

Minutes

SIMSA
SIM Common Room
Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building

General Meeting
01 April 2010

Start Time: 11:45am

In Attendance: Greg Hayward, Lara Killian, Danielle Cossarini, Alison Young, Nancy Edgar, Kimberly Senf, Robin Parker, Julie McLellan, Kirsta Staplefeldt, Geoffrey Allen, and Amy Paterson

Regrets: Julie Woods, Erik Fjeldstrom, and Mohammed Amin

1. Approval of agenda Greg Hayward/Lara Killian

Motion to move elections to first item on the agenda: Robin Parker

Seconded: Monica Ward

Motion: Approved

Motion to set agenda as it stands: Robin Parker

Seconded: Mary Zazelenchuk

Motion: approved

Motion to approve agenda: Lara Killian

Seconded: Stephanie Lewis

Motion: passed.

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting Greg Hayward/ Lara Killian

3. SIMSA Executive Elections Greg Hayward/Lara Killian

International Rep is not required, but the position is still available.

Nominations for elections opened.

Jennifer Grek Martin nominated for co-chair by Colleen Delany. Nomination accepted.

Jennifer Grek Martin nominated Colleen Delany for co-chair. Nomination accepted.

Lara Killian nominated Amy Paterson for vice-chair non-academic. Nomination accepted.

Call for any other nominations?

Nominations closed.

Each nominee is given the chance to speak about why they would be good for their position.

2010-2011 Executive Nominees

- Co-Chair(s): Jennifer Grek Martin, Colleen Delany
- Secretary: Monica Ward
- Treasurer: Nicole Radzikowski
- Vice Chair Non-Academic: Amy Paterson
- Vice Chair Academic: Craig Olsvik
- Information Without Borders Conference Chair: Erin O'Halloran
- Professional Networking Chair: Julie McLellan, Erin O'Halloran
- Dalhousie Journal of Interdisciplinary Management Chair: Kimberly Senf
- International Representative: no nominee

Voting open. Doris Nedved, returning officer.

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Doris Nedved (Returning Officer)

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4. MCS update

Lara Killian

Background: Last year SIMSA was asked to provide \$1000 for MCS to provide unlimited drop in services. SIMSA was copied on a report and the numbers for usage were higher than reported. In light of this, MCS has asked us to pay them again.

There are now 2 options:

- Pay \$1000 for less service than we had access to before. Each person has a 30 minute session and MCS will not look at documents ahead of time
- Pay \$1500 for the level of service we had this year with unlimited appointments.

One way to fundraise this \$1200 could be to ask every student to pay \$15 at the start of next year to cover costs.

There are some career advisors at the DSU, but they may not provide the same level of service as MCS.

Consideration of the auxiliary fee of \$350 per student: The service provided would overlap some of the activities already covered by the CLA (PPP) and SLA (tours), and could potentially take on some of JoAnn's duties.

It is proposed that a SIM student meets with MCS to help create the job description.

Creation of a task force (Professional networking chair?) to start the process.

This is an important issue to share with incoming students.

5. Annual Reports

Greg&Lara /Danielle /Robin

Greg Hayward:

- Our bank account looks good due to our fundraising efforts.
- Made constitutional amendments.
- Prospectus is now professional networking.
- Lengthened the term of the first year rep to be a year long position.
- MCS updates.
- Ongoing server updates.
 - Purpose is to provide more robust technology courses.
 - Has been a lack of contact so we have had to explore other options.
 - Now involved Dana Ehtner. Trying to work with her for new options.
 - Should be settled early next year.
 - Need to get the faculty involved to facilitate communication. Dr. Black recommended that with Dana, Dr. Gruzd would be a good advocate.
 - The account number is **213307111**
 - Leigh Smith is a good contact in
- Treasurer report: in good condition.
 - Major expenditures: orientation bbq, MCS, holiday party, funding to IWB. Also convocation luncheon.
 - **\$2514.65**. More than we were left with last year.
 - Thank you to all the committees.

Robin Parker:

Brown Bag Lunches all had great attendance. Six successful sessions.

Thank you for attending.

Public lectures are also recorded. Could look into doing them in digital form next year.

Danielle Cossarini:

Fundraising and special events (is part of the treasurer responsibility).

- Bottle drive, bake sale, raffle.
- Faculty, staff and students carry the fundraising efforts which is done to keep cost down when buying tickets. Thank you.
- Clothing sale was more successful than last year, thank you to Amanda Foote. Over \$100.
- Special events: orientation, lab session, book swap, association display, the main goal is for the first years to have fun during orientation!
- Holiday party, Halloween party.

End of year party April 8, 7pm at the Argyle Aqua lounge, no cost. Faculty will be there as well.

Julie McLellan:

LinkedIn: thank you to everyone who helped out.

This year was spent getting started. The users make it grow, so people have to contribute.

There are many groups that you can join. It has just started and will go as far as we take it.

6. Graduation Committee

Kimberly Senf

Kimberly is organizing the event until she leaves for Ottawa. Volunteers are needed on day of Convocation, June 1. Will be sending out an email to graduating students to find out what people like and what they do not.

If you would like to get involved, you have to be in Halifax on the day of to help. Tasks will include set up, take down, and help during the luncheon.

7. Any other business

Danielle Cossarini: End of year party reminder.

Volunteers for orientation: add your name to the list so Amy knows who wants to help during the summer.

Organizing transition meeting. Will set up something soon, watch your Dal mail.

Motion to adjourn. Kimberly Senf

Second: Stephanie Lewis.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:38pm