

SIMSA - July 14, 2015

Start time- 6:08 PM

1. Roll Call
  - a. Present: Mariah, Kat, Michelle, Chantel, Elizabeth, Charlotte
  - b. Regrets: Hannah and Katie
2. Approval of last meeting's minutes
  - a. Motion: Kat
  - b. Second: Michelle
3. Financial update
  - a. Elizabeth provided an in-depth financial update. She has ideas for the upcoming year which has been based off of the past two years of SIMSA's finances.
  - b. Instead of doing a boat cruise like last year, discussed possibility of having a "Welcome Back" party for all students, which would be similar to end of semester parties. All members present agreed on having it for incoming and outgoing students to formally meet and catch up from the summer. Needs to be discussed further: venue, date, cost, budget. Kat mentioned that we could always fundraise throughout the fall to help pay for the large sum of money that will be spent for orientation, especially with new party.
  - c. Elizabeth proposed more spending to Brown Bag Lunches, we all agreed we need better snacks than last year.
  - d. Discussed funding that goes to IWB. SIMSA gave IWB \$800 last year, plus associations donate money, plus the \$25-\$30 for individual ticket prices. Many suggestions to change the amount: give incoming students bursaries to go from the \$800, cut the funding in general, ask SIM for funds, or reach out to other programs. It is too niche for SIMSA to put \$800 directly into the funding, when its topic this year has a purpose to pull more interests from Dalhousie in general- why is SIMSA paying for it? Other funding options must exist. Discuss in-depth at a later date.
  - e. LWB and CALL were not a part of the associations who received funding from SIMSA, add them to the list this year.
  - f. Mysterious \$150 honorarium last year- Elizabeth to check it out
4. IWB update
  - a. Had meeting with Kellogg librarians for ideas
  - b. Meeting later tonight
  - c. Have to meet at a later date with IWB about SIMSA funding
5. Orientation update
  - a. Read Hannah's update she handed to us before the meeting
  - b. JoAnn to have schedule by week of July 20<sup>th</sup>
  - c. JoAnn scheduled a spot for SIMSA on first day, 15 to 20 minutes long
  - d. Should plan tours/ have general idea of tours/ maybe have practice run?
  - e. Decorating common room and labelling mailboxes: set a date to do this as a team in August!
6. Other business
  - a. Brainstorming session to happen on July 23???
7. Motion to end: 6:45PM
  - a. Motion: Kat
  - b. Second: Michelle