SIMSA Meeting
Friday, February 15th, 2018
6pm, SIM Common Room

**1. Roll Call:** 6:15pm

* Emma, Ali, Cass, Amy, Kira, Robyn, Colleen, Brian, Dan, Nicole

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**3. Financial Updates**

* Email from DAGS
	+ Waiting for response
* Cass; is SIMSA still going to give a donation to IWB?
	+ Don't see why not, once the audit goes through

**4. Non-Academic Updates**

* End of year party
	+ Kira and Amy going to meet to discuss it more
	+ Courtney did a poll for the date
		- Saturday April 13th winning so far
		- Ask for both Saturdays, that way we will have a backup
	+ Should probably get booked by the end of February
		- Look at list we were looking at for the Holiday Party
* Ali; have you sent a thank you card to Coburg about the Christmas party
	+ Amy is on it
* Grad brunch they will be arranging
* Plan something for grads?
	+ June 1st evening event?
* Amy did a poll on Facebook to see interest in MWB workshop
	+ Common room chat with first years
	+ Sandra would likely want to collaborate with us
		- Maybe do a portion with just the students
		- Talks Sandra has given before have made it seem more scary
	+ Make un-SIMSA event?
		- For the personal stuff

**5. Academic Updates**

* Meeting Ellie on Monday about how busy she is in March for Sign Language Part 2
* March 12th with NSLA
	+ Bring pizza and talk to us
	+ Make Facebook event and advertise
* Somebody asking for a mental health lunch and learn
	+ Gauging interest in this
	+ General and maybe some sub-topics
		- Imposter syndrome
	+ Bring in mental health first aid person would be nice
		- Cass has a friend
		- Evening event?
	+ Might have to do something next year for it
	+ Could do an informal chat with everyone and plan the professional talk next year?
		- People feel like the professional coming in would be more beneficial to people
	+ Talk to mental health staff here?
		- Counsellors here do not have the capacity to probably do this

**6. IWB Updates**

* Everything went great!
	+ People liked the speakers so much
* Cassandra applied for $500 and $1000 from DAGS and got $500
	+ Would like to create a bigger cushion for next year's committee
	+ Make the events bigger and better
	+ Haven't gotten the money yet from them
* Made more money on the silent auction
	+ Being able to do credit card payment was a plus
* Everyone doing great
	+ Tired but great
	+ Big thanks to SIMSA
* Doing a debrief
	+ Survey to attendees
		- 150 registrants this year (50 more than last year)
		- Will create an infographic
	+ Videos of the keynote and endnote speakers
		- Going to put on Youtube
	+ Going to do the co-chair nominations for next year
		- People interested
		- Cassandra will support them through the summer
			* All the other members will finish in March
	+ Would like to add another member to IWB
		- Administrative secretary
			* Better record-keeping
	+ Telling people to continue keeping a good relationship with SIMSA
		- So helpful to be able to lean on each other

**7. Communication Updates**

* Society Access Card
	+ Have card
		- Access to so many things now
			* Popcorn machine, snow-cone machine, tiger mascot
	+ Keeping in filing cabinet

**8. Digital Publications Updates**

* Website is back
	+ Re-design
		- Scaled down to basics
* What would we like to see consistently on the website?
	+ Our documentation
		- Minutes and agendas
	+ SIMSA constitution
	+ News items
	+ Contact information
	+ Archive
		- Of events and things
	+ Coordinate postings with SIM blog
* Blurbs about the members
* Group photo at some point

**9. International Student Rep Updates**

**10. Special Projects Updates**

* Square
	+ Worked out well
	+ Only issue is that the SIMSA account can't link to the Square
		- Nicole had to put the money in her account, and then will send to Brian
		- Brian can ask around about how to get this set up
			* Get e-transfers as well
* Hoodies and Candygrams currently
	+ Special Projects chair mostly fundraises
	+ Hoodies = labour intensive
		- All the alumni and sending lots of packages
		- $150.00 of profit from them
	+ Impacted by storm for candygram sales
		- $50 from them
* Worried that its not making the amount it takes for doing it
	+ Profit margins not big
	+ Ali; notify professors about stuff like this
		- Relying on Facebook too much for posting
		- need to use the email
* Maybe include shipping fee next year for hoodies we send to alumni
	+ Make up for these expenses
	+ Or say they need to pick up in Halifax
* Maybe different item for next year
	+ Too expensive for some people
* Book Sale Proposal
	+ Had success with them in the past
	+ Ali; Sandra had mentioned that to her
	+ Get faculty and students to donate books
	+ Look at going to Rowe atrium for selling them or SUB
	+ Storing books leftover may be an issue
	+ Nicole will message

**10. Co-Chair Updates**

* Email changes to constitution by end of February to Courtney
* Next meeting is March 22nd
	+ AGM
	+ Open up nominations for next positions on March 8ths
	+ March 29th voting ends
* Gives us time to give transition document to new people

**11. Other Business**

**12. Motion to End Meeting:** 7:05pm