

Library and Archival Studies Student Association 2016-2017 School Year Meeting #3

Date: November 16, 2016

Time: 1:00pm

Location: SLAIS Trail Room

In attendance:

Margrith Mooney (MLIS Co-President)

Chris Vriesema-Magnuson (Treasurer)

Ean Henninger (Secretary, MLIS Member-at-Large)

Leila Matte-Kaci (MACL Representative)

Morgan Shepherd (GSS Representative)

David Gill (GSS Representative)

Darra Hoffman (PhD Representative, Faculty of Arts Representative)

Lucinda Murray

Casey Stepaniuk

Jennette Chalcraft

Regrets (Excused):

Mia Steinberg (MAS Member-at-Large)

Absent:

None

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:04pm.

2. Executive reports:

MLIS Member-at-Large

- Nothing to report.

MACL Representative

- Nothing to report.

Treasurer

- Chris noted the BCLA student chapter's name change from BCLA-CLA in their records.
- Chris stated that there is a draft of a Treasurer's Guide on Slack for review.
- Chris presented a memorandum for Halloween reimbursements. It was signed by Margrith and Ean.
- Chris also said that LASSA's current balance is approximately 900 dollars, not counting the money held for student clubs.

- Ean asked whether the clubs' minimum allotment of \$50/year is ready to be drawn from. Chris confirmed this to be the case and said treasurers from the individual groups should contact them to be reimbursed. Margrith reminded everyone that clubs can request more funding for events.

GSS Representatives

- A graduate wellbeing network is being created by students with to organize resources related to different types of health needs. They want one committee member from each program, including SLAIS.

3. AMS restructuring

- AMS is trying to restructure the AMS Council and will either give individual clubs an additional council member for every 1000 over the next 1000, or else lump the Faculty of Arts together under one representative. We will try to advocate for the current structure to maintain influence that might be lost otherwise.

4. Revived student groups:

- The BC Library Association, Special Libraries Association, and American Library Association chapters have reassembled after periods of inactivity and will receive their \$50 as well.

5. Accreditation meeting:

- Several members were in attendance and reported that nothing of great significance took place.

6. Orientation:

- LASSA's next new student orientation will be Tuesday, January 3 at 11:30ish.
- SLAIS Orientation is in the Dodson Room, so we will look for someplace nearby.
- Margrith has already asked club leaders if they can attend and will email new students about it soon.
- We need:
 - A room reservation
 - Pizza, soda, cups and plates
- It was reported that no professors did name introductions in the core this term, so more of an icebreaker may be necessary in orientation week. Margrith will also make sure at least one professor covers this in future classes.
- Lucinda reported on behalf of YAACS that they are planning a library-based scavenger hunt with prizes next term to orient new students to the campus's library and archives. They welcome input and volunteers from current students. The hunt is set for 3-5pm on Friday 1/6, and the LASSA Welcome Gathering will be from 5-7pm on the same day.

- The desire for increased professor turnout at the gathering was discussed, and it was also agreed that MACL professors, UBC library staff, significant others, and 'small heathens' (i.e. children) are welcome.

7. Photoboards:

- Margrith has the photos from this term to print,
- It was agreed that the new cohorts will have a separate section to aid in identification both within and outside of their groups..
- Lucinda raised the possibility of putting club leaders' photos on the club board so people know who to approach. Margrith will look into doing this and is also assembling an updated and central list of clubs and club contact info.

8. Student survey:

- The SLAIS student survey is coming out soon and will include a section on LASSA. Ean will look into refreshing and update it as needed.

9. Executive changes:

- Dara came from the Doctoral Students' Association to be the PhD Representative. Margrith moved to nominate her as such; Ean seconded.
- Dara also volunteered to be Faculty of Arts Representative. Margrith moved to nominate her as such, and Ean seconded.
- Chris moved to nominate Ean as Secretary in addition to MLIS Member-at-Large, and David seconded.
- With Elizabeth's formal resignation as webmaster (ideally someone who would also do the digest emails). Margrith nominated Casey, and

10. Future LASSA events:

- Chris proposed regular storytimes, and Lucinda thought YAACS would be a good fit with this activity.
- Margrith mentioned that LASSA has a board game collection that can be marketed more.
- The idea of a career fair was discussed. SLAIS is keen on it, but we would like to know if it is something students would find helpful since the Arts Coop program fulfills a similar function.
- Social events may include pub nights, dances, board games, trivia...student input will be sought.

11. Future LASSA engagement:

- Measures taken to recover from LASSA's struggle with elections and transitions from last year were discussed. Margrith emphasized that continued student

involvement is essential, since without LASSA, student clubs will have no funding or support system. To this end, we will hold elections earlier in March, get transitions settled before April, and market heavily to the new cohort. Margrith is also working on a large document to help future students run LASSA, since some of that knowledge was lost in the transition.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 pm.