

MUSEUM STUDIES STUDENT ASSOCIATION

April Meeting Minutes

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1) Welcome

In attendance: Nicole Ritchie; Alex Jeffrey; Jaime Clifton-Ross; Cady Moyer; Madeline Smolarz, Katrina Cohen-Palacios, Jordan-Na Belle-Isle, Sarah Spotowski, Yara Seredin, Leah Moncada

Regrets: Jessica Lin-Zhang; Alex Somerville; Haleigh Fox; Allison Morey; Sanja Ljaskevic; Lily Jackson

Guests: Dylan Dammermann; Nikita Johnston; Michelle Johnson; Sarah Anderson

2) Executive Reports

a) President (Nicole)

- **Nomination/Elections:** Welcome new council, positions running from April 15, 2015 to April 14, 2016:

President: Dylan Dammermann

Vice President & GSU Representative: Sanja Ljaskevic

Social Chair: Leah Moncada

Second Year Representative: Sarah Spotowski

Musings Editor-in-Chief: Madeline Smolarz

MISC/MUSSA Liaison: Nikita Johnston

Admissions Committee Rep: Rebecca Frerotte

Alumni Association Rep: Nikita Johnston

Information Services Rep: Michelle Johnson

Life and Times Committee Rep: Anya Baker

Programs Committee Rep: Sarah Anderson

Committee on Standing Rep: Annissa Malvoisin

Tech Fund Rep (2nd year): Yara Seredin

The positions of 1st Year Rep, Secretary, Treasurer, Tech Fund Rep (1st year), and Musings Administrator will be elected in September.

As per MUSSA's constitution, we will be modifying the bank signing authorities at RBC on Monday April 13 – removing Nicole Ritchie (2014/15 President), Lily Jackson (2014/15 VP), and Nefret Salzberg (2014/15 Treasurer), and replacing the signing authorities with Dylan Dammermann (2015/16 President) and Sanja Ljaskevic (2015/16 VP) – the new treasurer

will be added in September.

There is also a transition meeting between the former and the new President and VP occurring Monday, so everything will be passed over by this Tuesday, April 14th.

Feel free to contact Nicole or Lily at any point this summer or next year (we will be around) for questions, also don't hesitate to email the person formerly in your position right now for a transition report.

- Budget: latest version on website asap; sorting out two minor details – have \$222 approx for next year's council, which is a few dollars less than our starting float this year
- Student Survey:
 - Lily and Nicole met with Costis on Monday – was very receptive; made several comments about the language/format of the report, such as negative connotations or more effective indexing/calculating of quantitative data; suggested adding a question about course calendar descriptions vs actual course content
 - Class reps: he said that the faculty would be okay if we modified this system to suit MMSt students better – so Lily and Nicole are suggesting that next year's council potentially change to constitution so that class reps are removed and that 1st/2nd year rep are go-to people for supporting students through class issues – or another MUSSA member who is in the class can assist
 - Otherwise, Costis is sharing it with the faculty, and we discussed core highlights from each section, such as related to thesis/exhibition, MMSt community, class sizes, course offerings
 - Any questions about the report?
 - suggestion: use SurveyMonkey instead of Google in the future?
- Strike: now over – but note for future council, the DSA may contact you in regards to communicating how the strike went and its nuances with MMSt students
- CRO Letter of Support – published
- Committee reps: have notified the faculty; don't usually meet in the summer though; class schedules in fall sometimes conflict and positions need to be dropped and re-acclaimed; archive all materials on Google Drive
- fobs: all executives will have access to the MUSSA office by next week; mail box and cashbox keys are being transferred to the President and VP; google drive for

archiving activities; bios can be added to the website

b) Vice-President (Lily) – absent

c) Social Chair (Alexander) – absent

d) 2nd Year Rep (Alexandra)

- End of the Year Party (pre-paid for 80 drink tickets, \$4 each = \$320 (had fundraised \$234 plus \$150 from MUSSA= \$383.90 total, not used though; how many prepicked up? (~60)

- information about merchandise and other events is in the google drive

e) 1st Year Rep (Sarah) – nothing to report

f) Treasurer (Nefret) - absent

g) Secretary (Yara) – nothing to report

h) *Musings* Editor-in-Chief (Jaime)

- transitional stuff done, passwords etc.

i) MISC-MUSSA Liaison (Haleigh) - absent

3) Committee Reports

a) Faculty Council (Nicole) – missed last meeting due to strike; typically one in June approx.; Dylan will need to submit a report – can reference previous ones, including announcing the new council

b) Graduate Students Union (Lily) – nothing to report

c) Admissions Committee (Allison) – absent; Meet & Greet for prospective students on April 25th

d) Alumni Association Committee (Katrina) – grants for conferences ended on 27th, will be announced shortly

e) Information Services Committee (Jessica) – absent

f) Life & Times Committee (Cady) – attracted more people to fewer events; reduced number of iTeas again next year

- g) Programs Committee (Leah) – haven't met, meeting in early May, confirming if the co-op will go in through September; changing policy of having a certain number of marks back; Costis proposing his changes to the thesis stream**
- h) Committee on Standing (Sanja) – absent; nothing to report**
- i) Tech Fund (Jordan-na & Madeline) – transitional meeting next week**

4) Other business

- Suggestions for Council 2015/16:**
 - Class rep changes**
 - Musings Administrator: needs to be fixed, such as for a 1st year to be voted in in the Fall**
 - Business cards: not so popular**
- Q&A for new council members & tour of MUSSA office**