Student Journal
Publishing 101 Workshop

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AHCSSA – Art History and Communication Studies Students’ Association
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What do you do with a problem like student journals?
Workshop Collaboration

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Content

• Editorial boards
  – Including succession planning
• Types of article review
• Copyright
• Production
• Indexation and dissemination
• See also LibGuide

90 minutes with two hands-on activities
(see slides)
Activities

1. In groups of two, write out the primary criteria for articles to be accepted in your journal.

2. Take the criteria from the first exercise, and develop a rubric for reviewers/editors.
Promotion

• Promoted via:
  – Facebook
  – AUS
  – Direct emails
Feedback
One topic they wanted more of:

• Copyright; maybe with examples of agreements with authors and conditions in the agreement

• Review process (e.g. who does each role) or even how to find people for the board/committee.

• Finding a board; promoting calls for editors, payment, criteria for editors

• Expanding on promoting journals and expanding on the general criteria that journals have to publish

• Ways to have your journal being found

• Promotion of your journal

• Perhaps layout? But thank you for so many great resources
One topic they wanted less of:

- *n/a – everything was relevant*
One topic we should continue:

- Types of platforms for publishing
- Copyrighting. That was something I never really understood before and I’m glad I do now – it’s so important! I also enjoyed how we discussed journal dissemination and how people can find your journal.
- Copyright!!!
- Timeline managing and ways to get indexed
- Editorial workflow was very helpful for people learning the publishing process
- Different types of editorial processes; copyright minutia; indexing
- In-depth discussion of copyright and the issues that might arise from an unthought-out copyright policy
Additional Student Comments

• The group activities were nice for exchanging ideas and methodologies but it would be nice to have a small networking session afterward to facilitate collaboration between student journals. I was not aware there were so many at McGill!

• This was great –I’m happy to have found you as a resource here on campus!
Future plans

• Plans to run again in Fall 2019
  – Revise and expand content based on feedback
• Connect with new AUS Publications Commissioner
• Develop in-house list of journals on-campus
• Consider an event/half-day exchange
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