

Library and Archival Studies Student Association

2015-2016 School Year Meeting # 03

Date: July 16, 2015

Time: 12:00 pm

Location: Room 200 (Party Room) Old SUB

In attendance:

Mystery Beck (MLIS Co-President)

Cathryn Crocker (MAS Co-President)

Maggie Hunter (Secretary)

Taylor Kenkel (Webmaster)

Pascal Canucci (MLIS First Year Representative)

Alamir Novir (PhD Representative)

Jacob Vangeest (MLIS Member-at-Large)

David Gill (GSS Representative)

Regrets (Excused):

Kelly Rovegno (Treasurer)

Nancy Shin (Communications)

Abeer Siddiqui (AMS Representative)

Sarah Giesbrecht (Dual Member-at-Large)

Christie Waltham (GSS Representative)

Absent:

Colleen Pawliuh (Events Coordinator)

Meaghan Smith (MACL Member-at-Large)

Meeting called to order by Mystery at 12:04.

1. Regrets

- 2. Motion to approve June 4, 2015 minutes with no amendment.** Put forth by Cathryn. Seconded by Mystery. Passed with no objections.

3. Reports

- a. Treasury.** Cathryn presented a report sent to her by Kelly. The report stated:

There was one reimbursement for SLA and their money from their old AMS balance was finally transferred into the correct LASSA account. SAC has moved the deadline for submitting a budget from July 15th to August 3rd. Information about submitting a budget will be sent to club treasurers on July 15th.

- b. GSS.** Maggie read Christie's report from the GSS. The report stated:

Not much happened at the meeting on June 25th that directly affects LASSA. The biggest thing was that we passed the proposed budget, which taps into a large portion of the GSS' surplus that had accumulated over the past 4 or so years. This means the GSS will be able to offer some new programming this year. The GSS executive presented their goals for the year, which if they work out should provide some good changes to things like services for families, and to get the university to increase the student fellowship award by 2% (though questions were raised about whether anything would be done to raise graduate research assistant pay as well, since some programs only fund students through GRA positions rather than fellowship awards). The next meeting is July 16th

Davey entered the meeting later and stated that he will not be able to continue to be the other GSS Rep starting in September through the next academic year. It is proposed that we open up position of GSS Rep at the beginning of the next academic year. No objections noted.

c. AMS. No updates at this time.

- 4. Ice Cream Social.** Mystery reminds us that at a previous meeting we selected Friday the 14th of August as the date for this event. She also notes that we need to advertise through event posters, invite new students to the event, and email the LASSA listserv about this event. Mystery states that she can make the posters. Pascal suggests advertising the event through social media groups. It is then discussed who will purchase what items for the event. Cathryn states that she can purchase ice cream and non-dairy options, Pascal offers to bring sprinkles and chocolate sauces. He also suggests that someone purchase bulk candy/chocolate as toppings. Other items that need purchasing are: bowls, spoons, and scoops. It is also suggested that we invite people to bring own preferred toppings to share.
- 5. Student survey results.** Mystery reads a statement by Luanne Freund (Acting Director of SLAIS the iSchool) contextualizing an attached document. The statement reads that the document is “a brief report that summarizes some results from the student survey that the iSchool Assessment Committee conducted earlier this spring. These are the questions related to LASSA and the social and community atmosphere within the school.” Mystery then reads through particular aspects of the document noting issues such as social events, attendance at LASSA events, community atmosphere, bridging the gap between MAS and MLIS students, and LASSA’s role in the wider SLAIS community. One issue raised and discussed more in-depth was the stress of the debate over the SLAIS’s accreditation status. Members present noted that students felt they were not being informed on the process.

In regards to LASSA’s presence in the SLAIS community, ideas were proposed such as more frequent and smaller events throughout the year rather than a couple of larger events. Specific examples included walking around Nitobe gardens, hiking, behind the scenes tours, games night, and a tour of the libraries on campus. It is suggested that a survey be formulated and sent out to the SLAIS student body to see interest in the various events. In regards to a games night, Taylor states that SLAIS Gamers is interested in working with LASSA to co-host events.

6. Welcome/Orientation Day

- a. Welcome packages.** Alamir proposes tentative plan to add an additional paragraph to the LASSA welcome package for PhD students. Discussion then goes on to additional changes to be made to “LASSA’s Guide to SLAIS”. It is decided that the document will be shared among the LASSA Exec to assess and comment on. These comments will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- b. Student pictures.** Miles has stated that he is willing to take the pictures of new students.

7. Update from Communications Board.

Pascal states that the Communication Board supports the idea of reorientation in January, which will allow students to have another chance to join groups. There will also be a website or calendar between SLAIS students and administration to coordinate event dates. The student representatives on the Board were asked to informally poll other students as to what the content of the website should be. The Communications Board also proposes that student groups host a Job Fair, with February as a tentative time. It is clarified that this would not be run directly by LASSA. Perhaps \$4000 invested from SLAIS.

Pascal also notes that he may be leaving in the fall and therefore would not be able to participate in either LASSA or on the Communications Board.

8. First year students stressed about co-op.

Many members of the Exec have heard about and had questions concerning stress related to the search for co-op positions. In particular noted additional stress presented by those involved in the process. This is an issue for both MLIS and MAS students. Students have approached LASSA members asking how to address this situation. Pascal offers to discuss this issue with those involved in the co-op process.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50.