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FACULTY OF INFORMATION STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL

Meeting

Friday, 2 June 2006, 6pm

Room 728, Claude Bissell Building

Present: Annetta Dunn, Geoffrey Little (Recorder), Alex MacCutchan, Mike MacSween, Mike Tissenbaum, Kathleen Schaeffer, Lawrence Stewart, Becky George, Allison Larsh, Vava Kolinski, Carolanne Graham, Tamara Stojakovic, Vic Chung, Uday Gupta, Hyunduk Chung, Lawrence Stewart, Jessica Possgate

Guests: Kelly Holmes, Craig Langille & Aliko Tryphonopoulos

Regrets: Several

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1. Call to Order and Acceptance of the Agenda

Geoffrey called the meeting to order at 6:10pm. Changes to the Agenda were noted including new reports.

2. Acceptance of the Minutes

1. Changes to the previous meeting's Minutes were noted

3. Items from Hyunduk Chung

Hyunduk is now the FISSC Alumni Rep. She also discussed a Mentorship Program that she is presently setting up between FIS Students and professionals in the field. Kathleen mentioned the program last year and Annetta indicated she would also send Hyunduk an email from Patricia Lawton on the same subject. Hyunduk will be keeping FISSC informed of her progress over the summer.

UPDATE: An item about this new program has gone out in the Orientation materials sent to new students.

4. Items from Kelly Holmes and Craig Langille

Kelly, Craig and others are setting up a group for FIS students interested in Children's Librarianship. Prof. Rothbauer has indicated she would also like to be involved. The group will encourage Professional Development and will also hold events (Tea, etc). They wanted to know how they could tie their events into existing FISSC/FIS events and if there was possibly some funds in the FISSC budget to support them. Annetta indicated that the FISSC budget will not be known until Registration and once student monies have been received in September. Kathleen suggested that in order for the group to become an "official: FIS Committee (like Life and Times, etc) they will have to meet certain standards/protocols. She will be sending Kelly an email on how to go about this. Kelly and Craig were encouraged to mention their new group to Sherri Vokey in the Inforum for posting on the Inforum blog. It was also mentioned that an Archivist group is also being formed. Annetta asked Kelly and Craig to keep FISSC informed of their progress. **UPDATE:** An item about this new program has gone out in the Orientation materials sent to new students.

5. Reports from Committees

Academic Affairs: Vava discussed the publication of COMPASS by the Academic Affairs Committee. He needs volunteers to help evaluate/review student evaluation data in July. FIS has hired a temp over the past few years to actually input the data but volunteers are required to verify it. Carolanne and Udo volunteered to help Vava. Becky and Annetta volunteer as back up/additional volunteers should they be required.

Life and Times: Carolanne is now also a member of the Life and Times Committee (along with Kathleen).

FISSC Website: Ian Gibson is now the main contact for the FISSC website. A new version of the FISSC website is running. Some stuff will be public but a great deal of it will be password protected and for FIS students only. Mike MacS spoke about the new website as well as the new features that include an area for students to discuss/rate their courses and professors. To that end, this new feature encroaches on COMPASS but it will be moderated and tightly monitored so that it doesn't turn into a bulletin board for slugging professors and/or courses.

Prospectus: People were wondering what the Prospectus Committee is supposed to do or what the FIS Prospectus is supposed to entail. Basically, other library schools have an online database (viz. UBC) where students can post their resumes for potential employers. A similar system at FIS would require both a 100% "buy-in" from the students (who need to be convinced that this service would be useful) and a strong marketing and a commitment from the organizing/hosting body.

Members of Council felt this idea would require a great deal of initiative and should be

linked to the Resume Clinic and possibly September Registration/Orientation. It appears too late to get something up and running for September.

Council Members also noted that ALA/OLA/CLA and FIS all have jobsites. Would this make the FIS Prospectus redundant? An idea was suggested that Council attempt to expand the Resume Clinic (ie: create an online consultation option, increase time spent with resume critic/stylist, etc).

Annetta, Carolanne, Jess and Kathleen volunteered to look at this issue in great depth.

6. Orientation

Nalini/Inforum are organizing the bulk of the Orientation events (Cite It Right workshops, etc). FISSC will be piggy-backing on their schedule. Alex has put a great deal of effort into working with Nalini/Judy in organizing FISSC events. Council discussed the issue, including a suggestion that Pub Night not be held the night before Cite It Right (as it was last year).

Annetta, Geoffrey, Alex, Tamara and Mike MacS. will be meeting shortly to firm up the Orientation schedule. **UPDATE:** a copy of the Orientation Schedule has gone out to students. FISSC items include a BBQ (tbc) as well as Pub Night and a self-guided tour/"scavenger hunt" of the libraries on campus. A copy of the schedule may be had from Annetta or Alex.

It is not yet known if Museum Studies will be participating in Orientation Week events. Alex had a sense from a meeting with various FIS/MS officials that Museum Studies sees itself as a totally separate entity within FIS. It remains to be seen how much/little MS students will be participating in Orientation events, although Council was of the opinion that we want to encourage interaction and integration.

7. New Business

1. Student Jobs: A student approached Annetta to discuss a perceived lack of jobs for FIS students on campus. Ali and Kathleen will look into this issue to see what, if anything, FISSC can do to encourage libraries to hire our students.
2. Request for funding: Mike T received an email from a student in which she requested funding in support of a paper that she is giving at a Conference in Newfoundland. Council discussed the issue and decided to give her \$300 to cover her registration fees. The money was not given to her personally and was made over to the Conference itself. FISSC should firm up a policy as to sponsoring future student Conference presenters. It was decided, though, that having FIS students at Conferences promotes the Faculty and is, thus, a good thing. Becky and Mike will be the future contacts for funding and will look into setting up a dedicated fund/account or award for use in future instances.

3. Inforum: There will be two new pods of computers in the Inforum, including some Mac computers. The Student Tech Fund is also looking at replacing keyboards. Udoj is open to suggestions for STF spending.
 4. Faculty Committees: Some members believe that both the Masters Committee and the Faculty Search Committee have been dissolved/suspended. Geoffrey will bring this up with Judy Dunn. **UPDATE:** According to Judy, Search Committees are on hold for the summer. The Master's Committee still exists but will be replaced by the Curriculum Committee when the new FIS Constitution is approved (presumably in the Fall).
 5. New Courses: Based on Vic, Fadi and Udoj's work last year, new courses for FIS/IS students should be offered this coming year.
 6. Library Student Journal: Heather Saunders and Jess are members of the new Library Student Journal. Well done! They will be working to encourage students to submit papers to the journal.
 7. OLITA: Jennifer Souter (Windsor U Library) is keen to get FIS students to join OLITA (Ontario Library and Information Technology Association). This should unfold over next year.
8. Other:
1. Marilyn Carr-Harris is looking at starting a Diversity & Awareness Committee. It was suggested that Marilyn bring this issue to Council. A member of the Executive will follow up with her via email.
 2. Geoffrey is organizing an LGBTQ group at FIS. He and Jess will be working on this over the summer. **UPDATE:** A notice about this new group was included in the Orientation materials sent to new students. Judy Dunn has already received a positive comment on this new group from an incoming student.
9. Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is TBA.