ABACUS Meeting Minutes
03/06/2019

Members present: Joel, Bella, Iona, Brooke, Brianna, CJ, Andrea

Meeting Open: 10:43am

**Movie Night:**

* Good turnout given stressful time of semester
* People keen for another next semester

**Workshop:**

* First week of July (but might be better during semester times)
* Topic: presentations? Relatively low-effort first topic for a trial run

#### Next Semester:

**How should we focus ABACUS efforts?**

* **Start of semester: BBQ** followed by Neandercrawl
- Have on oval (bring dogs), invite school but not school-affiliated
* **Bring back student vs staff cricket match**
* **Seminar series**
* **Mentors program**
- Hopefully will start up next semester
- More professional development workshops (possible opportunity for CAS collaboration. Also maybe contact alumni/members of faculty)
* **Mulvaney Games**
- October 4th
- Possibility to add more events? Currently going through planning/permissions phase
- Night time event/trivia: PJ O’Reilly’s, Duxton, and Badger all possible venues
- Overlap with NASC – should we push the date back a week?
* **Exhibition**
- First step: define guidelines and gather expressions of interests
- Possible date: late October/November?
* **NASC**
- Post callout post on ABACUS page?
- PARSA conference funding?
- More general movement to increase student awareness/participation in conferences etc.
* **More focus on/engagement with anthropology**
- More collaboration with ‘the familiar strange’
- Big gap in communication: we need to get more in the loop with anthropology and their events
- End of next semester we need to evaluate connection with Anthropology, Cultural Heritage, and areas of Bio Anthropology – if things still aren’t working out maybe we should reconsider claiming to represent them/change to some sort of ‘Archaeology society’
* **Bush Week**
- replicate what we did for market day?
- make more goodie bags & cupcakes
- print out more flyers, maybe more stickers? Make a ‘what is ABACUS’ flyer and have lots of copies (also newsletters)
* **Shirts/merch**
- Beginning of next semester
- Online ordering/expression of interest forms
- Black
- Bomber jackets/jackets (that don’t look too much like bikie jackets) (also expensive but may be achievable through hustling)
- Socks
* **Cleaning**
- Cleaners currently only clean hallways
- If we want fishbowl etc. vacuumed, we would need to make a cleaning roster

Meeting closed: 11:29am

**Next meeting: Friday 19th July**