



MUSSA July 2025 Meeting

August 5, 2025 - 18:00-19:00 Toronto Time

N.b. Meeting was originally scheduled for Wednesday July 30, 2025, but postponed due to sickness

Location: [zoom](#)

WELCOME: MUSSA acknowledges the past and ongoing role of museums in colonialism and are committed to overcoming and reforming oppressive practices within the iSchool and larger museum community. MUSSA operates on the traditional lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit, Wendat peoples, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe. We are thankful to be situated on Turtle Island and for the opportunity to learn and work on the land.

Meeting Start Time [6:08pm]

Meeting attended by: Ashley, Katelyn, Michelle, Alexis, Iulia

MPOC - Hannah Guiang

1. Meeting Called to Order

- I. Approval of June Meeting Minutes
 - A. Alexis and Michelle
- II. Approval of current Agenda
 - A. Katelyn and Iulia
- III. Nomination of meeting secretary
 - A. Katelyn

President Updates (Ashley)

- I. Professional networking Initiatives
 - A. Updates from Irina
 - 1. Supports panel event, but wants more people working in museum spaces. Collaborate with profs to avoid overlap
 - 2. Suggestions for museum visits (Scarborough)
 - a) Irina has a connection to the curator
 - b) Go to event together to make some connections
 - 3. Volunteer Opportunity List Initiative
 - B. Working with Alumni Office for events (Claudia Hughes and Regan Tigno)
 - 1. Going to try to include more museum professionals in networking and iSchool human library events
 - 2. Want to collaborate on panel series with alumni who have left the museum field or previously worked in it

- a) May occur once per semester or only in the winter
 - b) Help from Alumni Office to organize events and for funding
 - c) Wine and Cheese and meeting event too
 - d) Reach out alumni with facebook group
- II. Curriculum Renewal Updates
 - A. Promote renewal as the semester starts, Maggie will have more meetings
- III. Orpana-Mussa Collaboration
 - A. Emerging Professional - MSL3900
 - 1. Bring in MUSSA people to answer questions on Sept 12 (already have someone, but can bring others) - Katelyn and Michelle will be there already
 - a) MPOC invitation and send details of event
- IV. Finances and Budget
 - A. [Walkthrough MUSSA 2025-2026 Budget](#) -> general budget for events, trying to apply for new funding opportunities
 - 1. Suggestions, concerns, etc
 - 2. Ottawa trip
 - 3. iConference
 - B. MPOC - need to have separate discussions for honorariums
 - 1. Meeting to discuss funding with MPOC
- V. Orientation - Dates + Availabilities
 - A. General Assembly on Sep 4th
 - B. Student Resources Fair - Sep 11th
 - 1. 11-2pm
 - 2. Katelyn and Michelle in the morning bits?? - Capstone class until 12
 - 3. Detail different schedule information closer to the event
 - 4. MUSSA to be able to support with MPOC information as necessary
- VI. Ottawa trip - planning schedule
 - A. Discussions with Andrea needed

Social Updates (Alexis)

- I. Walkthrough of the schedule
 - A. Cannot rent out cinema for Wicked, but can consider other options
 - B. Approach faculty to see about other funding for events - Andrea

AGM (Katelyn)

- I. Proposing dates to hold the AGM from Sep 10-12

- A. Agreed upon date for AGM on September 12th - approved by council and motioned by Ashley
- II. To be done for AGM
 - A. Constitution changes to be detailed
 - B. Development of AGM package

September Election (Katelyn)

- I. Proposed Dates
 - A. All Candidates Meeting - September 15th
 - B. Nomination Period - Sep 15th - 19th
 - 1. Candidate announcement on Sep 20th
 - C. Election Period - Sep 22-26
 - 1. Emails to successful candidates Sep 27th
 - D. Results posted on Sep 29
 - E. Election Dates approved by Council - motioned by President Ashley
- II. Use of Google Forms for election
 - A. Easiest for us to use
 - B. Will ask people for emails/student numbers to ensure people voting are students
 - C. Use of Google Forms approved by Council vote - motioned by President Ashley

MUSSA IT (Katelyn)

- I. Access to utoronto email
 - A. Check different accounts and see if it works for execs
- II. Sharepoint for MUSSA documents
 - A. Developed by IT, will send out information to different exec people
 - B. Start adding to materials from Google Docs to Sharepoint
 - 1. Go through Google Docs to be able to see what to archive and move
- III. New Website
 - A. Hopefully by Sep
 - B. Decide on the best place to keep MUSINGS information and posts

Merch (Iulia)

- I. Sticker designs - Amazing job Michelle! Thank you to Katelyn for preparing a voter form!
 - A. Do we want to change/add to the designs Katelyn already added to the form?
 - B. Distribute the voting form: MUSE letter, MSL3000 class

II. Price quotes:

- A. Consider stickers with colour or not based on costs
- B. 300 stickers

Company	Price per 100 stickers	Price per 500 stickers	Shipping Costs	Link
Staples	N/A (\$66.05/250 stickers)	\$70.72	Free (delivers within 2 weeks; no pick up) Express (within 1 week) - \$19.99	https://www.staples.com/services/printing/custom-labels-stickers/advertising-product-labels/
Sticker Canada	\$56.00	\$69.00	Free (delivers within 2 weeks) Express (within 1 week) - \$36.00	https://www.stickercanada.com/stickers/paper/art?featured=art-paper-roll

III. Iulia is getting in touch with Celeste Lee from the Bookstore to figure out what the parameters are regarding merch

- A. New Design Idea: inspired by the program hoodies

IV. Getting the students more involved in the merch design...

- A. I would love to do a little contest on our social media open to anyone in the program who might want to submit designs for a creative and fun MMST logo. We might not be able to get this done on sweaters, at least not at the bookstore, but we could look into making mugs, stickers, patches etc. **Is this something we are allowed to do?**
 - 1. Reach out to Andrea to see if we are allowed to use student designs
 - 2. Merch from other companies for this?

Social Media/Alumni (Michelle)

- I.  MUSSA 2025-2026 Social Media Calendar Please add things to this calendar and message me if you want them promoted on SM. Also feel free to message me/forward me things to post/repost.
- II. No more Canva Premium

- A. Consider a budget for access or reaching out to the faculty for access to Canva Premium and see if the GSU offers this for Student Councils
- III. Sent an email introduction to FIAA, awaiting response.
 - A. Connect Michelle into stuff with Alumni meeting

General Comments and Questions

- I. How many MMST students next year (Katelyn)
 - A. GSU Reps tied to number of students
 - B. Size updates
 - 1. Follow up with Ashley and Irina/Andrea
- II. Consideration of MUSINGS and brand
 - A. Specific MUSINGS website and the budget for MUSINGS
 - B. Use of MUSINGS as a space for help with editing and writing formats
 - C. Brand for MUSINGS and promote to different students
- III. MPOC
 - A. Sticker design from MPOC to send to Iulia for development
 - B. Working on possible joint events between MPOC and MUSSA especially for similarly planned events
 - 1. Work to connect with MPOC about joining joint events

Action Items

- Finalize constitution changes
- MUSSA Execs - look at social calendar and review events organized by Alexis
- Share MUSSA internal calendar with people
- Katelyn and Ashley: Detail what different transition documents we have and which ones were not done and prepare for september
- Katelyn: Ask Andrea and GSU about the types of profit we are allowed to make with merch and money in geneal and about symbols and designs

Meeting end time [7:20pm]