

MLISSA Executive Meeting Minutes, September 24, 2008

Start time 12h18

Present:

President –	Meghan Hansen
VP Internal –	Aude McDermott
PGSS Rep II –	Lisa Shen
Curriculum (II) –	Jessica Lange
Parliamentarian –	Jennie Ferris
Internet Officer –	Rosanne Lester
Prof. Assoc. Liaison –	Janelle Ramsay
Secretary –	Michael Bilodeau

2. President Report

Reaccreditations

After the departmental meeting, a list of volunteers for reaccreditation was sent to the committee.

Listserv

The internet officer is being set as another administrator for the listserv.

Department meeting (attended by Curriculum officer)

Talked about the new building for next year. Plans are not finalized. Hoping to have it done by coming spring. 3661 Peel (close to Thomson house). No official MLIS student lounge space there. There are office spaces for student groups, places for storage, but the size is yet unknown. President to meet with Bouthillier. There are construction limitations due to the heritage status of the building. There are bookable rooms for orientation. President will fill us in.

EndNoteWeb

President talked with Cornelia Penner on a 1h30min presentation of EndNoteWeb. It will be offered across the hall in the tech room. No sign-up required.

Money matters

BASIS is asking for funding. Department has allocated funding. President will see what this implies for MLISSA.

VP Internal Report: Book sale

The book sale did not go well. We have no influence over the bookstore. The office is willing to hold the books that students want to sell. Look into ways of organizing this.

Buddy Program

Talk about setting up a program for first year students to meet with second year students. Buddy program. There have been volunteers, but faculty wouldn't release emails. President will send email to volunteers to check their availability. Orientation evaluation positive and will be an object at the next departmental meeting.

Budget

Have a meeting to discuss spending of funding. More money this year because of MLISSA fees. In the past, individuals had to pay 15\$ but MLISSA collected. Now, it comes directly with tuition fees. We project having nearly twice as much money as we did last year.

Presently 150.40\$

Once we have looked at the money and kick ideas around, we can perhaps open it up to the student body at large. Pres will see what the specific arrangement is between the department and the clubs that they are helping with their funding.

Budget: Kitchen supplies

Oct 16th will be receive the money, have a meeting. MLISSA kitchen, people have to clean up after themselves!

Budget: CLA conference

Each year we send a student to the CLA conference. We might send several students instead of just one since the conference is in Montreal. The student who goes is chosen by the CLA. The cost might be significant or insignificant. We normally set aside about 300\$ - 400\$. We have a negative of 115\$, owing money to the department for orientation activities.

Elections

The results of the elections which had occurred Wednesday and Thursday: Three people were written in who were ineligible. Some received written votes. Article 12 of the constitution: election according to a majority. Wondering whether write-ins were voted in or not. Only 35 people out of 160(?) voted. We discussed the concern of having only one person running for a position.

For elections, three people were written in, ONE OF WHOM was ineligible. This was voted for unanimously by MLISSA.

Induction of New Executive Members

SIS-IT page has a page for MLISSA and its constitution for those who don't know their duties.

PGSS Grants

Grants discussed (Internet Officer and President). Perhaps first year students will want to be involved. PGSS rep might get the info on how to get the grants. The meeting is next week. VP finance has been ignoring our requests. We will be getting money from PGSS in October. No PGSS meeting so far.

Curriculum Committee Report: Offering a Thesis Option

The whole second year would be a thesis (24 credit). To be able to allow students to apply to SSHRCC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada) grants. It seems that 12 credits is not sufficient to receive these grants.

Publications report: officer not present

Social affairs: Interested in getting smaller things happening (e.g. tour of Musee des Beaux Arts) to see each other outside of school and talk of non-library related things.

Next meeting: Start thinking of Thomson house Christmas party. See if they will have us back.

Ph.D. Report: 25 Sept (tomorrow) meeting. Opportunities to present research and expand to the undergraduates. Possibilities of having a connection. Poster session. Last year, there were six Ph.D.s and three MLISs. Progress report and opportunities to talk about their research. Make the information available and create a forum for the exchange to take place. Who is taking the 3, 6, 12 credit elective/directed reading class? And if they would be interested in participating in PhD seminars.

1h01 meeting adjourned.