

Minutes

Museum Studies Graduate Student Association (MSGSA) Meeting
Tuesday, January 22, 2013 12:00-1:00 PM
Bissell Building, Room 306

Present: Caitlin Tracey-Miller, Samantha Haddon, Robyn Bosnyak, Lyne Allain, , Ana Marie Martins, Rola Osseiran, Lauren Williams, Katrina Cohen-Palacio

Absent: Claire MacDonald-Matthews, Jennie Fiddes, Desiree Fuller, Britt Holliss

1. Call to Order at 12:00 PM

- Welcome

2. President's Report (Caitlin)

- Meetings updates
 - Going to meet with Costis about results of survey
- Conference Cheque
 - Giving a \$170 to the Graduate Student Conference
- Samantha voted in favour, Robyn seconded
- Internship Mentoring Event
 - Opting for the lounge instead of the pub – not everyone enjoys pub events
 - Next Wednesday, January 30th after iTea?
 - Going to try and promote in time to coincide with Open Mic Night
- Elections
 - Elections for next year: President, Vice President, Second-year Rep
 - Should we elect the social chair before the summer for more beginning of term events?
 - Two social chairs: 2nd year elected now, 1st elected later
 - Change constitution next year? Assistant social chair?
- Sympathy Card
 - Sending a sympathy card to a second year
 - Best way to organize? Internship Class and Exhibitions Class
- Survey chose to change our name to MUSSA
 - How should we proceed? Announcement?
 - Can't officially be MUSSA until constitution is changed next fall
 - Roll out now: change Facebook, etc.
 - Just generally letting people know until official constitution change
 - New MUSSA Email Account
 - Get an organization email an @utoronto

3. Vice-President's Report (Claire)

Absent

As per Caitlin:

- Survey showed strong interest in alumni contact list
 - Strong interest in job shadowing or mentoring
- This could be the legacy of this council
 - the next council will have to take up the cause next year as well
- How public will this contact list be?
 - getting commitment from alumni

- possibly drawing up a consent form to publish their email
- Going to get in contact with Barbara about potential alumni

4. Secretary's Report (Lauren)

Nothing to report

5. Treasurer's Report (Desiree)

Absent

As per Caitlin:

- Desiree organized an excel document for the budget and sent it to Caitlin over the break
- Second wave of Head Grant funding coming in March

6. Second Year Rep (Brittany)

Absent

7. First Year Rep (Robyn)

- MMst merchandise?
 - Cara Krmpotich expressed interest in getting Falcon Deerkings shirts for those who spoke to us on the Ottawa trip
- Two orders for business cards before the break
 - Going to send out another reminder
- Attaching MSGSA website to iSchool website
 - Caitlin is going to ask Tony about this at the same time as the email setup
- Weekly museum outing next year?
 - Setting up Behind the Scenes access
 - Doodle poll for availability?
- Going to set up a MSGSA/MUSSA twitter account
 - Do we need to wait for official email?

8. Social Chair (Samantha)

- Ottawa trip was a success
 - Going to send out a email for feedback on the trip
- Open Mic
 - Next Wednesday
 - Now only one mic available
 - Themes for upcoming open mics?
- Looking at more places for museum visits
- Is there potential for a "museum events" webpage?

9. Musings Co-Editor (Lyne)

- Museum Studies Potluck Facebook page taking over for the musings blog in an informal sense
- Call for exhibit reviews from Browers exhibition class
 - Some just sent in as is and need to be changed before going on the blog

10. MISC/MSGSA Liaison (Katrina)

- Met twice since last meeting
- No minutes posted from the December meeting

- Faculty council looking for a second person for the Programs Committee
- MISC matched the donations to the Gerstein House from the Mental Health iTea
- MISC is also trying to survey the students
 - Each academic stream causes an issue
- Looking to spend surplus on art for the student lounge
 - Pay a student for their artwork
 - Would the MSGSA be responsible for exhibiting the work
- Information Services Task Force
 - The dean appointed Sanjan (sp?), MISC accepted this although it was procedurally incorrect
 - He has turned down the position
- Employer showcase was a success
- CRO program reevaluation

11. Committee Reports:

- Executive (Caitlin)
 - Nothing to report
- Tech Fund (Jennie)
 - Absent
- GSU (Samantha)
 - GSU ad hoc committee for branding
 - Changing logo and font
 - GSU position is going to get larger soon
- Alumni Associations (Claire)
 - Absent
- Admissions (Samantha)
 - Only met one time,
 - Talked about what they are looking for in applicants
 - Jerome, new recruitment officer, looking for feedback from Mmst students
- Faculty Council (Caitlin and Claire)
 - Presented museum studies report at last meeting
- Information Services (Ana)
 - Was not in attendance at last meeting – no minutes available yet
- Life and Times (Caitlin)
 - No meeting yet
 - Exhibition showcase iTea this semester in late March
 - Mental health itea was a success
 - Looking at potential creating a mental health support group or “distress group”
- Programs (Samantha)
 - Not a lot of focus on MMst
 - MI creating program outcomes – individual classes have to connect to these greater learning outcomes
- Committee on Standing (Rola)
 - Confidential in nature – nothing to report
 - Committee always gives the students the benefit of the doubt
- Evaluating the Survey: Thoughts and next steps
 - Course suggestions: more education and programming courses
 - Organizing lectures to supplement course offerings
 - Job shadowing and alumni lists had a strong representation

- Shout out in classes to let people know of the availability of MSGSA to the general student population
- Monthly email from the MSGSA?
- Practical workshops
 - Conservation
 - Talk about this in the meeting with Costis
- More networking opportunities
- Town Hall Meeting moderated by Claire and Brittany

12. Vote to adjourn at 1:26 PM