**SIMSA Executive Meeting - Summer**

**June 4th, 2020**

**\*\*\*Meeting in session\*\*\* 5:05pm**

**Attendees**

Annalise Benoit, Financial Chair

Ashley MacKinnon, Digital Publications Chair

Kathleen Pond, Non-Academic Chair

Tamanna Moharana, IWB Co-Chair

Ratna Dhaliwal, Chair

Rachel Moore, IWB Co-Chair

Katie Kehoe, Communications Chair

**Missing**:

Grace Hildebrand, Special Projects Chair

Alexis Wilkinson, Academic Chair

Introductions from Ashley, Annalise, Katie, Rachel & Tamanna, Kathleen, Ratna

Executive Meetings over the summer

*Communications Chair (Katie)*

* No meeting in July, next meeting in August
* Monthly meetings in the school year

Alexis joins - introduction

Social media update

*Digital Publications Chair (Ashley)*

* New FB pages - MLIS group and social group
* Website to be updated with new executives, fixing broken links

Orientation Update

*Non-Academic Chair (Kathleen)*

* Email buddies coming soon
* Hopeful that there will be some orientation events held in person
* There is a current list of incoming students
* Emails to match people up [for email buddies coming] in early to mid July
* Faculty emails welcoming incoming students starting in July
* Faculty emails regarding academic advisors starting in August
* Orientation feedback survey to be sent out to returning students - what worked, what didn’t, what would translate well to online
* Certain career paths or research students want to be covered at orientation

Possible Brightspace page?

*All parties*

* Thesis research and Summer Shine filmed and put on Brightspace page
* Can be kept up throughout the year

Meeting with the faculty of Management

*Chair (Ratna)*

* New dean
* Ratna meeting with [new dean] on Monday
* New certificates

Ratna’s meeting with Sandra tomorrow

* Outcome of MCS document
* Feedback about tuition hike
* Smaller section live chats for lectures?
* Concerns about certain software, ergonomics of online fall semester
* Opening of common areas?
* Compatibility with at-home computers and systems
* Accessibility

Tuition increases

*All parties*

* 3% hike cap for undergrads, no cap for grads
* Sticking with the 3% cap as announced earlier in the semester
* Tuition hike necessary when campus buildings will not be in use?
* It should not fall on students to fund online transition - the university should have prepared for this years ago
* Dr. Balser’s sudden demotion, day before tuition increase was announced

Student feedback

*Communications Chair (Katie)*

* Has the university’s higher ups taken a payout during this time or are their salaries increasing as expected?
* We should respect Dr. Balser’s privacy but the university should be more transparent with their decisions.

**\*\*\* Meeting adjourned \*\*\* 6:32pm**