

Library and Archival Studies Student Association

2014-2015 School Year Meeting #5

Date: October 9, 2014

Time: 12:00

Location: SUB 213

In attendance:

Kelsey Ockert (MLIS Co-President)

Sarah Giesbrecht (MAS Co-President)

Nicole Askin (Secretary)

Michael Wynne (Treasurer)

Matthew Murray (Webmaster)

Rachel Balko (MACL Representative)

Nichole DeMichelis (MLIS First-Year Representative)

Maggie Hunter (MAS First-Year Representative)

Abeer Siddiqui (AMS Representative)

Cathryn Crocker (MAS Member-at-Large)

Pascal Canucci

Jason Martin

Regrets (Excused):

Mitchell Meler (GSS Representative)

Maria Paraschos (AMS Proxy)

Monica Swamiraj (Events Coordinator)

Adena Brons (Dual Member-at-Large)

Inti Dewey (GSS Representative)

Absent:

Alamir Novin (PhD Representative)

Meeting called to order by Kelsey at 12:00.

- 1. Motion to approve minutes** with two minor revisions put forward by Matthew, seconded by Maggie, passed with no opposition.

- 2. Events**

- A. Movie Night:** Sarah reports 13 enthusiastic attendees at movie night, with potential for possible future collaborations with ACA. Michael had raised a concern over listserv about copyright; Sarah reports that the viewing is justifiable as educational. Matthew has created a Google form for suggestions for future viewings. The Trail Room was a decent venue, although there was a problem closing the blinds (to be coordinated with Peter in future); the SUB is a possibility but would likely decrease attendance.

- B. Halloween Party.** Thea's Lounge has been reserved for October 31 beginning at 7 pm. Sarah is pursuing a serving license, and Bobbie's partner has agreed to bartend. The party will begin at 7:30 and end around 11 pm. Licensing requirements mandate paper invitations (to be distributed to mailboxes by Monica), tracking numbers (75 max, mostly students), IDing attendees (need door volunteer). Transportation modes may also be tracked. Nichole suggests costumes be made mandatory, and foisted upon underdressed attendees, with prizes for best costume. Matthew proposes the *Atmosphere* video game as an activity, along with potential other games. Nichole proposes using internet radio for music, although an iPod should be provided as backup given

Matthew's concerns about WiFi quality at the venue. Alcohol will be free, with more beer than wine and no hard liquor. Kelsey and Monica will be shopping for non-alcoholic drinks and some snacks, although attendees will be encouraged to supply food. Decorations are in SLAIS: Kelsey will organize a decorating team and solicits donations and assistants. Michael proposes a cost estimate before the event, including a decoration inventory.

- C. **Bake Sale:** a bake sale fundraiser will occur next Wednesday; a Google Doc will be posted to organize shifts. Nichole raises the issue of baking costs, which can be mitigated with a potential suggested minimum donation.
3. **ALA Accreditation.** SLAIS' report to ALA was due on October 1. Caroline, Luanne, and Associate Dean of Arts Mary Lynn will be travelling to the US in November to present their proposal to ALA, but SLAIS is not making the full proposal public at this time. The expected outcome is a required one-credit capstone (picked from among several options) and a final reflective paper, to be instituted for both MAS and MLIS for subsequent cohorts (current cohorts are grandfathered). Caroline and Luanne had planned an open discussion session but have now pushed this to after the ALA visit, perhaps coinciding with the Director's Forum. Kelsey will draft an email to disseminate this information to students.
4. **Reports:**
- A. **Treasury:** Kelsey, Sarah, and Michael will be meeting tomorrow morning to discuss finances. Nichole has purchased a print card for LASSA; reimbursement is pending. Michael will hopefully be gaining official treasurer status in the next couple of weeks, at which time his MLIS Member at Large position will revert to Chris.
 - B. **GSS:** Maria will be officially taking over from Inti as GSS representative.
 - C. **AMS:** the completion of the new SUB has been delayed and is now provisionally expected to open February 23. UBC is now considering a 10% increase to international tuition and a 20% increase to 8-month housing costs. LASSA needs to publicize this issue to students as there is only a 30-day consultation period and the university intends to argue that lack of response equates to consent. The university has not declared where the new funds will be spent. Two town halls with students are planned, but AMS objects to UBC's plans.
5. **Clubs**
- A. **AMALA:** The Arts and Music Archivists and Librarians Association requests recognition as a LASSA subgroup. They have an executive and a faculty liaison already determined, and submit their constitution for LASSA's consideration. Matthew will add their website to the Weebly list, and Kelsey offers other support. Nicole will provide Kelsey with digital copies of the constitution and executive list. Matthew moves to recognize the group, passed with no opposition.
 - B. **Leaders Meeting:** Kelsey will be convening a meeting for all club leaders next Tuesday from 12 to 1 in the Trail Room. Issues discussed will include policies, rules, and potential collaborations. This will likely be the only such meeting for the year unless new groups form next semester – there is potential interest in rebooting the Progressive Librarian's Guild.
6. **Other business**
- A. Kelsey sent the Guide out to the listserv, next plans to send out a list of favourite blogs in Google Doc form
 - B. Kelsey wants to meet to discuss the structure of the Director's Forum for November 13.
 - C. Kelsey will discuss with Mary the timing of the Arts Review meetings as the current plan, as Matthew points out, is incompatible with student schedules
 - D. Nichole verifies the wellness of the cochairs and encourages them to delegate.
7. **Census:** Nichole plans to formulate a census to query student interests and the relation of coursework to said interests. Kelsey proposes a speed-dating event on research topics. Matthew suggests having professors inform students about their own research at such an event. Nichole will provide a Google Doc rough draft of her proposed survey. Nicole points out that SurveyMonkey cannot be used. Matthew

reiterates that 100% participation is unfeasible and raises the need to prevent multiple submissions. Kelsey notes that not all students are on the listserv or aware of their mailboxes; Abeer will raise the latter point with a first-year core class. Kelsey will discuss with Mary the possibility of distributing surveys through SLAIS email, although as Rachel notes previous mass emails from SLAIS resulted in so many complaints that they have now gone too far in reducing communication. Sarah notes complaints about student inability to unsubscribe from listservs; Matthew responds that they should be able to do so independently if they are suited to the information professions. Kelsey mentions that she has had offers from non-executives about assisting with the survey. Nichole concludes that despite concerns she will endeavour to move forward with the survey, and proposes a rage subcommittee of LASSA.

Meeting adjourned at 12:54

Extensive post-meeting discussion of issues related to gender and race in the profession and the university – potential formation of Critical Librarians group and/or re-raising of the issue at a future AMS meeting.