

**SIMSA Meeting Minutes**  
**Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**SIM Common Room, Rowe Building**

**1. Roll Call**

- Brian, Courtney, Emma, Cassandra, Amy, Robyn, Daniel, Megan, Kira, and Jen (Claire)
- 2:10

**2. Approval of Agenda**

- yes

**3. Financial Updates**

- Going to grab the candy gram money from his mailbox
  - \$79
- Nothing about the audit from DAGS
  - Remembers something from Scarlet (predecessor) that it came very late
    - January
- Account: \$863

**4. Non-Academic Updates**

- Holiday party going to be at Coburg Social
  - Owner asked to meet us on Thursday morning, 9:30
    - Amy can't go; Kira could possibly
    - Courtney will go too
  - Capacity = max 85
  - No rental fee, just have to reach certain spending amount (drinks and food)
    - Also will have to pay for catering
      - Need to get a catering quote
  - Ticket costs?
    - Don't know a lot about how much people have paid in the past
    - \$15-20?
      - Depends on how much for catering

- \$15 = good amount
  - Might make people want to spend more at the event
- Emma will send out a save the date thing this week
  - Create some sort of poster eventually
- +1?
  - Just say there is a set number of tickets
  - Encourage people to get tickets early
- Entertainment?
  - Board games
  - They do have a music set up
- Square update?
  - IWB should have it by next week
    - But it skims off a bit of the amount
  - E-transfers and cash are better

## 5. Academic Updates

- Dan and Jen are taping a talk on Monday at 10:30
  - SIM lecture
  - Two people from Ryerson
  - Gets posted to the SIM website
- Ideas for Lunch N Learns
  - How to do a Reading Course?
    - Would be an interesting one
    - Going to be hard with Jen gone if she wants to do it
  - Halifax Library Association would like to do one
    - Will bring the pizza themselves
  - Sandra wants us to do an event with Marie DeYoung
  - Ellie doing a part 2
    - Very popular

## 6. IWB Updates

- Has had another meeting since our last one
- Has their first keynote speaker
  - Teresa Blankmeyer Burke
    - Deaf philosopher
    - First ASL PHD
- Contacting a second keynote person
  - Elder Albert Marshall
    - Indigenous knowledge
- Lots of backups
- Patty Doyle-Bedwell is another speaker confirmed
  - Miqmaq lawyer
- Issue with "Access to Information" title
  - Going with "Information Accessibility" instead
  - Ran it past Sandra and Joann
- Stuff going out soon for communication
  - Save the Dates
  - Give some other names and contacts that could also promote for the email list
    - Want to get NSCC more involved with it
- Fundraising
  - Normally only does a silent auction
    - Getting a Square so they don't have to rely on cash/cheque
  - Pretty small budget right now
    - Going to get the McInnis room from SIMSA's free booking
    - Need to pay keynote speakers
    - Ticket sales help
  - Looking to do a lot more fundraising this year
    - Bake sale

- People liked the SIMSA candy grams
  - Would people be up for a SIMSA/IWB fundraiser?
    - Worried about the amount being split
    - Didn't get a lot from the candy grams
      - Would need to be a little nicer for Christmas
    - SIMSA is okay if IWB does a fundraiser
- IWB website is garbage
  - Lidia has been working to fix it, but running into the same issue we had
  - Looking into it
  - Headshots done and going to put on website
- Only have 1 more meeting before winter break
  - Should have the Square purchased by then
  - Going to meet with Vivian to ask for money from the Dean's office
  - Should have most of our speakers chosen
  - Eventbrite up by then
    - About \$25 for tickets
  - Information for poster presentation and student speakers
- Possibility to do bake sales in Rowe?
  - SIMSA can because we are an identified society

## **7. Communication Updates**

- Society card figured out
  - More than one might be good
    - Emma and Amy
  - Leave one in the filing cabinet

## **8. Digital Publications Updates**

- Colleen and Robyn met during reading break
  - Created a priorities list
    - The website

- Not being where we want it to be
- Robyn meeting with Roger Gillis
  - Hopefully help them
- Something about the server not letting them update
  - Needing to download an addition
- Social media
  - Coming up with what will be on there and what won't be
  - Shania does the blog for SIM
    - Be good to coordinate with her
  - Have a HootSuite
    - Need to figure out what that actually is
  - Want social media to be cleaner

## **9. Special Projects Updates**

- Candy grams made \$79
- Going to work on hoodies eventually
  - Need a little more information
  - Connect with 50th?
    - They aren't really celebrating it until later in the year
    - Probably hear more about it at school council

## **10. Co-Chair Updates**

- Courtney needs everyone's schedules
  - Would also like it for winter term as well
  - That way we can plan winter term's first meeting as soon as possible
- Work on some of the things that have fallen behind on during the winter break
  - Would be nice to meet over the break for social stuff

## **11. Other Business**

- Everyone is doing a good job despite how busy this term is
  - Next term will hopefully be less busy

**12. Motion to End Meeting: 2:55pm**