

# MUSEUM STUDIES STUDENT ASSOCIATION



## January Meeting Agenda

January 13, 2015 4 PM BL307

**In attendance:** Nicole Ritchie, Yara Seredin, Nefret Salzberg, Madeline Smolarz, Sarah Spotowski, Sanja Ljaskevic, Alexandra Jeffery, Lily Jackson, Alexander Somerville, Jessica Zhang, Allison Morey

**Regrets:** Jaime Clifton-Ross, Katrina Cohen-Palacios, Jordan-na Belle-Isle, Cady Moyer, Haleigh Fox

### 1) Welcome

### 2) Executive Reports

#### a) President (Nicole)

- Faculty Council Rep
- Programs Committee Rep
  - looking for a replacement for Kristen – TBA, will send an e-mail out to MUSSA
  - Nominations – March 20<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>; elections – March 30<sup>th</sup>- April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Student Survey
  - will send out draft of questions by Feb. meeting, send out to student body by March
- Conference Cheque; Musings Cheque
  - deposited
- Trip: debit card; gift for Cara

- will get Alex the debit card for the pizza
- set aside \$20 for a gift for Cara, to buy in Ottawa
- Class Reps
  - e-mail sent out with class reps for the semester

**b) Vice-President (Lily)**

- applied for two grants via GSU – special grant for MUSSA (\$200 for next year’s class trio); \$600 conference grant, both approved by GSU
- application process will be simplified for next year

**c) Social Chair (Alexander)**

- Ottawa trip – everything in order
- no concrete plans for events this semester: suggestions accepted
- next event planned – end of semester trip, Campbell House
- MISC have invited us on Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> to a game night

**d) 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Rep (Alexandra)**

- nothing to report; class reps will probably be done soon
- suggestion of replacing class rep system; student survey question

**e) 1<sup>st</sup> Year Rep (Sarah)**

- nothing to report

**f) Treasurer (Nefret)**

- officially receiving paper bank statements
- good financial health

**g) Secretary (Yara)**

- nothing to report

h) *Musings* Editor-in-Chief (Jaime)-absent; Meaghan Dalby (Administrator) attending

- planning a party in February, similar to launch party to celebrate the blog (Valentines Day party)
- took a break over the holidays; low viewership this week but other than that everything seems in order

i) MISC-MUSSA Liaison (Haleigh)

- nothing to report

### 3) Committee Reports

a) Faculty Council (Nicole)

- a. Nothing to report

b) Graduate Students Union (Lily)

- a. GSU litigation with Canadian Federation of Students – settled, as part of the settlement the GSU was allowed to have the referendum; needed a certain quorum to be met for the results to be valid, missed by 6 people despite supermajority voting to defederate from CFS – GSU continuing litigation

c) Admissions Committee (Allison)

- a. Ontario has decided that people can be accepted to university and reserve their spot without paying – how can we keep prospective students interested in coming to our program?
  - i. Suggestion: promote exhibitions worked on by our students, start mentor-mentee relationship earlier
  - ii. Entry survey for new students? (quiz: which exhibition project should you see based on your interests)
  - iii. Discussion of calling new students, figuring out why

people chose not to attend after being accepted, etc.

- d) Alumni Association Committee (Katrina) – absent
  - a. Drafting a letter in response to the inforum changes
  
- e) Information Services Committee (Jessica)
  - a. Update for November meeting: leftover stacks in the Inforum that needed to be taken care of
  - b. Down to two people at IT to support faculty issues
  - c. Report for expired warranties on technology, operating without a system technician, etc.
  
- f) Life & Times Committee (Cady) – absent
  - a. First iTea – tomorrow at 4 just after the class trip leaves; gift exchange
  - b. Other iTeas – March 11<sup>th</sup> (roving iTea), April 1<sup>st</sup> (end of term)
  - c. Goal is to make the iSchool a nicer place to be, not just iTeas – suggestions for next year are welcome
  
- g) Programs Committee (VACANT)
  - a. Nothing to report
  
- h) Committee on Standing (Sanja)
  - a. Nothing to report
  
- i) Tech Fund (Jordan-na - absent & Madeline)
  - a. Speed dating event went well, good feedback; ideas in Google doc
  - b. Ideas party will be discussed further in Feb. meeting
  - c. Mount-making workshop is very popular, long waiting list
  - d. Tech fund fee – wanted to lower it, will look into logistics

- e. Updating our website and Facebook
- f. Tech suggestions: Adobe Creative Cloud, code workshops, cameras (possible next purchase for the inforum)

#### 4) Other business

Last call for papers issued by iSchool student conference – new deadline until the 19th

#### 5. Adjournment at 4:55