

MLISSA Executive Meeting
Monday, November 6th, 2006
4:45-5:45pm
MS 24

1. Call to Order: 4:45

Attendance: Krista Woltman

Ahniwa Ferrari

Danelle Wettstein

Sarah Newitt

Jennifer Prins

Laura Hulnik

Melissa Tomecz

Sara Janes

Tania Aldred

Martina Plejic

Brenda Platt

Brenda Labelle

Genevieve Hillsburg

Absent: Maya Kucij

Peter Zakrzewski

2. Old Business:

Genevieve reports that a referendum over the move to offer a position to the runner up in the case of position being resigned within eight weeks of election will have to be held in the spring and will be discussed again at February's meeting.

3. President Report

Krista visited the facility discussed to be used for the Symposium. It is too big, so the Symposium will be held in Redpath auditorium.

Proposed date is January 5th or 7th

Tania suggested the following weekend instead

She will talk to 601 to find speakers

Sara asked about the guidelines

will be about 5 speakers, 20 minutes each

Why is it not tied in with the Education conference?

Seems like a duplication of effort

The topic of Education conference is very broad "The expanding concepts of Education"

Places can be offered to us

The date of the conference was discussed

Krista will be away from Thursday to Sunday each week starting in January

4. VP-Internal Report

Ahniwa developed a website with a forum. It has yet to be used but could be used for classes to discuss assignments

Better than constant email

Sara is concerned this may be a triplication of effort with this forum, the Marginal forum and the forum planned for the new MLISSA site (unsure if this is in fact a plan)

Ahniwa wants it to be a general LIS forum for LIS students from around the world

Brenda P. says we need to decide as a group

Decision to postpone further discussion for a meeting with Peter and to check the progress of the forum at a later date

Ahniwa asks about the timeline of the website

this is unknown

Website to be autonomous

Cost \$50/ 6 months

Will email Peter for final details about the website

5. VP-External Report

Danelle held the elective session – 14 people attended

Low because it was a Friday

One will be done next term

Suggests the job should be delegated to a position so that it belongs to someone and is not a surprise task in the future

Krista wants GSLIS to be responsible for the session not MLISSA

Makes sense for the professors to organize themselves and the office knows when they're available

This is unlikely to happen

Tania says Curriculum Committee should be in charge of it

Tania and Maya will pick a date in March

6. Treasurer Report

Jennifer – the major issue is that people are questioning the mandatory nature of the MLISSA fee

Discussed having it included in tuition with Kathryn, told this will never happen

Genevieve suggests restricting access to MLISSA services like the listserv

Jennifer will talk to non payers individually

MOTION to cut off non payers from listserv in January UNAN

* Motion was later vetoed by Krista by email to the MLISSA exec. Seemed too harsh.

Sara asks if MLISSA owns the listserv

Krista is administrator

Grads do not have access

Discussion on Job Postings on the Listserv

Brenda P says it should be part of GSLIS website like at Western and U of T

Further discussion on switching job postings to website format

MLISSA Fees again

Danelle says we need to show what people are getting out of MLISSA: listserv, career fair, end of year party, lounge

Jennifer will send out emails advertising MLISSA, explaining what it does

Include the extract from the constitution regarding the mandatory fee

State that the future of MLISSA is in jeopardy

Melissa suggests going to classes

Krista will talk to 601

Jennifer – are we doing T-shirts

No good website found yet; Unshelved okay

Ahniwa suggests Cafepress, can design own shirt

Like e-bay

Jennifer will investigate further

7. PGSS Report

Melissa – the reps are now receiving PGSS news and filtering it to pass on only the information important to GSLIS

Hot topic is the planned discard of 150 print journals, 2 emails received in response

Faculty also writing letters

ISIC cards free for members of CFS at Travel Cuts

PGSS needs a TA rep. –hoping Dagmara will be willing or a PhD student

Trivia Night (Nov 7) and Karaoke Night (Nov 17)

Thomson house wants suggestions for more board games

Committee positions open: grants review et al.

Will post PGSS info in hall

8. EGSS Report

Sara – the next meeting is 23rd and 24th November let her know if you have anything you would like to be discussed

She received positive feedback on website funding but we need to make an official proposal

Special projects fund will be discussed at the next meeting so she will talk to Peter about the proposal

Talk to her if you are interested in Travel Grants

EGSS is discussing Merit Awards

\$2000 awarded each year

In early stages of determining the criteria, will likely include community involvement

Any ideas, talk to her

EGSS Conference Committee

Setting up subcommittees want GSLIS representation

Reviewing submissions at next meeting

more information on website <http://egss-conference.com/>

9. Curriculum Committee Report

Tania – met Nov 3, 2006

Main concern is about new McGill wide online course evaluation system,
concerned that people will not take time to fill out an online evaluation
Opinion that this needs to be made part of class somehow
We need to help motivate students to do this

10. Professional Association Liaison Report

Martina – Career Fair scheduled for March 9, 2007, only day ballroom was available

PGSS funding proposal

GSLIS given \$200 for food

Career fair objective: to broaden horizons of what is available

Send many invites – avg of 17 responses

Discussion over whether it is good idea to have professional associations at fair

Krista suggests having them at the career skills workshop instead will put off inviting
(talk to the student associations before continuing)

11. Publication Committee Report

Brenda – tie into Symposium, invite presenters to submit papers

Krista says that there is positive feedback to the paper copy of the Marginal

12. Social Affairs Report

Brenda L – MLISSA paid for bowling 9 came

Biodome – 4 came

Were to hike by the leader was ill and all were busy

Planning curling

Genevieve says people with suggestions should talk to Brenda directly

End of year party April 13, 2007 – book with Thomson House

Krista suggests a December 5 a 7

13. ACA Report

doing a tour of Jewish libraries and archives but the archives class is already

doing this tour so it may not work out

Had the Hallowe'en speaker, a few people came

14. CLA Report

Career discussion group to be held Nov 23, 2006 about how new professionals
can learn to use the associations network

15. Other

Krista – four logos in the competition

16. New Business

Next meeting scheduled for Dec 4th, 2006, 12:00

17. Adjournment: 5:50