SIMSA All Member Meeting – Friday October 23rd, 2020

**Attendees (SIMSA Executives)**

Ratna Dhaliwal, Chair

Kathleen Pond, Non-Academic Chair

Alexis Wilkinson, Academic Chair

Ashley MacKinnon, Digital Publications Chair

Tamanna Moharana, IWB Co-Chair

**Missing**

Katie Kehoe, Communications Chair

Annalise Benoit, Financial Chair

Rachel Moore, IWB Co-Chair

**Attendees (Members)**

Amber Hart (Lynn)

Jesse Burgess

Meaghan Rout

Daryl Atkinson

Poppy Riddle

Theresa Boulos

Razia Choudhury

Lisa Olson

Grace Bazinet

Aaron Joudrey

Jacob Kubke

Jenny Farbstein

**Meeting called to session: 3:05pm**

[Recording begins]

1. **Ratna: begins the meeting**

Executive Chair introduction

* + Swag Bag handouts (where we are at)
    1. Mailed and coming soon
  + Thank you to everyone involved in the swag bag process
  + Discussions of extraordinary circumstances – strike
  + Voting and moving in to strike mode
    1. Planning ahead, and reviewing policies & literature (anticipating what to expect)
    2. What this means for students
    3. Talk to professors / if we go on strike, Profs will be locked out of their e-mail accounts, and unable to provide regular feedback
    4. DFA will present Board’s offer to members for vote
    5. Engage in office hours regularly leading up to future decisions
    6. Overall, very unfortunate situation (given the current climate)

1. **Ratna (on behalf of Annalise)**

Introduces Financial Chair (in absence)

* + Budget updates (presented in absence of Annalise)
    1. Share screen with everyone and go through the budget
    2. We all vote on the budget
    3. Verdict = budget approved
  + Treasury and Financial agenda feedback
  + Ideas for a SIM sweater or t-shirt
  + Committee funding and breakdowns in the excel spreadsheet

1. **Ratna (on behalf of Katie)**

Introduces Communication Chair (in absence)

* + SIM standing committee plug and discussion
  + SIMSA Chair election reminders

1. **Alexis: academic updates**

Academic Chair introduction

* + SIM Connect updates
    1. What’s involved & how students can benefit
    2. Plans to make SIM Connect open to returning and incoming students in the Winter Term
  + Lunch and Learns on the go
    1. Outreach and Engagement – EDI (equity, diversity, inclusion agenda)
    2. *Future modules include*: Indigenous Librarianship in academia, Combined Law degree promotion benefits to students, BCALA association promotion of black librarians & funding initiatives etc.
    3. Call for ideas for future Lunch and Learns
  + Wine and Cheese Book club proposal
    1. Fun event to have monthly
    2. Way to connect from afar - low commitment & unwind with your peers

1. **Kathleen non-academic updates**

Non-academic Chair introduction

* + Monthly social tomorrow (October 24th)
    1. See you all there!
  + Events planning upcoming discussions
  + Discussions of Halloween Plans
    1. What is everyone up to?
    2. Share traditions / Costumes / What costumes are best?

1. **Ashley digital publications updates**

Digital Publication Chair Introductions

* + Virtual community committee
  + Updates: Transitioning Brightspace into administrative platform, rather than a social one
  + Call for those interested in getting involved in virtual events planning & social activity

1. **Ratna (in absence of Tamanna)**

IWB Introductions and updates

* + What is Information Without Borders
  + Looking ahead for the Winter conference
  + Differences between IWB & MWB
  + Final call for updates

1. **Ratna wraps up discussion** 
   * Final thoughts & Happy Halloween
   * We will continue to monitor the strike situation
   * Thank you & feedback

**All Members Meeting ends: 3:45**

[Recording ended]

For those who wish to stay on, feel free to continue using this channel.

**Social discussion continues – officially ends at 4:51**