

Library and Archival Studies Student Association

2014-2015 School Year Meeting #7

Date: November 6, 2014

Time: 12:02

Location: SUB 213

In attendance:

Kelsey Ockert (MLIS Co-President)

Sarah Giesbrecht (MAS Co-President)

Nicole Askin (Secretary)

Maggie Hunter (MAS First-Year Representative)

Michael Wynne (Treasurer)

Adena Brons (Dual Member-at-Large)

Rachel Balko (MACL Representative)

Maria Paraschos (GSS Representative)

Matthew Murray (Webmaster)

Nichole DeMichelis (MLIS First-Year Representative)

Cathryn Crocker (MAS Member-at-Large)

Regrets (Excused):

Inti Dewey (GSS Representative)

Abeer Siddiqui (AMS Representative)

Christopher Stephenson (MLIS Member-at-Large)

Absent:

Alamir Novin (PhD Representative)

Mitchell Meler (GSS Representative)

Tracy Leung (Faculty of Arts Representative)

Roxanne Kalenborn (Events Coordinator)

Meeting called to order by Kelsey at 12:00.

1. **Motion to approve minutes** put forward by Cathryn, seconded Sarah, passed no objections
2. **Reports**
 - A. **Treasury:** LASSA account \$1823 before paying for Halloween party. Michael will need to resubmit transfer of funds to each individual subclub. Michael will reimburse Nichole for printing re: orientation – no objections raised. LASSA print card is in Michael's possession, but further printing should go through Kelsey or Sarah. ACA is not currently under LASSA but may request funding.
 - B. **GSS:** Maria is considering committees to join during the transition period. There is no news on the matter of tuition/housing increases.
3. **Halloween debrief:** Because the majority of guests were graduate students, GSS is subsidizing the cost of the room rental. Maria's coat is still missing. The post-fire alarm events were briefly summarized. The event was generally well received, with approximately 57 total attendees. Photo booth images were mostly posted to Facebook SLAIS Social page, but some pictures may not have been uploaded – Kelsey will check and will wipe the originals from the camera. Future events may benefit from a different room layout. The costume contest may require reassessment: a runway without prizes is a potential option. We will consider having a

“Halloween kit” including a USB with Sarah’s playlist, and a document containing lessons learned for future parties.

4. **Director’s Forum** is scheduled from 12-2 next Thursday (November 13) in the Terrace Lab. Attendees will include Caroline and Luanne; Adena proposes Luciana, Rachel proposes Judy. Framed as an opportunity to ask and answer questions regarding curriculum and setup of SLAIS. Students can submit anonymous questions either directly to student representatives or via the LASSA suggestion box. Rachel and Adena (and possibly Chris) will be sending out a message to this effect. Minutes will be taken during the last part of the forum when faculty are responding to student questions and concerns. Kelsey will discuss with SLAIS whether they can supply food for the event. She also proposes to raise the issue about student use of the lounge space: administration has suggested that non-library events should not be held in that space, although there is a potential to do so if we inform them beforehand.
5. **Committees:** Two committees requiring LASSA membership – Facilities (Susie) and Research Day (Lisa/Richard). Nichole volunteers for Research Day, providing an overview of the event. Facilities: Inti last year pushed for the addition of coat hooks, which may still be happening. Mary has expressed concerns about students posting “creative expression” on outside of lockers, given the costs involved in having the lockers adhere to IKBLC’s visual branding. Nicole volunteers for the facilities committee, although this may change once more details emerge.
6. **Census:** Nichole proposes to survey students over and following the winter break. She suggests establishing a vision mandate to form the basis of the survey: research interests, whether the curriculum reflects those interests, demographics, and opportunities for connections/networking. We discussed the mechanics of the survey, including privacy versus anonymity. Adena proposes involving a faculty adviser in the development of the survey. Nichole proposes developing a subcommittee to work on the survey in December. Only aggregate data will be shared with admin. SLAIS is also planning to re-run the alumni survey.
7. **Email:** Sarah and Kelsey are discussing with SLAIS the possibility of sending out a message to all students inviting them to join the LASSA listserv and/or supplying them with other information. Matthew proposes waiting to January to catch the new cohort.
8. **Clubs:** Kelsey proposes that LASSA regularly discuss club activities. Sarah reports that ACA’s recent movie night was a success. Matthew questions the existence of the MACL and PhD “clubs” listed on the treasury report, given that they have no treasurer; the group discussed possible options, and the practice may be reviewed in future.
9. **NCSU Fellowship Program:** North Carolina State will be visiting November 21 to promote their fellowship program to SLAIS students. Kelsey is still discussing the details of the event with them.

Meeting adjourned at 12:59.