

Agenda ISSA Meeting – November 17, 2025

Present: Zia, Grace, Hannah, Teaghan, Stephen, Emily, Taylor, Jaime, Amelia, Natalie, Morgan, Veronica, Summer

Regrets: Ellen, Thea

1. Regular Business
 - a. Approve October 27th meeting minutes, motioned by Emily, seconded by Taylor
2. Update from Chairs
 - a. Academic Chair
 - i. Lunch and learn on Thursday
 - ii. Planning more Lunch and Learns
 - iii. Phil creating a new committee: “DIS Programming Committee”, coordinating events, once a semester
 - iv. Transition document discussions
 - v. Program meeting: department looking at tech electives and what will be offered, end of term meeting will cover loosely what classes will be offered
 - b. Non-Academic Chair
 - i. End of year holiday party, booking Wonder’neath:
 1. December 5th tentatively, time tbd, potentially 8-10 or 8-11
 2. Community art space in the North End, accessible, on many bus routes
 3. Collage night, no need to bring supplies
 4. Collaborating with Summer to pay for this with a DSU grant hopefully
 - ii. Last book club of the year
 1. Potluck and book exchange
 2. Theme is murder or hallmark
 - c. EDIA & Community Chair
 - i. Thoughts from report from ALISE conference in US—ALA accreditation thoughts, lack of requirement of EDIA in the allowance of the 2013 version, bringing these up as the program considers ALA reaccreditation
 - ii. EDIAD Committee—statement of MI values being workshopped, changes in committee body
 - d. Finance
 - i. Waiting to hear back from the grant
 - ii. Putting some physical records in the Fond
 - e. Digital Publications

- i. Knowledge transfer project, wanting to bring back the alumni spotlight series
 - ii. Minutes being updated
 - iii. Poster logistics for party
 - iv. Note—there is an alumni relations person
- f. Communications
 - i. Keeping up with emails and the listserv
 - ii. Sent a response to a request to share a study
 - iii. Driving update—see below
- g. Chair
 - i. ‘Librarians’ movie, freedom to read week in late February
 - 1. Opening it up to other departments (Cultural Heritage, English, History)
 - 2. Potentially having a panel/lecture/discussion after
 - ii. Merch update: further updates in January, potentially a design from students

3. Other business

- a. DSU driving update
 - i. No to any assigning rides, etc., due to insurance liabilities (including organizing carpooling or assigning drivers), new change
- b. ISSA history (Veronica’s discoveries)
 - i. Fonds in the Dalhousie Archive
 - ii. Old website
 - iii. Articles about the creation of the Fonds
- c. Next meeting
 - i. December 8th at 7.00
- d. Motion to end, seconded by Teaghan