ABACUS Meeting Minutes
6/5/19

Attendees: Joel, Bella, Iona, Brianna, Brooke, Zac, Aleese, Andrea, CJ

Meeting Open: 10:35am

Exhibition:

* Creative output – more general opportunities for creative projects/collaboration: books, writing, more general art.
- Possible to link in with exhibition, but also good to start as a more general/long-lasting concept
ACTION: Wednesday at 12pm – meeting to organise exhibition. Post callout in ABACUS group (Aleese) to see who is interested in joining committee/helping.

Project Forums:

* ~10 people attended last one
* Outreach: more marketing. Posters/flyers – some made up for market day which we can distribute/hang up.
- More outreach to anthropology students and museum studies students
- Next project forum is next Friday (17th)

Movie Night/BBQ:

* Wednesday 1st fell through the cracks
* Another BBQ near the beginning of next semester – intention of an event that ties together the smaller groups which attend project forums etc. Also opportunity to promote ABACUS.
- Begin organising ‘Weclome to semester 2 BBQ’
- Hold on the oval and bring dogs
* Movie night as end of semester event
- ABACUS-only rather than collaboration
- Bio society interested in another event, likely week 3 or 4 of next semester
* Movie: the Mummy
* Week 12 this semester
* Event coordinators for next movie night: set people to be organisers/managers (Bella, Brianna, Iona)

End of Semester Event:

* Neandercrawl end of semester
* Advertising: no association with school, “we will be here at this time” rather than “come and drink”. Meg still has posters from last event
* Mid-June for date? Try and take people’s exams/due dates into account (looks like it will be a Thursday). Final exam day is 22nd June.
* Joel, CJ, Zac to organise. Book tables at different venues, find appropriate date etc. Find out ways to navigate potential HR issues with drinking etc. (If this is too difficult we could potentially do another word-of-mouth event after a BBQ).
* Conclusion: might be better to have Neandercrawl after welcome to semester 2 BBQ – less assessment stress
* ACTION: start locking in dates for all events this week (all event organisers)

Shut-up-and-write event

* Friday 17th after project forum? Fishbowl, bring food from project forum. Pomodoro (tomato) method of work/chill intervals. 2-3 hours in total.
- Also option to have before project forum from 10am-2pm (looking more likely)
* Conclusion: 10am before project forum

More Events/Long term events/Future collaborations

* Another casual meet-up/ice-breaker event
* Careers workshop – Sofia away until June, Bec Parkes has given Joel some leads to follow
* ABACUS Halloween – fancy dress event

Mulvaney Games

* North Oval (across Barry drive). CAS (or someone) will try to book
* CAS will put money towards. We need to supply an equipment list and list of expenses
* Date: October 4th
* Series of games (4/5 events) during the day followed by presentation and trivia night
* Bec Parkes as part of ACT/NSW consultant group also wanting to put money towards
* Trivia night: likely to be at Union Bar (free)
* Get questions together and find a quiz-master (potentially Ash but he could be overseas)
* Maybe try to reach out and see if anyone from Anthropology wants to get involved

 End of Year Event:

* Something cocktail-attireish. A bit like a ball but more lowkey. Similar to last year’s Wig & Pen event
* Possible venues: QT hotel, somewhere fancy that does food (within budget obviously)
* Ticketing: ticket bundles which include 2 drinks similar to last year
* Clubs council balls & events training tomorrow at 6pm (Joel will try to go)

 Future Collabs:

* No interest from Classics – try again next semester
* Re-approach history
* Museum studies has no group/society – try to reach out to students
- School may have a mailing list for them
- Contact main lecturer

Shirts:

* Callout for shirt orders. Take deposits and then order.
* Can reuse design from last shirt order.
* ACTION: Bella to look into minimum order/system for ordering etc.

National Science Week:

* Morning tea, quiz, activities: reflect on science
* Can get a grant, but need to submit before 6th May
* Andrea happy to organise

National Archaeology Week:

* Lol
* Symposium (CAS) – we can promote this
* Posts over the week, post-a-day promoting events of aspects of archaeology
* Themed morning tea: make existing morning tea which coincides with NAW a bit bigger/more intensely advertised in celebration of NAW.

To discuss next meeting:

* Conferences
- NASC
- Set up platforms to increase ANU student involvement in conferences (travel-funding, publicity, etc.)
- ASHB conference: student get-together or meetup

Other issues:

* Asked to show solidarity with booking-fee protest
* Wednesday too-short notice to take part
* We will respectfully not partake, but maybe we can make a post on social media protesting/promoting the issue or distribute flyers at the protest market-day
* ACTION: Post on FB group/page drawing attention to issue
* We have caught onto B Schmidt being a puppet/pawn in larger conspiracy

Meeting closed: 11:32am

Next meeting: Monday 3rd June (3/6/19)