

Library and Archival Studies Student Association

2014-2015 School Year Meeting #12

Date: February 5, 2015

Time: 12:00

Location: SUB 211

In attendance:

Kelsey Ockert (MLIS Co-President)
Sarah Giesbrecht (MAS Co-President)
Nicole Askin (Secretary)
Abeer Siddiqui (AMS Representative)
Cathryn Crocker (MAS Member-at-Large)
Maggie Hunter (MAS First-Year Representative)
Matthew Murray (Webmaster)
Jacob Vangeest

Regrets (Excused):

Nichole DeMichelis (MLIS Member-at-Large)
Inti Dewey (GSS Representative)
Maria Paraschos (GSS Representative)
Michael Wynne (Treasurer)
Rachel Balko (MACL Representative)

Absent:

Roxanne Kalenborn (Events Coordinator)
Alamir Novin (PhD Representative)

Meeting called to order by Kelsey at 12:01.

- 1. Motion to approve minutes** put forward by Cathryn, seconded Abeer, passed no objections.
- 2. Positions.** Rachel Balko is stepping down as MACL representative. Megan Smith has been put forward as a potential replacement. A new GSS representative is also needed to attend meetings on behalf of LASSA; some potential recruits were discussed. Abeer nominates Pascal to be the MLIS first-year representative, which is passed with no opposition. Abeer nominates Nichole to be MLIS member-at-large, which is passed with no opposition.
- 3. Reports:**
 - A. AMS.** Abeer attended a meeting about the US Loans situation (see below).
- 4. US Loan Situation.** Kelsey reports that LIBR500 has been accepted for the purposes of allowing students to receive loans. Students who took other online courses are still experiencing issues. Two students dropped out of the program and one moved home to take online courses. Students currently enrolled in online courses have been told to drop them, although this may affect graduation time. Students entering the program still cannot take online courses if they wish to maintain their funding eligibility. It is unclear whether LIBR500 will be accepted again next term. Most of LASSA's planned actions with regards to this situation are now not needed.
- 5. Progressive Librarians Guild.** Jacob presented the group, which has as its mandate addressing gender/feminist and diversity concerns within SLAIS and the profession. They have a constitution (available at <http://progressivelibrariansguild.weebly.com/constitution.html>), a treasurer, and a faculty advisor (Lisa Nathan), and plan to institute a rotating chairship. Kelsey proposes accepting the group as a subgroup of LASSA; it is approved with no objections.

6. **LASSA Documents.** Sarah proposes the creation of a mission statement or mandate for LASSA to clarify its position within SLAIS, particularly relative to the administration. She suggests putting this into the LASSA Constitution, voting on it at the AGM in conjunction with the other proposed changes. Possible elements to include in the mission statement were discussed. Sarah discussed the possibility of creating a Records Manager position, and Kelsey suggested creating a committee to address the problem. Maggie offered to assist with records management in the interim.
7. **AGM.** The AGM must be held before March 13 – March 10 and 11 were proposed as possibilities. Kelsey tentatively suggests March 11 over the lunch period, and will discuss this with Roxanne. Promotion will be done one week beforehand, including the advertising of open positions and the potential changes to the constitution, via the LASSA listserv, signage, website, in-class announcements, Facebook, and the calendar. Kelsey notes that exec members were traditionally heavily involved in recruiting their replacements.
8. **Website.** Kelsey proposes the creation of a website committee to work on updating the site, including the addition of Google products. The new site might include an electronic suggestion box that submits directly to the LASSA email. It will also include an FAQ including issues of interest to the SLAIS community, to be developed after the next Director's Forum. The community resources page may be incorporated into this site; Nichole has expressed interest in spearheading this. Kelsey suggests a "favourites" Google Doc listing library blogs, Twitter feeds, etc, which Maggie will assist with.

Meeting adjourned at 12:59.