Access Issues

- Update from Morgan Kempthorn concerning Access Issues
- Explanation of meetings with the GSC/SVA Leaders and information from these meetings concerning the issue.
- Explanation of the group formed with Dan Gutstein concerning handicap accessibility on campus.

ID Access Issues:

- Discussion of the overall consensus that Administration will work on rhetoric and response clarity and time of response to these issues.
- Update that Grad access issues are at the top of the list and new and accurate permissions were put in place as of the previous week.
- If there are further concerns or issues contact Cristina and Campus Safety directly.
- The next steps will be to communicate this information to students.

Reformation of Town Hall:

- Explanation of the meeting with Gwynne and the GSC Leadership Board.
- Next steps will be to present specific proposals to Administration in order to receive more concise and accurate answers.
- Also, present the issues along with possible solutions that the grad students would like to see.

Update from Sammy Hoi:

- Similar opinions of formatting changes to Town Hall.
- Contact has been made with lengthy speakers to provide more concise responses with specific answer points.
- Lots of action moving forward with the Handicap Accessibility issues.
- Students working with Exhibitions sub-committee should organize wants for budget priority in order to have a larger possibility to receive specific funding.
- Undergraduate SVA council is continuing to push for transparency of the budget.
- Advised that students should develop proposals for how MICA funds are being allocated as well as how each specific amount of money being proposed correlates with the amount of money coming in regarding that topic.

Spring Town Hall:

- Combined Town Hall for February 18, 2015.
• All SVA councils will come together to present issues as a united student front.
• Further discussion concerning the format for Town Hall moving forward.
• Discussion of productivity of combination of the undergraduate and graduate students:
  o Last year seemed to be chaotic between the two populations.
  o Councils should meet beforehand and identify common points in order to discuss broader concerns that will apply to both populations.
  o Discussion of how the undergraduate SVA councils hold more pull based off amount of students involved.
  o More meetings of the SVA/GSC leadership boards in order to organize and prepare the issues for Town Hall.
  o Give proposals to administration before (more detailed proposals that allow for presentation of issues as well as solutions)

• Update from Exhibitions Sub-Committee:
  o Handouts are given for specific reference of sub-committee’s progress.
  o Research of other graduate student run galleries.
  o Moving forward looking for exhibitions department to provide more supplies instead of students purchasing out of pocket.
  o Explanation of Syracuse gallery organization.
  o Scheduled meeting with Exhibitions Department for the following week to discuss access and use of facilities and supplies.
  o Contact has been made with the following: Area 405 (request budget proposal), Chicken Box, Gallery CA (for use in Fall 2015 as per their schedule), and the Copy Cat.
  o All fundraising will start after a specific space has been acquired.
  o Goal is begin with short-term use with the hopes of later acquiring long-term use.

• Update from Diversity Task Force:
  o Approximately 25 people (mixture of faculty, undergraduate students, staff, and graduate students) have shown a commitment to continuing the conversation of Diversity at MICA.
  o There is a working definition of what diversity is specifically applying to MICA that will be backed up by policy, curriculum, and non-western paradigms.
  o Currently there is only representation from non-socially engaged graduate programs; want for more program involvement.
  o Next meeting will be held on December 5, 2014 at 3:15 PM.
  o Working on scheduling to fit with program director’s availability.
  o Importance of this committee not being a graduate specific committee but instead a campus wide task force.
  o Research of other institutions
• Update from Board of Trustees Meeting
  o Meeting was held on October 9th.
  o Presentation given by Mike Patterson and Estevanny Turns (Associate VP for Human Resources)
  o Discussion concerning the Title IX compliance.
  o Explanation of how MICA is staying up to date with the compliance.
  o Mike Patterson or Estevanny Turns are the point of contact for anything concerning Title IX.

• New Leadership
  o Explanation of nomination and voting process and timeline for these processes. (Google Forum, Self-Nominations, etc.)
  o Current GSC Leadership Board gives explanations of their roles and duties of serving on the board.

• Open Forum:
  o Student Health Services
    ▪ Issues are: Misdiagnosis, improper medications prescribed, lack of availability of appointments, unsuitable timeline for references to other care facilities/specialists, communication issues/lack of communication, lack of coordination for students requiring specialist for continuing treatments, problems and concerns about cost and effectiveness as well as use of mandated insurance policy, and overall attitude of current staff.
    ▪ J.D. Davis will be invited to the next GSC meeting to respond to these issues.
  o Exhibitions Equipment
    ▪ Issues are: Quality of equipment, confusion of and issues with fine system, lack of communication from Exhibitions staff, concerns about how tools and equipment is allocated specifically to each show and program.
    ▪ Next steps are to follow up with Exhibitions to address these issues, specifically allocation of supplies.
  o Woodshop
    ▪ Issues are: Availability and accessibility for graduate students.
    ▪ Possible Solutions: Designated times for graduate student use, increase in hours for student workers to monitor and operate the lab.
    ▪ Solutions are dependent on statistics of graduate student use throughout the semester.
Meeting comes to an end!