AGENDA

ASIS&T McGill Student Chapter Meeting
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January 30\textsuperscript{rd} 2015
12:30 – 1:30 pm
Location: SIS 310. Meeting called by Julie Mayrand
Number of Members present: 6

Julie Mayrand (JM)
Jesse David Dinneen (JDD)
Banafsheh Asadi (BA)
Robert Douglas Ferguson (RDF)
Sean Astle (SA)
Amanda Watson (AW)

1. Approval of Agenda of meeting of January 23\textsuperscript{rd}, 2015

Julie motions to approve agenda of meeting, Robert seconds, Approval is unanimous.

2. Approval of Minutes of meeting of November 20th, 2014

Christy’s last name is Lau (was missing from past minutes). Previous minutes passed unanimously.

3. Updates from executives
   a. Bank account

   Bank account was closed, money is in safe (of sorts), we will get a bank box soon from Jim, balance is 67$ in change, we are not paying fees anymore.
   
   b. Communications (?)

   Time was spent on forwarding posts from SIS Facebook to ASIST Facebook. The IFTT APP didn’t work very well so, deliver it app was tried, which worked but had issues; it posted last 10 posts from the SIS Facebook. RSS graffiti was tried and it looks good. It displays pictures well. RSS Graffiti will be our posting app for future. The only potential problem is the SIS event show up as blank posts, we need to find out how to automate deletion process, communication officer will manually delete until solution is found.
c. Bylaws process

Not yet sent to ASIST yet. Will be completed in near future.

4. Upcoming Activities

a. Potluck?

Potluck looks like a go. Email was drafted. It will be sent to all members. Advert for the event looks great. Research potluck will be open to all SIS students interested in research as well as faculty.

Wording could be changed to more directly ask for people to bring food, text will be made larger, and more centered.

Image was made using Evite and edited with Paint.

How can we help identify who’s research interests are what?
Solution: spreadsheet for food could collect research interest with food contributions.

Date for event is Wednesday Feb 11th @ 12:30 3661 Peel RM 106

End time is 2PM,

Supplies needed: disposable cutlery, glasses, plates, napkins, juice.

We need to ask MISSA for money for the symposium, we didn’t think about a budget for this event.

We will request money and if approved, we will consider spending some money. We will look at spreadsheet the day before the event and decide if we need to buy supplies.

Jesse is exceptionally pleased the event is finally happening. Julie seconds this notion.

b. Symposium

Survey was sent to see if there was any interest in the event among PhD Survey.

Nine responses received. 31 PhD students. The survey will be sent to solicit more feedback.

Preliminary results are generally in favour of an EBSI-SIS symposium and monthly research discussions/meetings.
Is there a minimum number of participants to make event worth having? Not sure yet but not likely.

Past number of participants is not that much bigger than previous years.

We will wait until next week to see the results.

Research stream students are like unicorns. No one seems to know how many there are…

Would it make sense to open up the circle to the digital humanities group?

BA will discuss the EBSI-SIS symposium with PhD students, first year.

What is the pressure above from department? Advertising, it looks good on department, money or resources, but no other real participants.

We will wait until next week to have a vote on whether or not we will host this event. We can decide after the event, if hosted, if we will host it again in the future.

The sentiment was expressed that if ASIST doesn’t host this event, that there is a potential loss of the continuity of the event, which seems to be a big loss/worth hosting it.

Vote on whether to host the event is tabled until next meeting.

5. Other business (?)

None.

Proposed next meeting: TBD

We need to consult Allan
Potentially on a Monday at 12pm or 12:30pm
Survey will be sent to confirm date.