

MSG Meeting April 16th, 2019

Introductions

New MSG executive board introduced!

New Business

- Dean Buckley!
 - Recent alumni weekend was a success
 - Pilot program on shortened medical education
 - Research - 13% increase in funding last year
 - Renewed Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Program
 - New Chair of Medicine, Dr. Patricia J. Sime, to start soon
 - Offering two full-ride 4-year scholarships for the next incoming class
 - On the journey to build a new science research building, received support from President
- Dr. DiGiovanni!
 - Survey results came out; we will communicate with students in couple weeks about the survey answers and our response and feedback
- Kendall Plageman!
 - Student health insurance initiative: council of deans recent presentation; we've collected data and feedback; progress is being made
 - Denim Day at VCU: Wednesday, April 24; if possible, please wear denim that day to show solidarity with victims of sexual violence
 - VCUPD YHOP event (You Have Options Program for sexual assault reporting) will take place at Larrick Student Center 11:45am-1:45pm.
 - Faculty Staff Golf League: May 22-July 1, registration ends May 3
 - [Wellness Fair](#): School of Medicine - Thursday, April 18 3-5PM; various vendors and wellness resource center will be there
 - Study Breaks - MCV Campus feat. Dogs on Call!: Wednesday, May 1 and Thursday May 2 at 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. It will take place at Patterson Memorial Garden, outside Hunton student Center. Take a break from the end of semester hustle! Grab free lunch, get a free mobile massage provided by VCU RecSports, and interact with some friendly puppies courtesy of Dogs on Call!!! Stop by during your lunch break and tell your friends!!!

MSG Updates

- a. President (Alvin)
 - i. Goals for this summer - set dates for 2 executive meetings
 1. Set out an overall plan for the year to be on the same page

- 2. Possibly one in mid/late-May and one in early July
 - ii. Changing meeting format for better discussion
 - 1. Initial discussion of matters in the beginning and class/officer updates later
 - iii. Wellness recruitment!
 - 1. Alper Dincer looking for new leadership for the Wellness Committee
 - 2. Reach out to Alper if interested
- b. Class Updates
 - i. Class of 2022 - in Endocrine
 - ii. Class of 2021 - started M3 yesterday
 - iii. Class of 2020 - started M4 year; in process of decorating call room: please donate items if possible! Contact Kalissa Zhang (zhangks@mymail.vcu.edu) or Viviam Lam (lamvw@mymail.vcu.edu) for specific items in need.
 - iv. Class of 2019 - Capstone next week, canceled pager account, most now looking for apts for residency
 - v. INOVA - just finished orientation for M3
- c. Secretary (Katherine)
 - i. Setting dates for MSG meetings 2019-2020
 - 1. Let me know date conflicts in advance
 - 2. Will discuss with curriculum office about exam dates
 - 3. Dates will be finalized during summer
 - ii. Dean's luncheon scheduled for Monday, April 22
- d. Treasurer (Dani)
 - i. No update
- e. VP Social (Brendon)
 - i. Possibly event in May, but very tentative
- f. VP Student Life (Zoe)
 - i. Dean's fund officers still being recruited
 - ii. SIG funding allocation information to be announced soon
- g. VP Societies (Rachel)
 - i. Strauss Cup Summary
 - 1. Great weather and great turnout
 - 2. Future changes
 - a. Possible name change for Strauss Cup: up for more discussion
 - b. Working with Dr. Deiorio on increasing class participation
- h. VP Community Service (Olivia)
 - i. Possible mini event in beginning of May, will send out announcements
- i. VP Publications (Yena)
 - i. Website updates: Student Honors Day, Strauss Cup
 - ii. Photos for new MSG officers
 - iii. Pending website updates -- additional comments appreciated
 - iv. M3 Guide being updated
- j. VP Curriculum (Komal)

- i. At the end of month we'll vote on pass/fail on preclinical curriculum
- ii. Clinical grading standards changed for M3
 - 1. M3 have been notified
 - 2. Can be retroactively changed based on the results
 - 3. POEs now called Direct Observations
- k. MSG SGA Representative (Everett)
 - i. 2019-2020 SGA Funding Requests Due April 22nd
 - ii. Email me at foxwe@vcu.edu if you have questions about SGA funding
 - iii. SGA SIG registration opens in July → will update with date soon