

Library and Archival Studies Student Association

2015-2016 School Year Meeting # 12

Date: February 4, 2016

Time: 12:00pm

Location: Hennings Room 304

In attendance:

Mystery Beck (MLIS Co-President)

Cathryn Crocker (MAS Co-President)

Maggie Hunter (Secretary)

Jacob Vangeest (MLIS Member at Large)

Russell Hirsch (MACL Member at Large)

Aaron Razack (AMS Representative)

Regrets (Excused):

Kelly Rovegno (Treasurer)

Pascal Canucci (MLIS First Year Representative)

Nancy Shin (Communications)

Colleen Pawliuh (Events Coordinator)

Taylor Kenkel (Webmaster)

Absent:

Jessica Tung (MAS Member at Large)

Sarah Giesbrecht (Dual Member at Large)

Alamir Novir (PhD Member at Large)

Meeting called to order by Cathryn at 12:00pm.

1. Regrets

2. Motion to approve minutes.

Put forth by Mystery. Seconded by Cathryn. Passed with no objections.

3. Reports

a. Treasury

Kelly submitted the reimbursement for SLA for their panel. She also deposited BCLA's revenue from their bake sale.

b. GSS

Cathryn attended the latest meeting of GSS. There was a proposal for a fee increase in the AMS/GSS health plan. Referendum and voting on this issue will take place at the next meeting with the modification proposed being that at minimum, the AMS/GSS Extended Health & Dental Plan fee will increase by the higher of 0% or an increase of the Consumer Price Index of the

previous year.

GSS is also currently having elections for executive positions. In addition to these positions there are regular-member GSS positions on committees that all graduate students are encouraged to look into.

c. AMS

No update at this time as Aaron could not make the previous meeting.

4. Director's Lunch

There was good attendance for the lunch, approximately 20 students, most of whom were in their first year of studies. The majority were library students, with two archival students and no children's literature students in attendance.

Luanne began with some updates including that SLAIS is in the process of hiring two new faculty members, one archival and one library. Presentations by position candidates will replace the colloquium this year to allow students and current faculty to meet the candidates.

The computer labs will be renovated. The long benches in Terrace Lab will be replaced by round tables to facilitate collaboration. Meanwhile, Kitimat Lab will have a media booth in which students can practice group presentations. This renovation is scheduled to happen after classes end in April.

The accreditation process and the relation of the school towards information rather than library studies was brought up at the lunch. Information on the accreditation process is available on the SLAIS website (<http://slais.ubc.ca/programs/about-department/ala-accreditation/>).

Interest in the research methods course, which is no longer available to archival students, was discussed along with the issue of conflicting course schedules.

Children's literature was not mentioned at the lunch. Russel states that there has been talk about having MACL more associated with the English department. There is also a desire to have more graduate level English courses available to MACL students.

5. Talk with Luanne Freund

Due to a scheduling error, Luanne was unable to attend the meeting.

6. Artona

Cathryn is now the LASSA contact person for Artona. She received an email as from Melissa at Artona recently. Cathryn asked Artona about the deadline for students to have photographs taken to be part of the composite. Cathryn will ask Nancy to send the information about to the students again.

Mystery clarified that students who do not think they will be in the area at the time of their graduation can apply to have their photographs done earlier. It is a matter of clarifying when you are graduating and they can make a note of which composite

to include you in.

There is debate about having the pictures of students on the front board. Issues were raised that the names are not in alphabetical order and put up with staples rather than pins.

7. LASSA Pub Night

Mystery can confirm that 12 people plan on attending the event this Friday at 7pm at Koerner's Pub on campus.

8. Research Day

Jacob met with Jennifer Douglas about Research Day. Volunteers are needed to fold brochures, to set up tables, and take down tables. Gift cards and food are available for those who wish to volunteer.

Concern was raised that last year people did not show up on time. Mystery states an interest in folding brochures for Research Day.

Jacob will send out a call for volunteers a month in advance of the event, which is happening March 11th.

9. Groups

It has come to the attention of the Executive through the folding of the CLA and through revisions to the LASSA Policies and Procedures that we do not currently have the charters of the LASSA groups. We intend on having groups send their charters to us in the near future.

Meeting adjourned at 12:27.