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## Report of the Department of English Students Association (DESA), AUS Council (March 8, 2017)

### General Updates:

- DESA will be welcoming Grace, an English student, to its executive meeting on Monday, March 6th, to hear her concerns about the handling of DESA's vote regarding the Impeachment of Igor Sadikov that came to Council on February 22nd.
  - The meeting's goals include discussing ideas on how to improve transparency within the Department, how to improve DESA's email replies and how DESA will take into account all English students' thoughts and opinions in the future.
- DESA's MURDER AT SEA Murder Mystery event on February 20th was a great success, according to those in attendance.
- All participants of the Books with Benefits survey have been emailed with the names and contact info of their matches.

### Projects in Progress:

- DESA has organized a subcommittee to manage the English Swag project.
- DESA is making an English Department website! It will include an FAQ page for students with answers to common English questions.
- Professor Trevor Ponech's term as Chair of the English Department is coming to an end in May 2017. DESA has selected three of its executives to sit on Professor Ponech's Ad Hoc Chair Selection Committee.
- DESA's Cultural Studies Representative is organizing a stream event to be located in the Arts Lounge. More information via Facebook to come.
- DESA is coordinating with Professor Sparks to organize the annual Grad Talk event.

### Upcoming Initiatives:

- March 8th is DESA's official Office Open House! Pizza will be ordered and students will be welcome to come and hang out with the executives all day.
- On March 9th, DESA will host an "After Your BA" event that will feature a panel discussion on what career options are available to postgraduate English students.
- DESA's annual Poetry in Performance event (organized by the DESA Literature Stream Rep.) will be held on March 16th. A callout for poetry readings will be posted soon.

(The next DESA meeting will take place on March 13th at 5:30pm, in Arts 305.)

Respectfully Submitted,

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