

Minutes

Museum Studies Graduate Student Association (MSGSA) Meeting
Wednesday, March 6, 2013 12:00-1:00 PM
Bissell Building, Room 305

Present: Caitlin Tracey-Miller, Claire MacDonald-Matthews, Samantha Haddon, Lyne Allain, Desiree Fuller, Britt Holliss, Jennie Fiddes, Katrina Cohen-Palacio, Lauren Williams

Absent: Ana Marie Martins, Rola Osseiran, Robyn Bosnyak

1. Call to Order at 12:05 PM

- Welcome

2. President's Report (Caitlin)

- Internship event
 - Some attended but not a great turn out
- Upcoming elections for next year's council
 - Plan to line up with MISC's election
 - Do we want to elect a social chair now?
- Name change to MUSSA
 - Logo design competition
 - Using twitter/email/Facebook
 - Who will decide who wins?
 - Voting table in the Inforum
 - Potential Facebook poll?
 - Prize: Falcon Deerking shirt
 - Check with Robyn about ordering/size
 - Asking entrants to email image?
- Tech Fund Referendum
 - Student fees for the Tech Fund are up for renewal
 - MSGSA is not allowed to have a "stand" on the issue
 - We can set up/promote the vote
 - Having the vote in tandem with council electing?
 - Email PDF file about what the Tech Fund is and what it does

3. Vice-President's Report (Claire)

- Committee-shadowing for first years interested in council positions next year
- Approach Caitlin/Claire if interested

- Follow up to the survey – is anyone willing to take-on planning a town hall meeting?
- Attained a list of all MMSSt graduates since the 1970s

4. Secretary's Report (Lauren)

- Nothing to report

5. Treasurer's Report (Desiree)

- Passed around hard-copy account statement
 - More accurate than bank
 - Includes the cost of mentor event and conference cheque

6. Second Year Rep (Brittany)

- Costis has seen the survey and is aware of the issues
- Should we make the survey document available to the rest of the students?
 - Discussed the best way to distribute this without making it publically available
 - Send out an email asking anyone interested to email Caitlin

7. First Year Rep (Robyn)

- Working at the Merchandise table

8. Social Chair (Samantha)

- Games night last month
 - Successful, approximately 12 attended
 - Do we want to do another night like this?
 - Busy month for everyone, not necessary
- Montreal museum studies students visiting the weekend of March 16th
 - Want to plan a dinner
 - Pizza in the student lounge? Early in the evening
 - Sam will email them to suggest this
 - Can we split the cost?
 - Book the student lounge
 - This will serve as the end of the year party

9. Musings Co-Editor (Lyne)

- Potential for a Musings committee next year?
- Continue emailing museum events to Musings
- Starting a Musing Facebook page
- Page hits fluctuate on a month-to-month basis

10. MISC/MSGSA Liaison (Katrina)

- MISC is going to do a student survey of their program and will be basing it on our survey
- Let Katrina know of anything we would have done differently

11. Committee Reports:

Executive (Caitlin)

- Nothing to report
- Tech Fund (Jennie)
 - Ivan got a new job (he had previously purchased everything for the Tech Fund) so Tech Fund has been unable to buy anything for a long time
- Planning a puppy party for March 28th
- Buying new computers to replace netbooks
- Mount-making class by a friend of Cara Krmpotich's
 - Willing to do it for airfare
 - Cara has volunteered to host her
 - When is a good time to do this?
 - We should wait for next year?
 - Early fall next year so it can be of benefit to second years before they do their exhibition project

GSU (Samantha)

- Nothing to report

Alumni Associations (Claire)

- Museum studies committee on the Alumni committee now
 - Just formed so nothing has been done yet
- Job shadowing
 - Only one opportunity and is in Ottawa
 - This is still good progress
 - People have to volunteer to take people on
 - We have to put the word out there

Admissions (Samantha)

- Last meeting was in December

Faculty Council (Caitlin and Claire)

- Any first years who would like to know more about the council ask Caitlin or Claire

Information Services (Ana)

- Task Force is having listening sessions in the Inforum

Life and Times (Caitlin)

- Tech Fund decided not to do iTea because of listening sessions
- End of year iTea
 - Presentation of UTAC Dean's award

Programs (Samantha)

- Missed February Meeting
- Mostly concerned MI as the new streams are being introduced

Committee on Standing (Rola)

- Absent

12. Vote to adjourn: 12:52