



SVA Graduate Student Council

October, 2015, 2:30pm – Lazarus Center, RM 109

1. Welcome and Sign-in

2. Town Hall

a. Review

- i. Heather gave a synopsis of Town Hall for GSC Reps, addressed 2 letters
 1. Thesis
 2. GradEx
- ii. Thoughts after stepping away after a week or so:
 1. Caryn Martin: thought poll was interesting, but notes that she did not feel like there was a complete confirmation as to whether or not a curator is going to be brought in
 2. Thinks that the response to graduate students needing more space - for grad specific exhibitions - was not adequately addressed
 3. Mandy Chesney: agrees that our need for space was not really received in a way that convinced us that MICA is going to deal with space issues in terms of a year-round graduate exhibition space
 4. Heather Braxton: agrees that the support from the Administration was not what was desired
 5. Mandy: response to exhibition assistant was somewhat heartening
 6. Morgan: brought up point of Gwynne saying that one time there was too much space - and felt that this was not accurate
 7. Andrew Keiper: feels like we just need to keep pushin
 8. Erin Jakowski: agrees that people heard that it's problematic how much of a burden GradEx is on its participants and agrees that there needs to be more support for an organization like GradEx. She also acknowledged that there are things that can be done to make GradEx more sustainable.
 9. Heather: says that space is imperative for things to become more sustainable for GradEx. Since GradEx has presented a working organizational model, Heather thinks that at this point the space is the main hurdle.

10. Erin: space needed to sustain GradEx
 11. Mandy: thinks that having a space will really help Mt. Royals get involved with GradEx and show - since right now most of them can't show their work in the exhibition space that we have currently
 12. Morgan: thinks that it would be good also to encourage more cross-departmental things with GradEx to get more people involved
 - a. Also the mention of classes that build in graduate exhibitions - maybe more of these
- iii. Community Arts
1. Andrew Keiper reported from meeting held on Monday, 10/14/2015 with Community Arts
 2. Notes that CA felt perhaps somewhat threatened by the letter
 3. Says that the conversation was fruitful and that there appears to be a lot of interest from them in engaging with a curator, but that they want to show together
 4. Director: made observations about the language of the poll, see "Poll" below
- b. Poll
- i. Alex Schecter's issues with poll brought up and noted
 - ii. Heather read the poll
 - iii. Language in the poll
 - iv. Caryn asks a question about how the data is being gathered
 1. She asked: is it the items that receive the greatest amount of votes that will then be given priority? - Heather says yes that that is basically how the poll is intended to work
 - v. Clarified non-MICA criteria
 1. Decide that there should be a time-frame for non-MICA affiliation
 - vi. Selection process discussed
 - vii. Erin: list of questions to ask a curator - like a conversation/interview
 - viii. Search committee noted
 1. Possibly GSC reps or Graduate Student Advisory Committee
 - ix. Contract?
 1. Who will draw it up?
 - x. Also, ways to streamline the work for this individual
 1. Karen mentioned that the curator might need a "small task force" underneath them to deal with the responsibilities of this position
 - xi. Mandy: team that supports the curator - perhaps it can be made up by 1st years?
 1. People think that is a good idea.
 2. Erin notes that it would be a good idea for the curator to have a team, especially if they were from out of town

3. Updates from committees/ reps:

- a. Exhibitions/GradEx
- b. Graduate Student Advisory Meetings
- c. Title IX
 - i. Title IX advisory group is having their 1st meeting on 10/23
 - 1. Comments for Mandy to pass along:
 - a. Grad students are concerned about undergrads having to self censor
 - b. Things that people want Mandy to communicate should be emailed to Mandy mchesney@mica.edu
 - i. Is there a specific protocol for a student who would like to attend?
 - ii. GTIs are not as concerned
- d. Power and Equity forum
 - i. 1st workshop:
 - 1. Grouping exercises were done where everyone had to stare at each other for 30min
 - 2. Conversations about what is whiteness, what is blackness
 - 3. Related to "Black Lives Matter" event
 - ii. Next meeting: **Friday, November 20, 2015 @ 3pm in ABox**

4. Follow-ups From Last Meeting/Town Hall

- a. Summer Counseling Office Hours
 - i. Issue: only 1 staff at the counseling center
 - 1. Grads have full access to the center
 - 2. Kelly can be contacted for further information
 - ii. Ashley said that she is also having trouble just getting a meeting during their open hours
 - 1. Ashley said that the open hours are over capacity and that the office is not really able to meet the needs of students because it is
 - iii. **Ashley and Aschely to work on this**
- b. Overlapping MERGE tutorials
 - i. **Will be discussed at Student Advisory Committee and Reps could ask students in their programs too**
- c. Interprogram critiques
 - i. End of this month?
 - ii. Morgan needs help
- d. Open Studios
 - i. Could these be scheduled during Baltimore open studio weekend next year?
- e. Facilities
 - i. Ventilation

1. Karen to work on this and will bring that info to next meeting
 2. Also will discuss how to test the air
 - ii. Spray booth: is there any more temporary solution?
 1. Mandy says that the current situation does not work
 - iii. Security concerns regarding the parking lot
 1. Marlin says that they are installing a speed bump
- f. Community Arts
 - i. Any possible solution to meeting time issues?
 - ii. This should be at the top of the agenda for next meeting
 - iii. He is making a community board for the posting of info
 1. agoldman01@mica.edu
 2. will post items on community board

5. Upcoming Events

- a. Open Studios, Friday, October 16th
- b. Elections - nomination process for 2 Leader positions will begin at November meeting

6. Next GSC meetings, all Wednesdays, 2:30-3:30pm:

- a. Wednesday November 11th, 2015, 2:30 - 3:30 pm, L109
- b. Wednesday December 9th, 2015, 2:30 - 3:30 pm, L109