

## ASA COUNCIL - AGENDA

Meeting Date & Time: 6:00 PM, October 27, 2020

Attendance:

Absent:

### 1. Approval of the Agenda

### 2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

### 3. Announcements

### 4. Updates (3 min each):

\*Note: We'll keep updates relatively brief and please fill this out before you verbally present. It's to help us stick with the time frame.

#### VP Academic

- EUSF fund – what should we propose?
  - Total Departmental Allocation : \$2,661.17
  - Total Student Society Allocation: \$665.30
- Held a U2 academic forum - students spoke for over 2 hours about issues
  - Mental health concerning (too much screen time, lack of reassurance / visibility that other students are struggling too, isolation with individual projects...)
  - ALL U2 profs were brought together by Director Bressani for a meeting after he got the report
  - Planning a follow up this coming week with Jasmine, check in with Bressani about the meeting as well
- Planning U1 and U3 forums for the next couple weeks

#### VP Finance

- Thank you Hermine for sending me documentation for Samiha honorarium, will be using this documentation to find out from EUS VP Finance exactly what we need to get Cheque-reqs for e-transfers, so this is easier for everyone in the future.
- SSF still open, but not for long. . . . .

#### VP Internal

- Fall Banquet : collaboration with Good Food, but not free.
  - What do you think about subsidizing the banquet with other eng departments?  
How much? Important for the next meeting with Good Food
- Game night: happening on November 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm
  - Inter-departmental competition
    - Zoom boat races
    - Scribbl.io
    - Among us
    - Trivia – Jackbox TV
    - Kahoot

- Minecraft (in the background for people who have it)
- Any other idea?
- U3 game night was fun! We want to redo something similar every two weeks or so!

### VP Events

- Midterm season so not a lot is happening
- Idea of a Halloween Zoom Party
- Fall Banquet: Good Food is not confirmed
  - If we get Good Food, there is some kind of a payment and sponsorship, so we need to look into the options of subsidizing the amount or students full pay, in that case we can put up a Yapsody etc.
- Talked to Philippe for an event with MAME, still very preliminary since MAME has a lot of independent events happening
- Should we do weekly scavenger hunts to motivate people to get engaged?
- Game night ^ as stated before
  - I'll be forming the Discord with MAME U3 Rep this week and getting the test run
  - For the awards, every department is coming up with a budget, we should decide on that.
- Discord is hopefully happening for in between year games, i.e Among Us

### VP External

- Virtual Tour with Microclimat on Monday, please promote and talk about it!!
- Another alumni event in the works
- Was contacted about a potential networking event with ECC today

### VP Communications

- ASA Newsletter for the month of November to be released Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Website newsletter section to be updated: past newsletters (OCT) to be posted as PDF and new November newsletter to be posted.
- Trying to figure out a way to have the most recent newsletter as an interactive thing on the website. (Right now you can't click the hyperlinks) on the website if it's not a PDF.

### VP Admin

- We have all the merch items ready to put up for sale tomorrow evening.
- We are planning to have 4 logo designs (one design from last year was removed since no one confirmed that they still wanted it). Apparel:
  - Hoodies (embroidered): black, charcoal, sand (ask to fix defective embroidered)
  - Crewnecks: black, charcoal, ash
  - t-shirts, long sleeves: black

- Two accessories: 1 headwear in black and 1 tote option
- Overall, we can't really predict how sale is going to go:
  - For totes: we might be investing for the long run since the minimum purchase price is 100 pieces
  - For the rest, there is a minimum of 12 items + set-up fees on top of the item price
- Price break down:
  - Hoodies – 21.50\$+tax --> 40\$
  - Embroidered hoodie – 32\$+tax --> 45\$
  - Crewneck – 16.50\$+tax --> 30\$
  - Long sleeve – 12.50\$+tax --> 27\$
  - T-shirts – 7\$+tax --> 23\$
  - Cap – 10\$+tax --> 16\$
  - Beanies – 12\$+tax --> 18\$
  - Tote – 3.62\$+tax --> 15\$
- Few things to resolve/get ASA's opinion on regarding things we posted in our channel:
  - Beanies vs Baseball Caps
  - ARCH logo on the back or the front
  - Black tote bags or Natural
- Shipping will be additional to those who want things (calculate it after they tell us where they want us to ship to)
- Pick-up will probs be on Lorne
  - Should we drop-off orders on the island for a fee?
- Order forms will be through the website – merchandise page OR google forms (we are testing it out today)
  - E-transfer to who?

### Brown Bag

- Confirmed with Robert Crabtree from TREES Architecture Studio in Brooklyn to give the next Brown Bag lecture on November 12.
- Dong Ping Wong of Food New York has also confirmed giving our first Brown Bag of winter semester sometime in January (around third week).
- Still need to send Jonah a cheq req for the payment for Esther's lecture—will get this to you sometime this week. (Thomas)
- Refund for Samiha lecture. (Hermine)
- Still waiting to hear back from couple other guests on lectures for winter session.

### Equity and Mental Health

1. Q&A Thursday, October 29, 2020 @ 12:30pm
  - a. Discussed with Master's President and Wellness Advisor regarding structure and topics of discussion including, Master School applications, portfolios, work experience and advice.
  - b. Need to remind Facebook groups to attend, if interested.
2. Antidiscrimination Workshop by Lee Mun Wah for BIPOC students & faculty
  - a. Thanks to Brown Bag coordinators for sharing this event with us!

- b. Discussed with Finance for possibility to subsidize ticket (35.50\$ USD) for participating students (Discussion topic below)
3. STRAVA
  - a. Goal to launch competition as of Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020. As weather gets colder and we are more sedentary (also with extension of Quebec-wide quarantine), it is a good time to promote activity.
  - b. Architecture school-wide participation: U0&1, U2, U3, M1, M2
    - i. Discussion of prize possibility?
4. U2 Professor-Student FALL 2019 List distribution
  - a. Thanks to Jasmine, Tea and Gabrielle for compiling list and sending it out!
    - i. How is the engagement so far?
5. Question: Would a U3 meeting with Mary about Master's Application/OAQ specifics be helpful?
  - a. Wait for Q&A meeting this Thursday and reassess.

#### U0 Class Rep

#### U1 Class Rep

- Did a midsemester check in survey and got some super useful feedback about classes, profs and the ASA
- Law midterm was quite a Sh\*t show
- Special thank you to Isabelle for proxying for me at tmr's EUS council

#### U2 Class Rep

- Academic forum held successfully, profs(except Sherif) met with Bressani last Friday to discuss curriculum
- Studio-wide meeting held today to discuss the current workload-profs are being understanding
- Letter to Sherif sent on behalf of class to express our thoughts and suggestions
- Mentorship program kickoff (Téa's fb post)
- Crazy deadlines these two weeks: next week: History midterm, Studio midterm, Digi Rep update, CIVE assignment due(moved, was originally due next week)

#### U3 Class Rep

- The general U3 student resource list has been distributed to the U2 class so hopefully that is used by U2s.
- Lighting – ARCH 490 – deadline changed based on student demand: originally the deadline was for Friday Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, but the professor agreed to push it to Sunday Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. He stipulated two conditions in moving it but meeting the requirements I do not foresee being an issue.
- We had a studio meeting today where students were able to share their thoughts on the semester thus far. Overall successful, we will see what action is taken in the upcoming weeks. Main points discussed were having a platform to share each studio section's work like mural or miro, being invited to each studio section's weekly desk crits, issues of focusing on representation rather than content in crits due to the online format of drawings, and issues of scale in presentations.

- Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, the day after our studio midterm, Isabelle and I organized a U3 Social where we hung out and played games on a U3 Class discord server. We had a turnout of about 11 students which is more than we actually anticipated and for those that did attend they asked that we schedule these events more frequently.

### President

- Open House was great. Good participation in the zoom meeting. The Eventus platform was not the most ideal for questions. Very slow in the morning, pretty good in the afternoon.
- EUSF. Gabrielle and I need to email Bressani about EUSF and how we will spend the money allocated to the department.
- I am picking up the ASA hard drive from Diana sometime today or tomorrow.
- The BoG is still looking for members. If you are interested in applying, please visit the EUS wiki.
- We had our Presidents' meeting last week. We are looking into more effective ways to communicate student concerns to the dean. Other departments have also opted for online events like our games night last Friday.

### **5. Discussion Topics:**

- Discuss Office Hours BIPOC-only event potential funding, did anyone express interest/buy a ticket? If not, we may not have to discuss this, but could be important for the future.

A long discussion took place among council members as to whether student council funds should go toward financially supporting an event that explicitly prohibits white students from attending. Some argued the event is necessary for making society safer and more just in a predominantly white community for BIPOC, while others argued ASA funds should go toward financially supporting events that have the potential to include everyone. While this event is at full capacity, if ever another similar event were to take place, the council agreed to support the winning position in a council-wide, anonymous poll. The results were as follows:

13 votes (76%) in favor of financially supporting this event.

4 votes (24%) against financially supporting this event.

- Does anyone have any ideas for what we should ask for for SSF?

### **6. Action Items:**

### **7. Set the Time and Date of the Next Meeting:**

### **8. Adjournment**