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