



## **Music Education Undergraduate Students' Association**

Executive Meeting

Montreal, QC

### **March 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

#### **Members Present:**

#### **Regrets:**

**Mitchel Russo (VP Communications)**

**Kristianna Fox (First Year Representative)**

1. **Call to Order at: 7:47** by Naira, seconded by Min
2. **Welcome & Announcements**
3. **Approval of Agenda** Read by Nicole F and Rebecca; needs approval before posted onto MEdUSA website (remove direct quotes etc.)
4. **Action Items from Previous Meetings**
5. **President's Report**
  - a. **ISA Scholarships**
    - i. April 1st is the deadline for ISA scholarships. [mcgill.ca/isa/scholarships](http://mcgill.ca/isa/scholarships). There are 6 from \$800-\$6,000. We should all apply. Min will post information on the facebook group. ISA is pushing us to promote them.
  - b. **Young Alumni Panel**
    - i. Update: Thursday April 5th. Five panelists are confirmed. Still waiting on room booking and will ask Lisa for alcohol permit, even though it is late. Panelists: Andrea Schellenberg, Pei Yao Xu, Elizabeth Huyer, Nadia Sparrow, Maggie Lauer. When we have a room confirmation, we will email the panelists. Format: tbd, informal small knit conversations.
    - ii. Grilled cheese sale to raise funds for young alumni panel on Thursday March 29th
  - c. **Elections**
    - i. Anyone who runs cannot coordinate the ballot. The first step is the nominations - which should start tomorrow. Kristi could tentatively run the nomination. Everything is ready in the drive: election info, positions, and the nomination form. Mitchel should send an email with all of these documents TOMORROW. Trevor should post all of the info on Facebook

TONIGHT. All current medusa members should encourage people to run - especially in lab band. All nominees should submit their nominations by March 30th. Mitchel should upload the nomination forms onto the website

- ii. Concerns about being on stage: those on stage may not have the advantage of being at school all the time but may experience a part of our music ed degree that the council can benefit from
- iii. All positions will be up for re-election this year

**d. Interview with Christopher Blake**

- i. Trevor interviewed with him (hired by the communication dept, his job is to learn what works and doesn't work at schulich. he presents this info to banks and donors to give schulich \$ so that we can make the school better). He talked about:
  - 1. tech courses being too short
  - 2. courses and ed professors that don't meet expectations
  - 3. not enough emphasis on performance skills for music ed students
  - 4. ISA placing music ed students in pairs for 2nd stage

**e. State of the Council**

- i. President is concerned that the council did not reach out to the student body, first years, and did not generally move forward. Many other council members do not feel this way, and that we faced unique challenges this year and handled them the best we could. We now have solid advice to pass on to next year's members

**6. VP Finance's Report**

**a. AVES Bake Sale**

- i. Tuesday, March 27 (Veronique Noreau will organize everything herself; she will let us know if she needs help)

**7. VP Academic's Report**

**a. Mercury course evaluations meeting**

- i. We can view previous year's course evaluation results on Minerva
  - ii. Our course evals affect our prof's tenure so students should know that their feedback matters and they should be open and honest.
  - iii. Music faculty response rate is the lowest at 34% -> we should encourage students to submit them
  - iv. One student advised that an "official complaint" box be offered in the course eval for a safe space to constructively explain their negative experience
- b. It could be useful to have a similar feedback process for our administrative staff at McGill. But it's difficult to pinpoint who is accountable for which problems.

**8. VP Professional Development's Report**

- a. Nothing to report; all workshops are done. Exit report: next year, we should ask Lisa what we can do to receive our Professional Development Fund that we lost this year.
- b. Conducting Masterclass was successful; Jonathan D was a great clinician.
  - i. OVNI should be the group that we ask bi-annually to play for our instrumental conducting masterclass.

- ii. For Choir: Dr. Vallee

**9. VP Social**

- a. Gatsby event recap
  - i. Using half the room was effective
  - ii. In the future, we may buy cheaper food and more of it
  - iii. Servers: if a guest is intoxicated, the server should openly tell them to come back later

**10. Website (VP Communications)**

- a. Not present

**11. E-News/Facebook Group**

- a. Mitchel should send election documents by email (see nomination agenda above)

**12. Next meeting date on:** TBD, tentative Wednesday April 4,

**13. Adjournment at:** 9:13 by Naira, seconded by Trevor

**Action Items from Previous Meeting:**

- **Mitchel Russo (VP Communications): Look over February 26 minutes**
  - **Email about elections in e-newsletter**
- **Nicole Tempas (VP Social): Post the Nomination Form, Election Info, Exec Positions**
- **Naira Sidi: Organize Grilled cheese sale March 29th**

**Further Outstanding Action Items:**