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Report of RUSS, AUS Council Meeting Jan. 24, 2018

**General Updates**

* The first meeting for our annual journal *Samizdat* has been assembled. We have three editors working on accepting submissions in both Russian and English, as well as art and other projects.
  + We are working on funding, posters, and different projects for the journal.
  + Information is forthcoming on how to submit your work, on Facebook and elsewhere.

**Upcoming Events**

* Professor talk on Monday, February 26 at 4:30 pm in the Wendy Patrick Room in Wilson Hall. Professor Nick Kupensky from Bowdoin College will be discussing a Soviet dam project in Ukraine and its legacy and lasting impact in free Ukraine.
* Professor talk on February 13 about the Russian gothic.
* Russian movie nights and conversation club will be continuing this semester. More information to follow.

**Upcoming Initiatives**

* Russian Help Desk is returning! Schedules and details are being coordinated currently; again, more information will be available in the upcoming weeks.
* We have a budget surplus that we are looking to allocate towards sweaters/department swag! We have a designer and are looking into different retailers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Basil Sylvester

VP Affairs, RUSS