



Meeting Minutes for Executive Meeting

November 3rd 2015

1. Meeting called to order at 4:01

i. Attendance

- President, Vice President, MISC/MUSSA Liaison, Musings Representative, Treasurer, Second Year Representative, First Year Representative, Secretary, Faculty Council, Admissions Committee, Information Services Committee, Alumni Association, Life and Times, Musings, 1st & 2nd Year Tech Fund,

ii. Discussion and vote on last meeting's minutes

- Vote to approve last meeting's minutes

iii. Introduction of members not in attendance last meeting

- 2nd yr Tech Fund Rep, Vice President, and MISC/MUSSA Liaison introduced

2. Report from Executive Members

i. President & Vice President

a. GSU/PGSC

i. GSU

- Restructuring because of the ONCA and deciding how to proceed on two litigations and what to do regarding funds
- Legally have to have a board of directors, currently the GSU representatives make up their own directors

but they want a smaller board because there is liability insurance on every board member

ii. PGSC

- Professional Graduate Student Caucus, they are a forum for anyone to come to to just talk, no structure thus far
- Looking for input for graduate students and discussing representations
- Given a budget of \$1500 for the year but it is still pending approval, allows them to host professional related events and students are welcome to participate

b. Updates since last email

- Working towards the trip, confirming buses, some events in the process of being planned

c. Conference (OMA/iSchool Student)

i. OMA Conference:

- This week is the OMA conference in Windsor, students were granted free entrance to the conference
 - student do not seem to feel very encouraged to go, many professors not going
- With such high importance placed on professional student participation it feels ironic that we have been blocked from going to the conference
 - Presentations and assignments were scheduled and conflicted with conferences, something to be considered for future conferences
 - Something that MUSSA may take on for next year as it is an issue to bring to faculty council

ii. iSchool Student Conference

- There is now a committee for the conference, Claudia Palermo and Anja Hamilton are representatives
- The Dean will be meeting with the committee next week to create a business plan and theme
- Focus will be on advertising more broadly and outside of the building
 - to advertise with Alumni, etc
- Talks of doing a poster presentation and room changes from last year
- To be slotted for March

d. Alumni Reunion Night

- Thinking of having a MMSt reunion event and want to target the current students and the event would involve exhibition tour and drinks at a nearby bar (networking event)
- To be held on a Thursday night either late November or early December

ii. MISC-MUSSA Liaison

a. CRO meeting with Cara who is the new director of the program, Wendy Duff the academic advisor

- Potentially putting CRO rep on faculty board
- Currently no course for CRO that engages both sides and connects libraries and archives and museums which bring up issues because you require a student government
- CRO's will not get both of their degree read when walking the stage for convocation
 - Argue it is listed in the convocation program
- CRO program is growing, initially it has been recommended that students start in the MI side so that going into 3rd year they could do the exhibition project with cohorts they were familiar with, this suggestion is being reanalyzed

- In 3rd year full time tuition for MI and part time for MMst they are paying 1 ½ of the Tech Fund, looking at having that fee reimbursed
 - b. Elections
 - In terms of elections, 72 people that voted in the election which is down from 80 - 90 people
 - part of the problem is they neglected going to individual classrooms to remind students to vote
 - c. proposing to do a workshop with sexual education center
 - d. academic affairs
 - Filled 30 of the 40 positions class rep positions
 - Looking at how to move forward with the class reps are they serving a purpose
- iii. Social Chair - Represented by President
- a. Class trip
 - Still some empty spaces for the November 13 class trip
 - Buses are confirmed for this trip and for January trip
 - Plans for an informal pub night after the class trip
- iv. Social Assistant - Represented by President
- a. Halloween
 - Halloween event was a success
 - 4 individuals participated in ghost walk
 - b. Events in the works
 - Events such as Christmas pub night
 - Joint event is not happening between MISC and MUSSA
- v. Musings
- iTea on Wednesday November 18
 - Surpassed 90,000 views
 - At about 375 archived posts

- vi. Treasurer
 - a. Financial standing/head grants
 - Working on the head grant currently

- vii. Second year rep
 - a. Ongoing projects
 - Working on recipe book
 - b. Class Reps
 - Still lacking a couple of class representatives
 - Not very effective, what are their roles? Do we change what they do or get rid of them entirely
 - Motion to make proposals for the future of class reps, what you see them being and what you would utilise them for the next meeting
 - Motion passes

- viii. First year rep
 - a. Business cards
 - Posters for business cards about to go up
 - First orders to go through shortly
 - b. Proposed Gender neutral washroom
 - One of the men's washrooms on the upper floors will be converted to neutral washroom
 - Meeting with gender diversity office, advised to get support with students
 - c. De-Stressing Event
 - There is a de-stressing event scheduled for November the 18th to be held, potentially collaboration with iTea
 - Potential activities include adult colouring pages, board games as an alternative, show and tell option

3. Reports from Committees

- i. Programmes committee Represented by President
 - a. Theses
 - Have been approving thesis titles
 - b. Structure Changes
 - Overall structure changed, which means they can more quickly add courses and hire staff
 - c. Blackboard Course Evaluations
 - Blackboard course evaluations and making the results available to anyone with a utor id
 - Professors will be able to opt out because some students just use it as a time to vent

- ii. Committee on standing Represented by President
 - Nothing to report

- iii. Faculty council
 - a. Bylaw Issues
 - Faculty executive council to be voting on bylaw issues
 - b. Provost
 - iSchool to get a new provost for the time being
 - Dean Ross leaving at the end of the semester, next September will have a new full time dean
 - c. Truth and Reconciliation Commission
 - Participants needed to help in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report to be released in the spring
 - No other museums have responded yet

- iv. Social Committee
 - Nothing to report

- v. Admissions Committee/Information Services Committee
 - Nothing to report

- vi. Alumni Association

- a. Meet with alumni association, working with the trip and planning reunion
 - Working on getting a venue and funding some advertisers and some drinks and options to purchase food

- vii. Life and Times
 - Nov 18 Musings iTea
 - MUSSA March 9th exhibition iTea
- viii. Musings
 - Continuing to update social media outlets

- ix. 1st & 2nd Year Tech Fund
 - a. Referendum
 - Money has been returned to students because a fee levy requires a referendum every two years to renew it
 - This did not happen last year
 - Tech fund to decide how much money they want to get in the fee levy and how to spend it
 - Will work with student body for referendum
 - May bounce around ideas with students through forums
 - Working to create new statement in february, referendum in spring and results in april

4. New Business

- i. Proposals
 - status of student class reps
- ii. Things of note in the museum community
 - OMA conference
 - reading week

Meeting adjourned at 5.04 pm