

MSG Meeting

August 20, 2019

Introductions

Please welcome Dr. Woleben, Dr. Rodriguez, Dr. Plageman, and Ms. Gary!

New Business

Dr. Plageman and Dr. Rodriguez:

- Block Party Sept 5th 5-7PM for all students - Turpin St in front of Larrick: food trucks, music, games, student orgs to meet you!
- Heart Walk - Oct 5th in Monroe Park (looking for volunteers!)
- Graduate and Student Programming Board: Tues Aug 27 12-1PM in Hunton (food!)
- Wellness Resource Center - Resilience Lab at MCV Campus mid-Sept (more info TBA)

Chelsea Gary, Office of Student Experience:

- Exhale After Hours 5-6:30PM free food and DJ! Aug 29th
- SCIE Ambassador Leadership Program: 2-3 ambassadors per school, deadline Aug 30
- Success Seminar series: professional development, Fall and Spring - starts Oct 9
- Dollars and Cents series for financial literacy: starts Sept 5th

Dr. Woleben:

- Health insurance update - University sponsored plan in works, Dr. Buckley and Dr. Marsha Rappley working on reaching out to local insurers
- Parking - Over 300 responses to survey!
 - VCU Health misclassification of M3 and M4 students as employees -> defaulting dual student/employee to students, registration status also reviewed
 - Other MCV schools affected as well
 - For spring sale: a trial of open enrollment for 24 hours with 2 choices, deposit system, parking office conducts a lottery after
 - Looking to expand parking lots (Monroe Park, temporary D deck permits, etc)

MSG Updates

- a. President (Alvin)
 - i. Welcome M1s
 - ii. Today's goals - Go over all best dates for major events up to Dec
 - iii. September - M1 officers elected, everyone will undergo Campus Connect Wellness Training (if not already), currently scheduling
 - iv. SIG fair - excellent work, future improvements
 1. More convenient date
 2. Discuss with curriculum date to prevent overlap with Biochem quiz
 3. Required attendance to MSG Panel to break up traffic

- b. Class Updates
 - i. Class of 2023 - Still alive!
 - ii. Class of 2022 - $\frac{3}{4}$ through cardio, recording issues
 - iii. Class of 2021 - 5 months in, doing well
 - iv. Class of 2020 - living that 4th year life; ERAS open in 2 weeks, M1-M4 potluck on Sept 3 (sign up will sent out!)
 - v. INOVA - also living that 4th year life, new M3 Peer advocate - Bhumi Patel!
Currently discussing with deans regarding excused absence for mental health
- c. Secretary (Katherine)
 - i. M1 Class election speech on Friday, Aug 30
- d. Treasurer (Dani)
 - i. Receipts
 - ii. Annual budget report for 2018-2019: [LINK](#)
 - iii. 2019-2020 Budget allocation proposals: Dani to send out poll
 - 1. Unused funds
- e. VP Social (Brendon)
 - i. M1 Orientation Week Finished - planning on sending out survey to M1 class for feedback for improvements/suggestions
 - ii. Mentor/Mentee System - planning on sending out survey for initial feedback. Planning to send another feedback by end of Fall semester.
 - iii. August Liver Round - Successful w/ 174 turnout
 - iv. Volunteers for committee for Med Ball 2019 and Halloween Party 2019 - email Brendon if interested in helping out for Med Ball!
 - 1. Date of Med Ball will be announced soon
 - v. Establishing Jurisdiction between MSG and Class Officers
 - 1. Class officers serve their respective class
 - 2. Events involving multiple classes will be led by MSG
 - vi. MSG officer bonding social event - team building through Escape Room? Group discount available, will be out of pocket
- f. VP Student Life (Zoe)
 - i. New Scoop design
 - ii. SIG Fair- thank you for all the help!
- g. VP Societies (Rachel)
 - i. Society Meet and Greets were a success - suggest continuing
 - ii. Society Leader applications will go out early September
 - iii. Upcoming event: Halloween Party
- h. VP Community Service (Olivia)
 - i. August DOCS update
 - ii. Potential September DOCS on 10/27 with the Simple Sunflower
- i. VP Publications (Yena)
 - i. Photos for MSG Officers sent out
 - ii. Website updated soon
- j. VP Curriculum (Komal)

- i. PALs overall successful so far
 - ii. Class of 2023 Grading
 - 1. Avg of ≥ 92 in first 3 semesters = distinction that will on MSPE letter. Do NOT currently have AOA and are not reporting quartiles but students can always ask for their quartile.
 - 2. Overall still a pass-fail system
 - iii. All preclinical: passing each exam went from 60 to 65 (still need 70 overall to pass the course).
- k. MSG SGA Representative (Everett)
- i. New proposed bills for 2019-2020 Year
 - 1. Qatar Day - re-examining cost burden to SGA and student body, re-tooling qualifications of student participation for Qatar trip
 - 2. Student Funding Bill - provide \$\$\$ for students representing VCU in some capacity (conferences, research presentations, etc.)
 - ii. Please forward me any issues with funding or proposed legislation that would affect all graduate student campuses
- l. Wellness Committee (Wei-Li and Kalissa)
- i. Annual budget for food, projects
 - 1. Will submit a budget proposal to treasurer
 - ii. Recent meeting