

MSG Meeting
February 16th, 2021

<https://zoom.us/j/92846710061>

Introductions

New Business

Mr. Roy Roach: New Assistant Director for the Office of Student Experience. Been at VCU for 3 years now, from the Monroe Park Campus. Used to be an EMT in the Military.

Fred Tugas: Interim Assistant Dean of Students. In Hunton Student center

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday. Major deadline this Friday to be a student member of the Board of Visitor application - at present only one application. Link to application:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScgZ-By91JDAYTONy06Ku2InXDwSrqL1pxAQWtJik1eyTnYRA/viewform>. Application for the second round of COVID relief funds for U.S. citizens

went live yesterday, February 15th, 2021. The source of the funds is from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021. Online applications for emergency relief funds for international, DACA or undocumented students will also be made available by noon on February 15, 2021.

The source of the funds is institutional. MOre info can be found here:

<https://finaid.vcu.edu/manage/covid19funding/>.

All Student Town Hall this Friday at 4pm- announcement hopefully to be sent out tomorrow, currently listserve is down. Updates.

MSG Updates

a. Class Updates

- i. Class of 2024 - Movement exam yesterday and had technical issues. Anatomy practical has ~30 students kicked off and couldn't complete their exam. Getting rid of distinction for movement and letting students affected take it this upcoming week or next week.
- ii. Class of 2023 - Dedicated
- iii. Class of 2022 -
 1. Continuing rotations as scheduled; 3-week blocks have exam this week, 4-week blocks have exam next week
 2. VP's working to set up scrubs sale with Jannuu; still in planning phase
 3. M4 planning/lottery to open late February
 4. Class officer elections to be held mid-march (tentative)
- iv. Class of 2021 - Finishing up graduation requirements. Match day planning moving forward. Graduate Questionnaire emails are out.
- v. INOVA - no updates

b. President (Katherine)

- i. Mock ISA student representatives selected and sent to Dr. DiGiovanni and Dr. Woleben

1. Students will soon be contacted by Dr. DiGiovanni and introduced to Office of Assessment
 2. Thank you to all students who expressed their interests!
- ii. Leftover goodie bags from holidays
 1. Feedback from Wellness reviews - everyone really loved the first round and asked for a second round. We could give out a second round of goodie bags.
 - a. May not have enough goodie bags for a full second round, but could purchase more. Will review the budget
 - b. Could also just leave out the treats in a spot in MMEC (curriculum office) as a back up idea.
- c. Secretary (Rachel)
 - i. Next MSG meeting is March 23rd at 5pm. Zoom Code is: 94402016068
 - ii. Will discuss MSG election timeline.
 - d. Treasurer (Brendon)
 - i. Remember to email both Brendon and Alvin
 - e. VP Social (Ryan -> Bryan (proxy))
 - i. No updates
 - f. VP Student Life (Divya -> Riley (proxy))
 - i. List-serv is down. If class leaders could email/gropume/etc. individual classes to let them know, it would be appreciated. Sunday SCOOP posted on MSG website.
 - ii. Printer Paper: Katherine will re-fill the paper later this week.
 - g. VP Societies (Emma -> Abbas (proxy))
 - i. Official Society Name Change
 1. Appalachian Plateau purple bears (formerly Baughman)
 2. Piedmont red owls (formerly Benacerraf)
 3. Tidewater green lions (formerly Harris)
 4. Blue Ridge Mountain blue wolves (formerly Warner)
 - ii. Open comment period: comments will not change re-naming process as it has been approved, but will give individuals the opportunity to have responses on record. Open until 2/19. Link here: <https://forms.gle/kebj7tQt5ei7rKRD9>
 - h. VP Community Service (Chuck -> Betty (proxy))
 - i. No major updates currently. Planning is in process, will update as dates and opportunities are finalized.
 - i. VP Publications (Yena)
 - i. Will add a section to the website for the wellness committee; working with Saba on this.
 - ii. If you notice any errors or if there are any needed updates please email Yena.
 - j. VP Curriculum (Youssef)
 - i. Good survey completion (about 330 responses)
 - ii. Communicating with M1 reps about the challenges with their exam and a fair option for students to complete the exam

- k. MSG SGA Representative (Alvin)
 - i. Women of Color Need Courageous Allies March 1st, 5-7pm, email also to be sent this week, all VCU students, faculty, staff will be invited
 - ii. VCU + RPD Townhall March 10th, 5:30pm-6:45pm, email to be sent this week
- l. Wellness Committee (Saba)
 - i. Director of Wellbeing to be hired in upcoming weeks
 - ii. Expanding Peer Advocates training to increase accessibility to peer support
 - iii. Discussions regarding Diversity & Inclusion Committee/VP/Representatives is still ongoing at this time