



Music Education Undergraduate Students' Association

Executive Meeting

Montreal, QC

February 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Rebecca Manga
Trevor Tsui
Nicole Furrier
Nicole Tempas
Kristi Fox
Min Kim
Naira Sidi

Regrets:

Mitchel Russo

1. **Call to Order at:** Monday, February 12 2018. 7:48 pm (Nicole T motions, Rebecca seconds)
2. **Welcome & Announcements**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
 - a. **January 29:** APPROVED Rebecca motions, Naira seconds

4. Action Items from Previous Meetings

VP Academic - Get in contact with the BD to confirm their eligibility of Practice Room access.

VP Finance - Get MUZBA donations to local Charity

VP Communications - Add VP Social to the minutes; create new templates with VP Social

-Not present

5. President's Report

- a. **Cafe Collab Recap:** Met with social/equity/diversity dept (Eve Finley), spoke about "Art Cafe Collab" 2 part event
 - February 8 is part 1 where they invite music students to come and express frustrations with program through artwork
 - During part 2 the artwork is presented and discussed, professors are present to hopefully resolve issues
 - Wanted input from Music Education students, Trevor discussed issues

such as professor-student relationships (occasional issues with conductors), gendered instrument biases, feeling inferior to other education students

- b. **ISA Meeting Recap:** Brought up issue that some U2 students were facing registering for seminars and field experiences simultaneously-- resolved! Technical course issues, MEdUSA needs to remind ISA office next fall to make sure the issues are all resolved. All FE4 music students are currently placed.
- c. **QBA Honour Band:** High school and CEGEP students had a band intensive weekend this past week which was an overall success (music education students were able to observe teachers, logistics of festivals, and make connections with teachers in the area).
- d. **Summer Job Fair:** Education faculty is putting on this event on February 20th from 10am-2pm. Students should prepare their CV's and dress well because onsite interviews will be held. Music positions are available.
- e. **MUSA:** Inter-council bonding event proposed by MUSA members (after they did not respond to our initial request for one in fall) to ease some of the tension between groups. Potential event could be potluck or drinks. MUSA mentioned they wanted to discuss the Practice Room bar. Also suggested the creation of a buddy system for next year's music students, looking for Music Education perspectives to answer the question "what you wish you knew going into university." Also interested in having a co-MEdUSA and MUSA representative-- traditionally the role of our first year representative, but there was a scheduling issue this year as they did not involve Kristi in the scheduling of meetings. We also determined that Mitchel would act as the liaison between the two councils once we learned the meetings would not work with Kristi's schedule, but the council seems unaware of this. MUSA also proposed a council member that floats between our two councils and MGSS, but our group consensus was that we did not necessarily need to communicate with the graduate student society.
 - i. Event Ideas:
 - 1. Cookie Party
 - 2. Board Games (too competitive?)
 - ii. Ideas from MEdUSA First Year Representative
 - 1. How to print, how to scan
 - 2. How to navigate the McGill medical clinic
 - 3. Navigating student services in the Brown building in general
 - 4. Practice room registration?
 - 5. Room booking system

6. VP Finance Report

- a. **Muzba Update:** Successful so far, third class is tomorrow in C-304. Trouble scheduling for the following 3 weeks, will contact Veronique to make a game plan. Beyond those three weeks, all rooms are booked. All proceeds are being collected in a plastic bag and waiting in the cash box to be donated.
- b. **Grilled Cheese 2018:** Everyone needs to fill out the doodle to come, we need 3 people per time slot for the event to run smoothly. Scheduled to be held in Strathcona lobby (one outlet) on Monday February 19, we need
 - Extension cords (Nicole T, Nicole F, Rebecca)
 - Grill (we have 2, may need another-- Min is checking with brother to

see if there is one available)

We need to make sure we do not blow the fuse at the event (in the past, we put 3 grills on one power cord, but we need to use different power outlets). There will be lactose free options. Posters will be hung up soon

7. VP Academic Report

a. **Meeting with Performance Area Chair:** Met with Stephane Lemelin (performance area chair), discussed 2 things

- i. Raising standards for practical exams for music education students-- our issue was rooted in a misunderstanding within our council, the practical exam standards are based on McGill's general grading. Performance students are required to get a B+ because they need to move up to the next level of the practical exam, but their failing grade is still a 55 (i.e. if a performance student gets a C, they need to retake the exam but did not technically fail). Therefore, standards are technically equal
- ii. Practice Room Access for advanced standing students-- contacted building director and they needed approval from performance area chair or associate dean, Lemelin felt he could not easily make this happen without contacting the students, as he feels like it's not his place to give permission. He believes compared to other students who have practical exams and performances have a higher priority, and there is already a problem with not having enough practice rooms. He sees their access to Sherbrooke 550 practice rooms as a compromise. He said if we bring it up to MUSA and they support the notion, he will allow access. Our council feels giving them access to the fourth floor practice rooms will not interfere with MUSA's practice room booking schedule issues, and the fact that there are only 9 students should not be a problem.

b. **EdUS Update?:** EdUS puts on a lot of events like bar and apartment crawls with other faculties, but music faculty generally does not participate (and music education students tend not to attend their events). They are putting on a mental health week full of fun events (such as puppy therapy, Zumba, meditation).

8. VP Professional Development's Report

a. **Workshop updates:** Tomorrow Kristen Malbranck is having a workshop on Creativity in the Classroom in A-512 at 6pm-- there will be coloring, snacks, refreshments, etc.

-Another workshop with Helene Boucher later this month

-Jonathan Dagenais not responsive about conducting workshop (been over a month), contacted Tessa to see if she could put on a masterclass (potentially with a military band, [438 tactical helicopter society]) or knows someone who could help us. Rebecca will be coming to their rehearsal on this coming Thursday. Live rehearsal is schedule for March 14th but a group to rehearse is not confirmed

-Contacted Phil Parenteau, workshop TBD

b. **Updates on conducting lessons:**

c. **QBA mentoring updates:** Amanda Karen is interested in volunteering her time and putting on a workshop on putting on musicals, discussing putting it on in March. Not a member of the QBA anymore.

9. VP Socials

a. Semi-Formal:

- Make a better photo-booth wall, Nicole brings polaroid, Trevor photographer
- Lowkey prize, have people compete?

10. Website (VP Communications): **Absent**

11. First Year Representative

12. E-News/Facebook Group:

- E-News:** The e-news went out.
- MUSA Formal:** Will NOT be held in February... It'll be held in March sometime after the reading week

13. Next meeting date on: Monday, February 26th

14. Adjournment at: 9:07, motioned by Nicole F, seconded by Min

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Further Outstanding Action Items:

Min: figure out grill situation with brother, bring up practice room situation with MUSA

Naira: hanging up posters, organize event, follow up with the Zumba charity, talk to Veronique about scheduling

Rebecca: tell Kristen to buy her own crayons, grab an adaptor from the library, ask Helene for more details about her workshop for advertisement

Trevor: invite QBA members to Helene's workshop

Nicoles: Furrier-- gatsby memes in the fb event

CLASS ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEMIFORMAL:

Zumba: Nicole F

Media Tech: Nicole F

Vocal Tech: Min

Guitar Tech: Trevor

Music for General Adults and Teens: Trevor

Jazz Instruction: Trevor

Music for Children: Naira

Woodwind Tech: Kristi

Lab Band: Kristi

Art of Composition: Nicole Furrier

