

MUSEUM STUDIES STUDENT ASSOCIATION



February Meeting Agenda

February 13, 2015 5 PM BL307

In attendance: Nicole Ritchie, Madeline Smolarz, Alexander Somerville, Nefret Salzberg, Yara Seredin, Sanja Ljaskevic, Sarah Spotowski, Jordan-Na Belle-Isle, Leah Moncada, Allison Morey

Regrets: Alexandra Jeffrey, Lily Jackson, Jessica Zhang, Jaime Clifton-Ross, Cady Moyer, Katrina Cohen-Palacios, Haleigh Fox

1) Welcome

2) Executive Reports

a) President (Nicole)

- New Program's Committee Rep
- Student Survey
 - possibility of using Google Surveys or SurveyMonkey
 - paper copies? (explore)
 - ask for class time – talk to Matt Brower
 - try to shorten the survey
 - alter questions about work and volunteering
 - delete 10 & 11, 5 & 6?
 - question 24 – diversity question is misleading, delete
 - professional experience question – experience can be gained through other means (classes, etc.) rather than just internships, alter question

- 25 – remove job shadowing question
- will email Katrina and Haleigh about CRO-specific questions
- final draft going out soon
- add preamble to survey letting survey-takers know that their answers will be made available (anonymously) to faculty
- thesis-related questions: there is a lack of awareness of the thesis option – question about choice to do a thesis or exhibition and why?
- Potential strike
 - affects anyone with a professor who is not tenured
- Reminder about conference!!
- Musings Cheque

b) Vice-President (Lily) – in absentia

- nothing to report

c) Social Chair (Alexander)

- Class Trip report
 - Trip was great, nothing else to report on the survey
- End of Term Party (discuss drink tickets)
 - Dr. Brower said that he would book Campbell House for April 2nd – will follow up, then contact caterer etc.
 - Drink tickets: \$234 profit from mugs = 46 drink tickets at \$5 apiece – not enough? Possibly allocate other money for party
 - Vote on using \$150 on more drink tickets: passes unanimously
 - will figure out how to pre-organize drink tickets with catering, then follow up at next meeting in early March

d) 2nd Year Rep (Alexandra) – in absentia

- Class Reps – done save for Digital Heritage and Internship – Yara will ask if anyone wants to be the rep on the Monday after reading week

e) 1st Year Rep (Sarah)

- Archery tag: issues with legality; \$25 per person, can accommodate up to 20 people at a time
 - Vote on archery tag: passes unanimously
 - March 13th?

f) Treasurer (Nefret)

- cheques available now – we apparently pay for them as we use them, \$2 each time

g) Secretary (Yara)

- nothing to report

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

- nothing to report

i) MISC-MUSSA Liaison (Haleigh) – in absentia

- Nothing to report

3) Committee Reports

a) Faculty Council (Nicole)

b) Graduate Students Union (Lily) – in absentia

c) Admissions Committee (Allison)

- a. Creating a quiz for incoming students for which exhibition project you'd want to do, BuzzFeed style quiz
- d) Alumni Association Committee (Katrina) – in absentia
 - a. Nothing to report
- e) Information Services Committee (Jessica) – in absentia
 - a. Nothing to report
- f) Life & Times Committee (Cady) – in absentia
 - a. Asking about last iTea, April 1st
 - i. Celebratory tone
 - ii. April Fools! – fun food, food that looks like something else – creative use of Cornify
- g) Programs Committee (Leah)
 - a. Nothing discussed to do with MMSt, all MI
 - b. Want to add a co-op stream that would involve two full terms added – 6 terms in two years – cannot start or end on a co-op semester – paid co-ops
 - c. Restructured thesis – changed research methods to a half research methods, half reading course, with the actual thesis, same length
- h) Committee on Standing (Sanja)
 - a. Nothing to report
- i) Tech Fund (Jordan-na & Madeline)
 - a. Bought new Canon camera lens to go with equipment, supported AIS workshops through tech fund, rescheduled mountmaking workshop

- b. Softboxes and tripod – request from Zoe
- c. Zoe looking to do a short Photoshop workshop in March

4) Other business

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm