MUSEUM STUDIES GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION
REPORT to the FACULTY COUNCIL
November 12, 2010

September 2010
(as noted previously – MSGSA Welcome Orientation Potluck on September 10 which included passes and prizes from various museums and talk from Marie Lalonde, Executive Director of the OMA)

- contacted early in September by the Aerospace Student Association regarding participating in an Inter-Faculty Graduate Student Pub Night to be held at the GSU

- held our Annual General Meeting on September 23, 2010
  - elections took place and all positions were successfully filled
  - constitution was amended with full approval (new Social Chair position)

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- finalized student participation/ticket prices for OMA Conference as well as volunteer opportunities there
  - e.g. negotiated deal for $20 membership to OMA which included a ticket to attend Nina Simon’s key note on October 8, 2010
  - several 1st and 2nd year MMst studies take advantage of this opportunity

SWAG CONTEST:
- we held a design contest for MMst SWAG which received 4 entries
- designs were voted on through Survey Monkey and approx. 80% of Museum Studies students voted
  - we are in the process of determining where we will get SWAG printed (t-shirts, hoodies, tote bags and mugs) as we are looking for a place that only uses ethically sourced materials
  - orders will be placed soon (we hope to have merchandise available in time for the holidays)

October 2010
- the MSGSA with support from MMst students decided to withdraw (after the ASA and other student groups decided to go ahead with event and would not consider changing the date or location) from the Inter-Faculty Graduate Student Pub Night despite the considerable amount of planning and enthusiasm for the event.
  - Decision was based on 3 main factors: 1) ASA continued to invite more student groups while the space booked had a capacity of 35 – there were no effective solutions to deal with crowd control and there was a real concern for the breaking fire codes; 2) We were unaware of the facilities use agreement and therefore felt that bringing in catered food under those circumstances would be negligent; 3) We discovered that another event, potentially contentious (raising legal funds for students who had been arrested during the G20), would also be taking place at the GSU and we did not
want to be associated with it because of a general feeling that it set a certain political tone that was inappropriate for the MSGSA; we also researched some of the musicians that would be at this other event and felt that the content of some of their music was also inappropriate (politically heated and also violent lyrics).

October MSGSA Meeting – October 21, 2010
-talked about fundraising, donating to charities, getting involved with the Alumni Association, upcoming events etc.

MISC and MSGSA Pub Night at the Madison Avenue Pub – October 22, 2010
-Museum Studies and Information Studies students got together at the Madison Avenue Pub
-the MSGSA and MISC both contributed in purchasing appetizer platters for students

ischool Games Night – October 25, 2010
-ischool student casual social event – people brought board games and snacks

MSGSA Halloween Party – October 31, 2010
-2 part Halloween Party:
  1) nostalgic party – pumpkin carving contests, costumes, bobbing for apples, prizes, decorations, pizza and Halloween treats
  2) excursion to attend the Church St. Halloween Blockparty

November 2010
-Early November – applied for head grant through GSU
-Meeting with Valentine Moreno on November 5 to discuss MMst involvement in the Alumni Association
-Information Nights, Nov. 11 and Nov. 16, for prospective students and participation in panel (2 students, Kate Woltz and Gillian Gallimore have agreed to also attend to represent museum studies students)
-We are planning a movie night (to be held at ischool) and a pub/karoke night (Fox and Fiddle on Bloor St. West) for museum and information studies students

December 2010
-Mitten tree - donating new mittens/gloves, scarves, hats etc. to United Way
-Hot Chocolate and Cookie stand
-End of term party on Dec. 10th – European Christmas Market in the Distillery District

Other Plans
-tours (e.g. Sheraton Four Seasons, Osgoode Hall etc.); Ghosts at Fort York
-fundraising -networking events -student lecture series
-ice skating, bowling, craft night
-organizing order for business cards for first year MMst students (i.e. like the ones ordered last year at the start of your Internship course)

Website:
-website (www.msgsa.weebly.com) and facebook (MSGSA) page continue to be updated

Contact:
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