

Library and Archival Studies Student Association 2016-2017 School Year Meeting #5

Date: March 8th 2017

Time: 1pm

Location: Grieg Lab

In attendance:

Executive officers:

Margrith Mooney (President)

David Gill (GSS Rep)

Leila Matte-Kaci (MACL Rep)

Darra Hofmann (DSA Rep)

Chris Vriesema-Magnuson (Treasurer)

Lucas Hill (Dual Member-at-Large)

Kate Cawthorn (Communications)

Fellow students:

None

Regrets (Excused):

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

Absent:

Casey Stepaniuk (Webmaster)

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:07 pm.

2. Executive reports:

MLIS Member-at-Large

Excused.

Secretary

Excused.

Dual Member-at-Large

Nothing to report.

MACL Representative

Nothing to report.

Doctoral Representative

Darra reminded everyone that Research Day was March 10 and volunteers were still needed.

Treasurer

Chris shared that the LASSA balance is slightly over \$1,000.00. Reimbursements are required for the Toonie night, Valentine's candies, and the Doctoral Students Society.

GSS Representative

David mentioned GSS Elections and Referendums this week, ending on Friday. The referendum is on an increase of \$12.00 to students' fees, and more information can be found on the website. All students have been made aware via the LASSA Digest and the SLAIS Digest and are requested to vote.

President:

Margrith said that AMS is also having elections, and they have referendums on which students can vote. She has been asked to liaison for students on a class that is not going well, and is engaged with this on an ongoing basis. She mentioned that GSS can offer support, but does not feel that it is required at the moment. However, escalation may be pursued based on SLAIS's reaction so far.

She expressed the desire for a meeting with other club leaders to discuss the issue of LASSA elections and ensure that it remains able to provide for the rest of the clubs.

Communications

Nothing to report.

Webmaster

Absent.

3. LASSA Business**Elections, recruitment, succession planning:**

Elections remain a pressing issue. The President, Treasurer, and Secretary/MLIS representative are all graduating, and their executive roles should be filled.

15% of students (45) need to be engaged for elections to be viable. Elections could be conducted online, but we also have the funds to host a party (potentially with pizza), to encourage students to engage. We can also use students' mailboxes to distribute ballots and let students fill them out on their own. The January cohort requested marketing documentation to encourage 1st year students to be engaged and take on roles within LASSA, with an emphasis on CV use, project management, organization, resources, etc.

April 1st is intended for the day of transition to the new executive.

The to-do list for elections is as follows:

- Get updated list of all students with e-mails for accurate count of students.
- Find out if AMS allows us to use digital means for election.
- Create a standardized marketing document to sell the elections.
- Create a document to ensure that all classes have a person speaking to them.
- Finish documentation and transition materials (use the GSS document initially received).
- If transition documents cannot be found, they should be.
- Find documentation for running as a candidate, including what the role entails. If they aren't finished, complete them.
- Make a document or platform of goals for the LASSA incoming executive committee, especially for CVs.

Graduation photos:

No students survey has gone out as of Feb 27th, Davey is still interested and still intends to make and give a survey to students whether they are still interested in having graduate photographs taken, and a compilation created.

Photo board:

There is a need for another batch of board photos.

Events:

The Storm Crow toonie night was a success, though dominated by the January cohort, who would like events that integrate all students. It was noted that weather is an issue, so perhaps summer events will be better attended. Extended notice may also help.

There is a talk on Getting and Keeping a Job in Tech in Microsoft on Thursday, March 15th from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. in the Dodson Room

SLAIS and Journalism merger:

Some new students remain unaware of the merger, which is an issue.

Advocacy:

IKB remains one of the only ones on campus that does not have a gender neutral washroom.

Many students are having difficulty with the future scheduling of LIBR 504 - Management. As well, Information Policy was cancelled for Winter Session, and is only offered as an online class during the summer, which is not possible for American students.

Digest:

Those present discussed making a second "headlines" issue to go out later in the month to cover events that were not highlighted in the digest, or were not already scheduled when the digest went out. A partnership between the Communications Coordinator and the Webmaster could help students access information better.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.