



Report of East Asian Studies Students' Association

March 2019 Affairs

- Events
 - Speaker Series
 - We are still waiting for a room to be booked so that we can invite speakers
 - We've talked to Desautels Professor Wei Qi about the possibility of having his insight, but wasn't sure of his availabilities due to traveling
 - The East Asian Studies Law society will be bringing at least one speaker
 - President and VP External met a representative of Sun Life who is interested in sponsoring our event
 - Need to communicate further with him
 - We are highly considering moving the event to the second week of April since the room booking problem is leaving us less than a week to work with which is a guarantee for rejection as people need at least 2-3 weeks to prepare for Keynotes
 - The format of the event is being reconfirmed as Keynotes and a moderated panel in which the moderator will start with two questions and then the audience will be able to ask their own
 - Apartment Crawl
 - Cancelled due to lack of interest
 - Could only fill 3 teams and we were planning on having it as a competition so that wasn't enough team
 - Networking Event
 - Still planned for April 3rd, 4-6pm in Birks
 - We're waiting after the Birks administration to book the Pink Room, the person in charge was on vacation until the 15th so we should have an answer soon
 - We'll be sending some personal invitations as well as general ones to ensure everyone sees the event
- Departmental Meeting
 - Still waiting after Gal for a meeting
- Website

- Launched a couple weeks ago
- Sent a request to Jamal (AUS VP Coms) to update our website on the AUS website
- Launched last week an opportunity page listing 15 different EAST related opportunities such as awards, grants, internships, scholarships and more
 - This page will be updated as we compile more
- IEASN
 - We're launching a project called the International East Asian Studies Network aiming to bridge the undergraduates to life after their degree in EAST through networking events, sharing news and opportunities, implementing a mentorship program and possible partnerships with research centers and universities abroad later down the line
 - Constitution was made to frame the work to be done and the organization of the team
 - We'll be 'hiring' two positions to help handle communications and logistics. What we'll do is that we'll be interviewing people to fill in the positions on a volunteer basis (just like we are volunteers)
 - The purpose is to not overwhelm the current EASSA positions with affairs not just for undergrads (as grads, post-grads and alumni are part of the network) and ensure the self-sustainability of the initiative.
 - A website will be up soon
 - Interest form was sent out for mentorship program will very good results, we'll be sending out applications soon
 - We have around 15-20 mentors across the world who have graduated from an undergrad or a grad degree in EAST from McGill that were recommended by our department's professors
- Merchandise
 - After the cheque being sent back and having to issue a new one, miscommunication with manufacturer and late responses, we are finally getting the all crewnecks
 - Quarter-zips will be shipped later as they are not done

Respectfully Submitted,

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