



architecture & visual studies students union

Event: AVSSU x GALDSU Meeting

Date: August 30, 2021

Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm EST

Location: Zoom

Attendees: Latoya Barnett, Christy-Anna Chung, Alex Sheinbaum, Ophelia, Zikra Hotee Beekun, Marla Sanchez Aguilar, Haseena Doost, Omar Ismail, Vicdan, Athina Alight, Mary Jaeva Tomol

5:36pm - Introductions

- Alex: President of GALDSU
- Latoya: Diversity and Equity Officer of GALDSU
- Marla: Sustainability Commissioner for AVSSU
- Ophelia: Vice President of GALDSU
- Omar: VP of Student Life for AVSSU
- Zikra: Equity Commissioner for AVSSU
- Haseena: Health and Wellness Commissioner for AVSSU
- Christy-Anna: AVSSU Secretary
- Vicdan: VP External for AVSSU

5:38pm - Format (in-person/online) (lecture/panel events)

- GALDSU speaking with Registrar: All events by faculty will be online, classes in person
- Forms to be filled out if necessary
- AVSSU speaking with Outreach: Lecture series or panel event

5:40pm - Themes and Topics

- Overarching theme to unify all of the different events
- GALDSU: would prefer a panel rather than an individual lecturer; more diverse

5:42pm - How to find speakers?

- Reaching out to individuals or making calls for submission?

- In the past, it seems to have been reaching out to individuals
- What's Next Series/Public Programming, nominations - Nene and Aidan may have the information from the call for public programming which can help guide the planning
- May need another call
- GALSU meeting with Nene and Aidan tomorrow

5:44pm - Timeline

- We know that the event is online rather than in person
- GALDSU speaker's series on (sustainability?) with the first event on the first week of November
- AVSSU's first event last week of september
- What's Next Series is separate from other events
- Undergrad Reading Week is mid-November (November 8-12)
- How often to have events for the What's Next Series? Once every two months
- If its a panel, we can have fewer events in comparison to if its an individual lecturer
- Time them similar to the portfolio reviews - one late in the first semester (around masters applications time) and one around easter/winter reading week (around summer job time)

5:55pm - General Discussion

- Considered themes:
 - alumni from a similar graduating year and seeing the various career paths
 - Related to the different streams in the discipline: design, technology, history and critical theory, etc.
 - People from different graduating years, giving a bigger scope/broader idea, tracing experiences after graduation
 - Graduate streams are different than undergraduate streams: landscape, architecture, urban design
 - Combine streams?
 - Events based around holidays/special days such as International Women's Day, Earth Day, etc.
- Contacting alumni, mass email list if we do not have specific people in mind
- Broader themes will reach more attendees
- Timeline: one october, one december, two in the winter semester?
 - Networking event/workshop happening early winter semester
- What's Next as a networking opportunity → 3 panels and one networking event
- Some students in the graduate students may have contacts
- National and International Days:
 - November: National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week → housing crisis
 - March: Women's History Month → women in architecture
 - February: Black History Month → BIPOC designers
 - May: Mental Health Month → Mental Health and Design
- Contact graduate students who did thesis on related topics and then what happened after
- May be nice to have it not be so tailored
- Plan for four panel discussions and then there is space if one does not happen, or it is difficult to find alumni
- Prefer to directly reach out to alumni rather than a large call for submissions

- Reach out to Nene and Andrea, Program Directors, Assistant Dean, Alumni Contact person
 - AVSSU and GALDSU to draft an email together with theme and proposed times
 - Contact FGSA representatives and/or forestry professors
- 6:12pm - drafting letter to potential panelists
- 6:18pm - Health and Wellness Commission
- Foster awareness, host events, put together the mental health survey, and improve accessibility to resources
 - GALSU health and sustainability officer - Chloe
 - FGSA? Unresponsive
- 6:25pm - process for in person events
- Hybrid in person and online
 - No food
 - EAT form?
 - Register for events
- 6:28pm - Concluding
- Send email out by the end of the week
- 6:30pm - Meeting adjourned