



MUSEUM STUDIES STUDENT ASSOCIATION

October Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2014 4-5:30 PM BL307



In attendance: Nicole Ritchie, Yara Seredin, Katrina Cohen-Palacios, Lily Jackson, Cady Moyer, Nefret Salzberg, Sanja Ljaskevic, Madeline Smolarz, Alexander Somerville, Jordan-na Belle-Isle, Alexandra Jeffery, Sarah Spotowski, Jaime Clifton-Ross

Regrets: Haileigh Fox, Kristen Atkins, Allison Morey, Jessica Zhang

1) Welcome and Introductions

2) Executive Reports

a) President (Nicole)

- Committee documents – google doc?

b) Vice-President (Lily)

- Student referendum (GSU)

c) Social Chair (Alexander)

- Halloween: FNL event - mingling outside, hopefully getting tickets
- November: Movie night (The Imitation Game)
- End-of-Term Party: Victory Cafe, December 9th, 8PM
- Class Trip – the dean will be in attendance (alumni program Friday night); there's issues with the bus being more expensive than anticipated, and we may have to get a new transportation provider; up to 43 seats already reserved on the bus, nearing capacity but will open to MI students
- End of the Year Party - can be held on April 1st or 13th
 - motion to try to merge the party with the exhibitions party rather than set a date before we know when the exhibitions party is
 - Passes
- Social Committee: Bake sale fundraising discussed - not ruling out, but risky - possible if needed for Ottawa trip transportation funding

d) 2nd Year Rep (Alexandra)

- Merchandise: It's not possible to use university money to buy alcohol for social functions, but we can use MUSSA money from selling merchandise
- vote: no t-shirts (not successful) - instead, mugs with museum Snapchats on them (\$10.50 each, priced at \$16-\$17 - will give us enough of a profit)
- There can be no overt referencing of alcohol in the advertising for the

fundraiser

e) 1st Year Rep (Sarah)

- A second order was received for business cards

f) Treasurer (Nefret)

- Hasn't figured out what the issue is with the invoices not getting to the mail centre. There might be a problem with there being an error in the address (addressed to "MIST")? Nefret is looking into online statements as an option to fix this if talking to the bank doesn't help.

g) Secretary (Yara)

- nothing to report

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

- The launch party was successful for *Musings*, looking forward to V-day party.
- Everything is in order and on schedule with the new team members etc., and the social media team taking care of Twitter & Facebook
 - recently retweeted by the ROM and other Toronto museums
 - 37K pageviews last year, will be up to 200 blog posts by the end of the year, about 100 pageviews/day
 - planning on adding history and mission to the about page

i) MISC-MUSSA Liaison (Haileigh) (in absentia)

- Discussed the prospective department trial of a co-op program including a paid internship - ~30 students
 - Issues include: no discussion of MMST or CRO, as the trial period only applies to MI students.
 - not a course, but an additional year's worth of work, and an alternate option to the exhibition project or thesis.
 - the criteria is unclear for choosing students for it because it hasn't been decided yet.

3) Committee Reports

a) Faculty Council (Nicole & Lily)

- Nothing to report.

b) Graduate Students Union (Lily)

- Discussed the upcoming student referendum in November to vote on whether or not to defederate from Canadian Federation of Students.

c) Admissions Committee (Allison)

- Everything went well at the recent info session.

- d) **Alumni Association Committee (Katrina)**
 - There was a disappointing turnout for the recent Alumstars event.
 - Conference research grants are now open, deadline: Nov. 28th, \$500 grants.

- e) **Information Services Committee (Jessica)**
 - There are new people on the committee.
 - New labs to be installed on the 5th floor of Bissell (Inforum) = problem of figuring out where to move stacks. Clarification is needed on who is responsible for what.
 - 6 new Macs and 6 new Dells were purchased.
 - Talk of renovating BL312 & 320, eventually.
 - Semaphore lab to be moved?

- f) **Life & Times Committee (Cady)**
 - Wed, Oct. 29th: Halloween iTea
 - end of term iTea, then a post-holiday iTea (unwanted gift exchange)

- g) **Programs Committee (Kristen)**
 - Nothing to report

- h) **Committee on Standing (Sanja)**
 - Co-op option discussed earlier in meeting, otherwise nothing to report.

- i) **Tech Fund (Jordan-na & Madeline)**
 - event: “speed dating” with technology provided by Tech Fund - date TBA, November, week of the 10th
 - mount-making workshop fully funded by tech fund - end of January
 - There’s a large surplus of money in the tech fund - motion to lessen money put into tech fund by students (currently \$50 per student) - also to redirect money that goes to MISC from MUSSA students to actually go to MUSSA instead
 - motion to halve that money - propose in referendum?
 - Jan or Feb - ideas party for what tech fund should buy

4) Other business: nothing to report

5) Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM