

Sexuality Studies Association Meeting Minutes at Congress 2013
University of Victoria

- Elise Chenier opens up the meeting by giving an overview on the development of the SSA last year
 - Introduces the goal setting of the association
 - The statement of purpose developed over the last year and placed on the website
- Morgan Holmes welcomes everyone to the meeting
 - Mentions how this is the first conference of the SSA and this being an intellectual home
- Morgan gives special thanks
 - Cameron Duder for his work being the Local Arrangement Coordinator
 - Margot Francis for organizing the key note address
 - Key note speakers
- Morgan addresses herself as chair of the meeting and reminds everyone to keep within the agenda and time frame for the meeting
- Morgan addresses the function of the meeting since there is no constitution and so there is no governing rules but don't digress
- Morgan gives a run down of the different things that are going to be discussed during the meeting
 - Things to do and to keep in mind for next year
 - Important to have a community outreach program
 - This goal was not achieved this year
 - To maybe have a committee for that
 - Develop a formal constitution
 - Asks for volunteer willing to take on the writing of this
 - Discussion on revenues
 - This event runs on modest fees collected
 - Needed to maybe implement a membership fee
 - Keep in mind of the interdisciplinary nature of the association
- Nathan Rambukkana gives the Communication Committee report
 - Got the web page up
 - Shows the web page
 - Basic page
 - Hopes to increase its complexity
 - Looking for a volunteer willing to maintain a blog or bring cool aspects to the page
 - The Facebook page as been increasing in the number people added to it
 - Katrina Ackerman has been managing the Facebook page and emailing list
 - Way to formulate documents so that anyone in need of access to documents can work on them
 - Creating a system to allow for that
 - Google doc
 - Drop box
 - General suggestions for communication and expanding awareness
 - Word of mouth process
 - To allow interdisciplinary access
 - To pass information to outside community
- Elise Chenier gives the Treasurer report
 - Shows members the spread sheet of the break down of the finances for the conference this year
 - Dean of Academics at SFU gave \$6000 grant
 - That has to be used this year and cannot carry over
 - Registration fees was estimated to bring in \$3500
 - Optimistic goal

- Fell sort of that
 - Money brought in goes to conference expenses
 - Key notes
 - Most of the \$6000 grant went towards that
 - Food for the coffee breaks/reception
 - Wanted to provide a subsidy for community members
 - Could not make that happen this year finically
 - The bank account originally at SFU has now been moved to an account at the Bank of Montréal
 - Manage funds ourselves
 - The need to two co signatures
 - Security reasons
 - What about next year to have finical sustainability
 - Probably not going to have the grant again
 - Save cost by cutting the key notes
 - Increase funds by creating a membership fee and increasing the registration fee
 - Membership would allow members to have a vote and allow for accountability
 - Registration fee to increase to \$30 and \$60
 - To have a sliding scale for the membership fee
 - Faculty fees would help supply money for money to subsidize community members
 - Keep in mind the different hierarchal scale for faculty members
 - Sessional vs. tenure track professor
 - Get rid of the reception and have a more open social
 - Free venue and individuals pay their own cost for food/drinks
 - Allow for more funds
 - Anticipate that things will increase in price year to year
- Isabelle Perreault gives Program Committee report
 - The calls for papers this year came as far as Australia
 - Quality of papers were good and high
 - Interdisciplinary
 - There were about 70 proposals
 - Some of the presenters had to drop out at the last minute
 - Suggested to increase the number of proposals to allow to accommodate that
 - Special thanks for those who worked on the programs and the development of them
- Margot Francis gives the Indigenous Committee report
 - The five members worked hard to finding key notes
 - Special thanks to them
 - Wanted the key notes to have both a scholar and an artist to have both perspectives
 - To keep that in mind to have both
 - As well as a gendered prospective
 - Feedback so far after the key note address was good and positive
 - More feedback is welcomed
 - Wants to have more of a anti race and decolonization prospective through out all sessions and added to the call for papers next year
 - Margot is stepping down and the committee is open for more volunteers
- Community Outreach Committee report
 - No report cause no members were there for that
- Steering Committee
 - This year Elise and Morgan were co-chairs

- Looking into creating a system where there is a chair and a co-chair
 - Where the co-chair would be trained in the position and duties before moving up
 - Gradual progression
 - The process would be self nomination
- Nathan thanks Elise and Morgan for working together to chairing and all that they have done
- Meeting ends with a sort presentation by Jean Phillips
 - Program to allow grad students a chance to work in a nonacademic setting
 - Funded by province and federal money
 - Money depending on province
 - Projects are available in all disciplines
 - Looking to expand their network into the social sciences
 - Global link to allow professors to create projects to recruit international students to work for the summer on those projects