

## ASA COUNCIL - AGENDA

**Meeting Date & Time: 6:30 PM, September 29, 2020**

**Attendance: 17/17**

**Absent:**

### 1. Approval of the Agenda

### 3. General announcements:

Welcome Ishaan, our U0 representative.

Welcome David, our U1 representative.

Welcome Jasmine, our U2 representative.

Welcome Téa, our U3 representative.

Reminder, EUS Council tomorrow @ David, @ Jasmine, @ Elif

### 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

- Had a meeting with all the other VP academics in the EUS, some of their issues relate to CopiEUS not being a thing this year, and over all profs who refuse to adapt to the fall properly (no other issues brought up seem to relate to architecture thus far except:)
  - Materials engineering mentioned they need autocad tutorials and can't see to find anyone: are we having any this fall?? If so we should invite their students if possible
- held a meeting with Tea and Jasmine to check in with courses:
  - U2 fall is rough as usual, Jasmine is putting together a schedule of deadlines with suggestions for improvements, so that we can approach profs to see if any changes can be made, and to stress that this semester is unique in its demands on students
  - Would an official academic forum be useful?
  - Settled date ASAP
- Would love to have a meeting with David and Ishaan to check in if they agree (welcome y'all)

#### VP Finance

- No updates.

#### VP Internal

- Frosh happening starting Friday
  - Game night on Friday and some on Sunday[Family feud architecture version, Among us, Mafia, Skribble.io, and a presentation one (don't know what's the name)]
  - Yoga (with Farah Majdoub in masters) on Sunday 11am

- We want to do a “Meet the Council” thing on Friday, anyone down?
- Prizes: 30% for one item for the scavenger hunt winning team; 1 moleskine for the person with the most points
- Maybe some ASA scunts particular to each one of you
- What to do with the stickers?
- Maybe Goodfood for the Fall banquet?

### VP Events

- Organizing ASA frosh with Isabelle
- We have almost 9 events
- Yoga is confirmed for Sunday 11 AM
- Taked to BUSS and MAME for events collaborations
- No in-person activity for the semester
- Putting out Discord hopefully tomorrow (getting help from BUSS VP Internal)
- Done with Q&A
- Also signed up to all departments games on Discord so that is something to look out to
- CEUS is possibly down to collab for an event
- Talked to Yazzy and cancelled the beer orders
- Will update the Frosh budget tomorrow

### VP External

- Alumni event went well – we should look into using nooks
- Not much else, starting firm tour now that I have more time

### VP Communications

- New Newsletter scheduled for Oct 1 (to either be uploaded on the new McGill ASA website as a pdf or designing to fit seamlessly within the website + being sent out using the listserv as usual)
- Work with VP Admin to make sure the website is running properly. Update items such as all the pictures for every member on the about us page. Events etc. To be updated on the home page as soon as the new newsletter is posted.

### VP Admin

- MERCH
  - Researching new suppliers for:
    - Masks
    - Socks
    - Hats/beanies
    - Tote bags
    - Lanyards
    - Flasks

- Decide which suppliers to go with
- Contact suppliers
- Compare prices
- Confirm suppliers (hopefully all this can be done by 5<sup>th</sup> Oct)
- Update website with new merch
- Announce the new merch available
  
- ASK ASA:
  - what to do with merch orders (Winter semester online, deliver outside MTL?) - we will ship internationally
  - Opinions on some new standard McGill arch logos (especially regarding tote bag designs, masks and socks (new merch))
  
- Logo Competition
  - Remind Architecture Students of Logo Competition (21<sup>st</sup> Sept – 10<sup>th</sup> Oct)
  - Announce voting period (10<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> October)
  - Announce Winner (17<sup>th</sup> October)
  - Take Orders (19<sup>th</sup> Oct – 1<sup>st</sup> Nov)
  - Send out orders to suppliers (2<sup>nd</sup> Nov)
  
- Website
  - Update calendar
  - Annoy ASA Members for their damn picture 😊

### Brown Bag

- First lecture on Sept 24, Esther Choi
- Next lecture scheduled for **Oct 8: a portfolio workshop/lecture** with Samiha (we think it will be useful for U3s applying to Masters this year but also great for U1s to have a better idea of what they should already start thinking about)
- Only plan on advertising to McGill undergrads
- Second part of the “portfolio” themed lecture in Winter Semester with Graphic Designer from Principal Studio
- 2 Potential guests for November lecture, but to be confirmed with them
- Do any of you have people you want us to invite?
  - Saucier Perotte
  - Atelier Barda
  - Lenschow & Pihlmann

### Equity and Mental Health

- Consultation with Dr. Brown (and President) went very well.
- Consultation with Master’s students (Mental Wellness coordinator & President) about:
  - Peer-Mentoring concerns: Master’s Applications: where, how-to, Portfolios, Peer-critiquing of studio projects, etc.

- Race Space: Requested resources, offered to promote suggested lectures (for students who can attend).
- Improve Master's engagement with others: invite to undergrad events, share initiatives between E&M and Mental Wellness coordinators.
- Received word of a Master's Yoga instructor willing to host online events for Master's students. Considering requesting a joint-event or creating sessions for undergraduates to de-stress.
- First E&M meeting with EUS, bi-weekly. Went well. Potential to collaborate on/take inspiration from E&M-centered events with/by other coordinators.
- Peer-Mentoring Program
  - Anticipating the formation of Mentee-Mentor teams soon after Frosh.
- Formally introduce "Staying Active" initiative (Strava Competition). Discuss potential to start this initiative in October.
- Discussion with Mary in regards to OAQ and internship hours. Potential to arrange meeting with Bressani or Covo for OAQ guidelines and questions.

#### U0 Class Rep

- No updates

#### U1 Class Rep

##### Academics

- Over all smooth start to the semester
- There was a little confusion over the midterm project in history
  - Guidelines aren't super clear
  - No formal assignment instructions given
- First Crit this week
- Deadlines are well spaced
- Spoke with David Covo about having a time slot given to me at the beginning of

Tuesday studio for announcements

##### Social

- We had 2 zoom meet ups that seemed to be successful i didn't attend but from what i heard a small group enjoyed it
- We had an in person meet up that was really fun
  - About 25 ish people
  - Met up at Jean Mance

##### general

- I feel like people might not feel super comfortable coming forward with academic issues yet. I'm thinking about creating some sort of anonymous way for people to do so.
- Is opening the studio next semester a possibility?

- A few other people had mentioned that they don't have a lot of space at home to work with

### U2 Class Rep

- Had a nice conversation on Sunday regarding the U2 workload
- Working to compile a list of deadlines, calendar, and student feedback
- Hope to talk to the profs in the future
- Updates on mental awareness-related topics
- Thanks Isabelle for the notes!

### U3 Class Rep

- Sunday meeting went well, overall not many issues with the U3 Class for the time being
- Briefly discussed how getting the mentorship program going would be very helpful (pair who replied)
- Talked about the possibility of doing online social events that students could drop into as a break.
- Mentioned reaching out to studio professors so that they are aware of the Brown Bag lectures and would hopefully allow for a break in studio days so students could attend
- Possibility for an information on the Master's program (that Sarah and Taylor responded to that they were setting up)

### President

- Consultation with Dr. Brown (with E&M coordinators) went very well;
- We are collecting responses from students who would like to give their input as well;
- Dr. Brown is preparing a survey for students who would like to give their input, but not necessarily participate in a consultation session;
- I met with the other presidents. Most groups seem to be cautious about in-person events (more so now). We need to start the process of selecting/electing a deputy returning officer (DRO).

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

The new resources for E&M will be updated next week if you guys want to plug those in SSF is open

In between year events? (U1s with U2s, etc.)

- What do you guys think?

Mid October-Beginning of November – Mandatory Equity Training, which week would be better?

Goodfood partnership for fall banquet?

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

- Send your personal challenge for the frosh scavenger hunt plz 😊

- Gabrielle, survey
- U-Reps calendar
- Pair-aide

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

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 @ 6:30

**8. Adjournment**