
 - Cost \$55, MSGSA would keep a profit of approximately \$5
 - Rolling order? Deadline?
 - Early January deadline? For internships and job hunting
 - Two deadlines?
- Hoodies? MSGSA pays portion?
 - Try and coordinate this with MISC orders

8. Social Chair (Samantha)

- Ottawa Trip
 - Talks at the CMC and National Gallery
 - An alumni meet and greet? High tea?
 - Official news release by the 26th
 - January 12th-15th
 - Approximately \$150.00 per student for room
 - Bus paid for by the school
- End of Term Events
 - Taco Night, November 30th at 6:00 PM in the student lounge
 - Pub Night, December 6th at 8:30 PM at Harbord House
- Make posters
- Receipts
 - Bring to Desiree to be reimbursed
 - Does Desiree have signing rights?
 - Desiree to go to bank with Caitlin

9. Musings Co-Editor (Lyne)

- Policy for submissions has been written
 - Sent a draft to Matt Brower, haven't heard back yet
 - Caitlin going to ask him about it in class Thursday
 - Then going to post on the website
- Updates
 - Posting more than once a week
 - Hits: 229 September, 88 October, 250 November

- Picture of the month
 - Making people more aware of this
- Print card for MSGSA for printing materials
- Print posters for Musings

10. MISC/MSGSA Liaison (Katrina)

- Not Present
- Do we have ideas of how this position could be used?
 - Letting us know for any opportunities for collaboration
- MI students pay into MISC with their tuition
 - Would the MSGSA be interested in doing this?

11. Committee Reports:

- Executive (Caitlin)
 - Nothing to report
- Tech Fund (Jennie)
 - Tech Fund Party - success
 - Workshops - success
- GSU (Samantha)
 - Nothing to report
- Alumni Associations (Claire)
 - Meeting last night
 - Connections with museum alumni – please send any info to Claire
 - No museum representation in job shadowing or “Ask An Alum” programs
 - iSchool just launched Boundless Campaign (\$7.5 million dollars for scholarships and global museology lab, partnering with a museum for students to run)
 - If you have sent an application for a conference grant please resend as they have had issues with email
 - Going to contact people who came to the museum professionals iTea
- Admissions (Samantha)
 - Nothing to report
- Faculty Council (Caitlin and Claire)
 - Nothing to report
- Information Services (Ana)
 - Hiring freeze at the iSchool
 - Employee going on maternity leave and her position won't be replaced because of funds
 - Looking to cut funds by potential closing Sundays or opening later in the day
 - Dean believes the Inforum should be able to be left open without staff
 - Faculty members would be able to record lectures and put them on blackboard – set up by summer
 - Workshops are not providing students with the skills to make them hireable
 - Is this the Inforum's responsibility?
- Life and Times (Caitlin)
 - Professionals iTea
 - Tuesday 27th, Alumni Networking event in the Inforum 4:30-6:30
 - Winter plans
 - Mmst iTeas, exhibition showcase

- Programs (Samantha)
 - Nothing to report
- Committee on Standing (Rola)
 - Meeting January 9th

12. Vote to adjourn: 11:17