Department Report

Department of English Student Association (DESA)

9.27.2017

Listed below are the activities of DESA for the period spanning Sept. 13th to Sept. 27th, 2017.

We welcome four new members to our executive team:

-Dorothy Poon, U1 Representative

-Frederique Blanchard, Theatre Stream Representative

-Atusa Mehrasa, Cultural Studies Stream Representative

-Anisah Shah, VP Communications

We attended AUS Executive Orientation on Sept. 21st

We continue to plan and organize for upcoming events, including:

-Our first Wine & Cheese: Sept. 25th, Arts 160, 6-9pm

-“MF-eh?” a panel discussion on grad school options in English studies: Oct. 6th, Leacock 232, 4-7pm

-“80s prom” a social event to celebrate the visual, fashion, and musical culture of the 1980s: Oct. 18th, Arts Lounge, 6-9pm

-an “Open Office Social” to call attention to the DESA office as a community space: October, Arts 305

Led by our VP Journals, we continue to plan for this year’s issues of our creative and scholarly journals:

-*The Veg Literary Magazine* has issued a call for editors with an application deadline of Sept. 24th

-*Slate: Journal of Moving Images* has issued a call for a new editor-in-chief with an application deadline of Sept. 29th

-*Scrivener Creative Review* has issued a call for editors with an application deadline of Sept. 29th

We are beginning to plan for a comprehensive review of the needs of our department and students including:

-a survey focusing on issues related to wellness and mental health

-the infrastructure needs of our affiliated theatre companies

-the uses of the English Department Lounge in the Arts Building basement

Signed,

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