

All Members SIMSA Meeting
Meeting Minutes Friday Feb. 12@ 2-3pm AST

Meeting Facilitator: Katie Kehoe

Minute Taker: Alexis Wilkinson

SIMSA Members in Attendance:

Katie (Communications Chair)

Jakob (Incoming Academic Chair)

Alexis (Return Academic Chair)

Lisa (Incoming Digital Publication Chair)

Kathleen (Non-Academic Chair)

SIMSA Members in Absence:

Ratna (Executive Chair)

Ashley (Return Digital Publications Chair)

Annalise (Financial Chair)

Sam (Incoming Non-Academic Chair)

Official Start Time: 2:08

Katie begins discussion 2:09

Updates on student social from Kathleen 2:15

Date Feb. 27th @ 1pm—Saturday after reading break

More on this to come via e-mail

Switching to Academic Chairs 2:19

Jakob - updates on plans this week

- a. Next scheduled Lunch and learn with Dacture March 25 @ 5:30 AST Via Teams
- b. Jakob and Alexis had meetings Feb 10th with Dacture to discuss format and donations from Brian and Kevin (the start-up CEO's and former SIM grads)
- c. Donations will go towards Feed Nova Scotia, Elizabeth Fry Society, and Incarcerated Mothers of Nova Scotia
- d. Jakob and Alexis had meetings Feb 11th to plan out the last Lunch and Learn of the year, and also were present for the Horrocks Lecture pre-recording dry-run
- e. The next Horrocks dress rehearsal will be Feb 16th for Jakob and Alexis to attend, leading up to the live event Feb. 25th

Alexis gives updates for the third Lunch and Learn

2:25

Proposed date: Friday, April 9th with Andrea Cecchetto from the Markham Public library of Ontario, who currently works as Director of Service Excellence

- a. Andrea will discuss de-escalation practices in Canadian Public Libraries (particularly Ontario) and speak on youth engagement in OPL branches with at risk demographics
- b. This topic will be timely and relevant to our discussions in Community Led Services this term (for students taking INFO 6500 with Alison Brown)
- c. Also discussed will be the role of library assessments, and the collaborative efforts for community led co-planning of events with equity seeking groups (forming 70-75% patrons overall who are non-white, and 65% newcomers)

Alexis updates on the BCALA Lunch and Learn

2:28

- a. Event was recorded for those not in attendance
- b. Good attendance rate for the first live recorded event
- c. Chocolates were sent to Shauntee on behalf of SIMSA as a thank you

Jakob conducted a head count for the Live Lunch and Learn at 16 at the end of the recording

Lisa gives updates on the SIMSA website

2:31

- a. Website is now up and running (with help from Dan Phillips)

Filling in the time until Kim Brooks & Amir join **2:33**

Super Bowl discussion & Mid-term talking points (reading break ahead)

Preliminary discussion of the strategic plan circulated ahead of the meeting with the agenda

Kim Brooks & Amir arrive to discuss the Strategic Plan document **2:38**

Welcome speech & salutation from Kim **2:39**

Results of the strategic plan: 3 major “planks”

(1) Ambitious focus on the student experience (who is a student) **2:44**

- a. Review for relevance from all parties
- b. Re-tool for skills and talent acquisitions

(2) We can do a better job of connecting students with their long term goals and program development

- a. Economic innovations infrastructure
- b. How to make community healthier
- c. Create conversations around social innovation connecting experience and launch professional development in a better way

(3) Talent Acquisition — student body focus **2:50**

- a. Discussions around outreach and engagement
- b. How we help our students become expressions of themselves

Open the floor to questions **2:53**

Question on Management Career Services MCS

1980’s new MCS: focus on history and where we are headed

What careers may look like down the road, post-COVID, and how Dal can support via MCS (long range planning)

Meeting adjourned, Kim Leaves **2:58**

SIMSA members Debrief

Official Meeting End Time

3:05

Thank you to all SIM students in attendance

SIM Students in Attendance: 😊

Dan Phillips

Megan Totten

Megan Cote

Jesse Burges

Meaghan Rout

Clare Yu Cheong

Emily McClean

Theresa Boulos

Vinson Li

Poppy Riddle

Heidi Schiller

Amber Hart (Lynn)