

SIMSA Executive Meeting - December 9th 2020

Meeting called to order: **3:05pm AST**

Attendees: Annalise Benoit, Ratna Dhaliwal, Katie Kehoe, Ashley Mackinnon, Rachel Moore, Kathleen Pond, Sam Schwanak, and Alexis Wilkinson

Group check-in: How's everyone doing?

Chair Update : Ratna

Faculty of Management Council Meeting

- The faculty is thinking about restructuring.
- There are many discussions to be had regarding this.
- They will be looking for student input soon.

Current director Sandra Toze is taking interim next semester (winter), Vivian Howard is taking over for the time being.

The faculty is looking for input from all students regarding Dr. Toze's directorship.

Student engagement is very low right now.

Most important is the ALA accreditation
May set up an iSchool and a PhD degree
Unsure if it'll affect the JD combo degree

SLA Special Libraries Association

- Special Libraries Association reached out looking for new members.
- Student association, student rate
- Looking for more students to join

Would we like to start a student chapter of any associations?

- Create a resource of associations to join
- Bring in funding from SIMSA to offset the costs
- Ask alumni for help and possibly donate the cost of engagement

Communications Chair : Katie

Update on elections

- Had to conduct a round two of elections because two contests ended in a tie.
- Should have new executives elected by the end of the week.
- Our constitution is being reviewed to add EDI policies; has been past today (?)

Academic Chair : Alexis

First Lunch and Learn for next semester

February 4th

Presenter: Shauntee-Burns Simpson (Vice President of BCALA)

Non-Academic Chair : Kathleen

Welcome to Sam! (Incoming non-academic chair)

End of year party coming up

Good turn out for November student social

Digital Publications Chair : Ashley

Plans to overhaul the website in 2021

From the VCC:

Quiz night was a success

Focus on live events

Christmas card exchange

Engagement is low on non-live events

One day a week to send emails or send a recap email on Friday from us (SIMSA)?

Financial Chair : Annalise

Audit will occur over the Christmas break

IWB Chairs : Rachel

Some difficulty with programming because people are not willing to commit

Free for students completely

Non-students will pay just \$20

Logistical planning coming up

Contacting library associations in the province to see who would like to attend

Discussion of possible presenters and making sure the conference is accessible.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:09pm AST