

ASA COUNCIL - AGENDA

Meeting Date & Time: 6:00 PM, October 13, 2020

Attendance:

Absent: Sahil Adnan, Thomas King, Taylor Wasserman, Sara Cipolla

1. Approval of the Agenda

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

3. Equity Training

4. Updates (2 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

- Academic forum: survey underproduction for anonymous answers (for after the forum)
 - Main questions: feedback on each course/prof (usual) + specific issues relating to online
 - should we add mental health questions? Or would that be something we follow up on separately?
 - Decide on dates with the U-reps - tuesday oct 27
- Update on U2 course issues: meeting with Jasmine after ASA meeting
 - Deadlines/workload seem similar to last year, but given the conditions of this year, clearly overwhelming amount of work
- Future meetings:
 - Meetings with other VP academics postponed until next week
 - curriculum committee meeting Friday 10-1130
 - What can I expect / should I prepare anything?
 - Meeting to give feedback about students experiences specifically online with the faculty of engineering ("Faculty of Engineering's initiative on enhancing learning and teaching in engineering (ELATE)") this week (date hasn't been announced yet)
 - Going to go off of what I've heard from other students up to date, if any grade reps want to write/speak to me about anything they'd like me to communicate with the faculty about online experience (academic or otherwise) feel free
 - Open house meeting Wednesday at 9:00

VP Finance

- Send me your receipts if you want money back!!

VP Internal

- ASA Frosh went well!
 - A lot of participation on Friday night for games night
 - We were around 10 for Family Feud on Saturday
 - Almost no one for the yoga on Sunday
 - No one participated to the Scunt... so we're saving money on the prizes!
- Maybe we could give the stickers with the merch orders? Because I don't think anyone would want to pay for stickers that say "ASA Frosh 2020" on them
- Planning a game competition with most of the Eng departments happening in November. What would be our approximative budget for prizes? All the departments would have to help paying for those.
- I would be interested to work with the uReps to organize a weekly/bi-weekly chill event so students have a break from school

VP Events

- ASA Frosh happened: on Discord: total of 67 people online
 - Games were such a success
 - Had positive feedback
- Beer orders are still cancelled (for future reference)
- Attended to EIM: this became optional for all VP Events (since there will be an addition of EUS VP Events along with VP Internal)
- Been talking to MAME VP Internal to find alternative options for GoodFoods but most councils are on board with it
- Virtual "Crawl"
 - Started working on it with departments
- EUS Discord:
 - Bascally e-week 2.0
- UReps & E&M, if you want to have chill events etc. For community engagement we can definitely organize one woo!

VP External

- Virtual Tour of Microclimat set for the 2nd of November 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
 - Walk through tour
 - Followed by Q & A
 - Going to start advertising within the next week
- Faculty wide Networking event on Oct 22nd at 6 pm (an introduction to networking)
 - <https://www.facebook.com/events/3157997847642285/>
- VP External meeting on thursday

VP Communications

Absent, no updates

VP Admin

- Logo competition voting period is going on right now - engagement is ok

- Can the Ureps please remind their respective year through their messenger chat on Wednesday that there are only 2 days left to vote?
- We are finalizing the merch options this week with the suppliers to be ready to take orders as of early next week
 - We will be offering (if everything goes well) hoodies, crewnecks, t-shirts, long sleeves, hats, beanies, tote bags and lanyards
 - Still looking for socks supplier (options we found are either too expensive or the minimum quantities to order are too high)
 - We are waiting for logo winner(s) to be determined, to send logo to suppliers (for price details)
- We are trying to figure out also the last details of how the merch sale will take place, in regards to ordering through forms, shipping options, etc.
- Show new written “McGill Architecture” type logo so ASA can approve

Brown Bag

- Lecture on Oct 8 was recorded and shared in the facebook groups + through digirep/Francois for U2s
- Link expires, let us know if you want access to it, we can resend
- Next lecture Nov 12 since many deadlines in the upcoming weeks and we want to avoid conflicts
- Refund: we will be sending required info to Jonah
- Currently scheduling talks for next semester since now officially all online

Equity and Mental Health

- EUS Equity & Mental Health meeting last week
 - Discussion of initiatives to be taken in following week- potential for collaborating
- Paired up Mentors and Mentees (seven pairings in all)
 - Contacted the mentors with the names of their mentees and grade, and asked them to reach out to them within the next few days to introduce themselves
 - There were more mentors than mentees, so some volunteers did not receive a mentee yet. We are hoping for positive experiences to spread and for more mentees to show interest.
- Preparing for the commencement of STRAVA
- In communication with Catherine Auger (M2)- the Mental wellness coordinator.
 - Asked for midterm/exam dates in order to plan events around them
 - Requested contact names for Brown Bag Lecture
 - Catherine will reach out to Thomas and Hermine
 - Potentially for Q&A around Master applications

U0 Class Rep

U1 Class Rep

- Are there any drawing tutorial type services for Arch students?

- I made a class calendar with all the deadlines.

U2 Class Rep

- List of Deadlines and calendar updated
- Meeting with VP Acads

U3 Class Rep

- U3 resource list has been compiled with those interested – in total we have participation from 23 different students with at least four individuals in each section. We have students from Theodora's section on the list as well even though she isn't a U2 instructor this year. Perhaps we could organize a brief meeting to work out logistics of posting the list and how to present it to the U2 class.
- Students have inquired about the Murdoch Laing Competition results and when there would be updates on the matter.
- U3s are wondering about deadlines for ARCH 445, I have sent our professor a couple emails – one on Sept 27th and one on Oct 7th – but have yet to hear from him.
- Access to viewing other studio sections material and progress

President

- Open house is happening virtually on October 25. Thank you to those who have offered to volunteer their time. Essentially, there will be no video or audio communication during this event. It will simply be a discussion platform where prospective students can direct message us and ask questions.
- EUS Council happened two weeks ago, Dean Nicell gave a presentation about the consequences of COVID-19 and Quebec's enforced restrictions. The winter semester will be delivered remotely, with the possibility of some activities happening in person. The McGill Engine also gave a presentation about the different activities they are supporting.
- Faculty Council meeting happened earlier today. The different departments introduced program changes and additions to their faculties. For architecture, this meant introducing Rosetta Elkin to the School. She is a researcher in natural ecosystems from the GSD. As for program changes, the School officially retired the M.Arch non-thesis stream, leaving behind a single 60-credit professional M.Arch program.
- We need a DRO. Does anyone want to do it? They are responsible for all things related to elections.

5. Discussion Topics:

6. Action Items:

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

8. Adjournment