

Library and Archival Studies Student Association

2014-2015 School Year Meeting #4

Date: September 25, 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)

Monica Swamiraj (Events Coordinator)

Adena Brons (Dual Member-at-Large)

Inti Dewey (GSS Representative)

Matthew Murray (Webmaster)

Rachel Balko (MACL Representative)

Nichole DeMichelis (MLIS First-Year Representative)

Maggie Hunter (MAS First-Year Representative)

Maria Paraschos (AMS Proxy)

Cathryn Crocker

Kelsey Poloney

Luke McLeod

Regrets (Excused):

Mitchell Meler (GSS Representative)

Abeer Siddiqui (AMS Representative)

Absent:

Alamir Novin (PhD Representative)

Meeting called to order by Kelsey at 12:02.

1. **Motion to approve minutes** with two minor revisions put forward by Michael, seconded by Rachel, passed with no opposition.
2. **LASSA Composition**

Kelsey will be sending an email to the listserv introducing the members of the LASSA executive, including Maggie as the new MAS First-Year Representative. Michael has formally succeeded Roohi as the treasurer and has received the appropriate training. There may potentially be a new GSS representative as well.
3. **Reports**
 - A. **Treasury:** LASSA remains financially solvent. The influx of [...] money from student fees is pending, as is the distribution of funds to subgroups.
 - B. **AMS:** The new SUB is scheduled to open January 5, 2015, assuming no further delays.
 - C. **GSS:** GrassPods, an off-campus grad student group, is promoting their free events.
4. **Meetings**

Kelsey and Sarah have met with Caroline and Luanne Freund. Caroline confirms that she will be stepping down at the end of the academic year.

The Arts review is ongoing and one of its outcomes will ideally be to better explain the necessary qualifications for the candidates for new director. The review committee is soliciting testimony from students about their programs and the department, which must be hand-delivered to the office of the Associate Dean; LASSA has committed to facilitating delivery where necessary. Signed letters are due October 28. At some point later in the term, representatives of the Faculty of Arts will be arranging meetings with students. The current information is that review committee members will be visiting the school December 4-5.

The curriculum committee and the ALA assessment team will be presenting in late October on their progress and the potential future capstone courses. It is expected that future students will be required to complete one of three potential capstone offerings, in addition to a common reflective paper. Current students will not be affected by this requirement.

A biannual Director's Forum was met with approval by Caroline. The next Forum will be held November 13th from 12 to 2 pm. Kelsey proposes a new format for this forum: students will meet alone before the forum to discuss issues to be raised and consolidate concerns. Once the Director and other faculty/staff have entered, the session will begin with a "bragging rights" segment detailing accomplishments of individuals and student groups in SLAIS. The consolidated concerns will then be presented and discussed. Finally, staff and faculty will have an opportunity to ask questions of the students. During discussion of this new format, concerns were raised regarding the possibility of anonymous complaints and the necessity of having all voices heard.

[...]

[The resignation of Guy Robertson was discussed. Another librarian is now teaching the course LIBR504. SLAIS has sent out a general request soliciting applications for adjuncts for this and other courses.]

5. LASSA events

- A. Movie Night. Sarah is planning a periodic Movie Night for students focusing on the portrayal of librarians/archivists in popular culture. The first screening will be next Wednesday from 7 to 9 pm, likely in the Trail Room, and will feature episodes of *Buffy*. Suggestions for future screenings were discussed, as were issues of location and promotion.
- B. Match Dinner. Sarah floats the idea of a "Match Dinner" pairing compatible old and new students at SLAIS.
- C. Halloween party. This event is in the planning stages. Monica will be booking an appropriate venue. Issues related to event funding were discussed: the approach taken last year is no longer viable. Suggestions for funding included charging admission, charging for drinks, encouraging attendees to bring food to supplement that provided by LASSA, and running a Thanksgiving bake sale.

6. New Subgroup

SLAIS Gamers (represented by Luke and Matthew) presented their constitution and requested ratification as a subgroup of LASSA. Adena moved to accept their request, Nichole seconded the motion, and it passed unopposed. Kelsey will send a notification of this to the LASSA listserv.

7. Other business

The LASSA bulletin board is now in place; any amendments can be sent to Michael.

Nichole will be preparing a census of SLAIS students.

ASIS&T requests cupboard space in the computer lab for the storage of maker supplies.

Meeting adjourned at 12:56