



MUSSA October Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2016
Location: BL 728

Meeting called to order at 1.03pm

Regrets: Curtis Frederick, Danielle Rutkowski

In Attendance: Maya, Claudia, Kelly, Natania, Erika, Anja, Sydney, Alice, Taryn, Dana, Kathleen, Aurora, Kristen, Kate, Tabitha, Dylan

1. Meeting CTO
 - a. Approval of Agenda
 - b. Motion approved
2. New Council
 - a. Welcome to new members
 - i. Introductions
 - ii. Contact info for new members
 1. Still missing some information, please update if you haven't yet
 - iii. Google drive
 1. Members will be given access to appropriate folders
 2. When adding documents to the drive be sure to do it in an organized manner
 - iv. Descriptions of roles and questions
 1. Business cards initiative has been removed from constitution at the AGM
 2. All representatives will be asked to attend GSU or iSchool Committees and/or meetings if official representative cannot attend
 - b. Introducing MUSSA
 - i. What we do
 1. Represent student body, be available and open to students, attend events, support school events, be present and part of the faculty, fundraising, support different happenings at the iSchool, and more
 - ii. Events and trips

1. Low key events because of lower budget, but we want more participation in the events that we do
 2. Often latch on to larger events and go together to encourage program bonding and professional development
 3. Pub nights
 4. Conference
 5. Trip: Ottawa
- iii. Professional Development
1. Work with MISC, PhD student council, liaison between faculty and MMSt students
 2. One main professional development event: Human Library
 - a. Sharing internship experiences between first and second year students
 - b. Thinking of expanding this initiative by inviting internship hosts and alumni
 3. January event with Alumni Association with representatives from the field
- iv. Question:
1. Are updates posted/sent out on social media after our events?
 - a. No, but this is possible, open to allowing someone to send these out

3. Committee Reports

- a. Admissions Committee - Erika Robertson
 - i. Call for volunteers from Christine Chan for info days
- b. Alumni Association - Anja Hamilton
 - i. Informed mag for alumni came out - it has information for MMSt students (internships, etc)
 - ii. Inforum launch was successful (Oct 18)
 - iii. Ottawa trip will include alumni meeting, more information to follow
 - iv. MMSt alumni column will be shared - Kate will contact Jenna about sharing this
 - v. Points for next meeting: recent grads have not been getting communications from the iSchool, so they did not know about the launch - this has to be fixed!
- c. Musings - Natania Sherman
 - i. Recruited new writers in week 1 of class
 - ii. Began posting on September 19 (week 2 of class)
 - iii. 23 contributing authors - first years outnumbering second years
 - iv. 4 new columns including Toronto Stories
 - v. Daily social media postings, great engagement from museum professionals
- d. Programs Committee - Anja Hamilton as proxy for Curtis Frederick
 - i. Approved special topics doctoral course
 - ii. 2 MI courses renamed
 - iii. Matt suggested word limit for masters students' theses

- iv. Matt suggested policy for group assignments making up more than 40%
 - 1. Hoping to implement student feedback during course or a way to bring up these issues formally throughout the semester to create accountability
- e. Tech Fund - Alice Norton-Bell
 - 1. Don't typically get a lot of requests from MMSt students, we need this to change. There is a lot of money from Tech Fund and it wants to be spent!
 - a. Things to request: anything that reflects the mandate, example: museum oriented technology, workshops, etc.
 - b. Can be submitted via MUSSA website under Tech Fund
 - 2. Decommission and dispose of old macbooks was suggested to be used in Studio 307
 - 3. New position at the inforum
 - 4. Approved allocation of \$2776 equipment fund
 - 5. \$1200 to Inforum meditation technology
 - 6. As of today, 12 new laptops at the inforum (6 Dell, 6 Macbook)
 - ii. Approval of Tech Fund By-Laws
 - 1. Motion approved
 - iii. Approval of Tech Fund staff position
 - 1. Motion approved
- 4. Exec Updates
 - a. Merchandise - Kate Sealy
 - i. What kind of merch do we want to sell?
 - 1. Black or white of the following:
 - a. Mugs
 - b. Men's T-shirts
 - c. Women's v neck
 - d. Crew neck sweaters
 - ii. Designs
 - 1. Second year "class of 2017"
 - 2. Brenna's submission
 - 3. Other submissions accepted until October 31
 - 4. Snapchat memes on mugs
 - b. Faculty Council Meeting - Claudia Palermo
 - i. Inforum mag: coming out soon
 - ii. iRelax at the inforum now open
 - iii. Info day: call for volunteers
 - c. Trips - Kelly MacKenzie
 - i. Second reading week Feb 22-25
 - ii. Up to 50 people
 - iii. Hotel: Hampton by Hilton (under \$200 a night)

- iv. One full day at Canadian Museum of History is sending itinerary (Canada Hall included!)
 - v. One full day at National Gallery is sending planned itinerary
 - vi. In the works: Saturday: small groups sent to smaller museums in Ottawa
 - vii. Info session for interested students will occur after itineraries are confirmed
 - viii. There will be a Pub Night with alumni while in Ottawa
 - ix. Upon sign up:
 - 1. Immediate 20\$ fee for bus
 - 2. You are responsible for your own hotel expenses (it will be shared with your hotel roommates)
 - 3. You are responsible for your own Food
- d. Caribbean Carnival - Maya Donkers
- i. Margo and Roger from Toronto Caribbean Carnival want to collaborate with us to put on an event to celebrate arts, culture, dance, and costumes of the Caribbean
 - ii. We can not contribute financially, but we would contribute space (BL 728)
 - iii. February 6-8:30 performances and reception afterwards with light food
 - 1. Historian, lecturer, dance, etc organized by TCC reps
 - 2. All promotion by us
 - a. we can collaborate with Caribbean association at U of T and other student groups
 - b. Marketing information will be sent to us in November
5. Announcements
- a. Working Group
 - i. We need one representative from MUSSA to sit on the working group
 - ii. 1-2 meetings per month for Fall and Winter semesters
 - iii. Working group is responsible for developing a plan to revitalize the Bissell Building
 - iv. Questions about meeting times and other information will be asked via email and answers will be forwarded to MUSSA
6. Other Biz
- a. Student Night at the Power Plant recap
 - i. No students showed up at the iSchool
 - ii. Is it worth it to meet up beforehand or at future events?? We think probably not
 - iii. Would have liked to see it busier with and for our own students, it was a great opportunity for networking
 - b. ROM Halloween event
 - i. Going to change event info - not going to meet at the school first
 - ii. Potential idea for future MUSSA events: give phone number of member at event for other students to meet up with

Meeting adjourned at 1.58pm