

MSG Meeting
January 19th, 2021

<https://zoom.us/j/94784780671>

Key Updates:

- Required SIG Student Leader Training session on Wednesday 02/03 [12-1pm] and Thursday 02/04 [12-1pm]; more info in SCOOP
- Looking for VP of Curriculum Proxy; more details below
- Link to Grading/Well Being Health survey for M1/M2s (M3/M4s will be surveyed at a later date): https://qfreeaccountssjc1.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cD99qUUovfD9brT
- Survey from Wellness Committee on how to better address and improve wellness for our students (looking for requests/ideas/suggestions): <https://forms.gle/pu6d6xNobaRKbSYV9>
- Next MSG Meeting February 16th [Zoom ID 92846710061]

Introductions

New Business

Kendall Plageman, Fred Tugas, and Dr. Rodriguez: Kendall is now the Associate Dean of Students. Fred Tugas will fill in as the interim Assistant Dean while the school completes a search process. Fred is originally from Norfolk, but currently a doctoral student here at VCU. He has worked in leadership education and involvement for five years and is passionate about working with student leaders.

MSG Updates

- a. Class Updates
 - i. Class of 2024 - Our marrow exam is next week and we are currently working on a UWorld order for the class. We are waiting for vaccinations.
 - ii. Class of 2023 - Currently in Step 1 dedicated period. Curriculum decisions ongoing - updates in email from Woleben.
 - iii. Class of 2022 -
 1. Adapted curriculum d/t COVID spike
 - a. Some clerkships are going virtual, others doing hybrid model. As a result, some have switched to P/F instead of ORIME grading
 - b. Students being given option to take the adapted clerkships or defer until M4 year
 - c. Had meeting with residency program directors to reassure students about the changes that have taken place as well as how VCU students compare with students from other schools for MATCH
 2. Students in process of being vaccinated
 - a. students rotating off-site may receive a vaccine at that site and get dose 2 at VCU (prefer that students get Pfizer vaccine offsite)

since that is what VCU is giving students. VCU can provide 2nd Moderna if Pfizer vaccine not available at offsite)

3. Class appreciative of the work being done by SOM administration and has more positive/confident outlook on situation
- iv. Class of 2021 - We are waiting for match day and planning is ongoing (virtual celebration). Graduation will also most likely be virtual. Currently we have 15 students that have not met graduation requirements, but all have set AI placements/plans. Alumni series, first one next week.
- v. INOVA - no additional updates.
- b. President (Katherine)
 - i. Welcoming the new proxies!
 - ii. Campus connect - Training required for all MSG members by the constitution. Scheduled for February 16th following MSG meeting.
- c. Secretary (Rachel)
 - i. Upcoming MSG Meeting Dates: February 16th, March 23rd, April 27th, and May 18th
 - ii. February Zoom ID: 92846710061
- d. Treasurer (Brendon)
 - i. If anyone would like to utilize MSG funds, reach out to Bendon and/or Katherine; Brendon is currently in step studying.
- e. VP Social (Ryan -> Brian (proxy))
 - i. No events to reports; currently working with Ryan to figure out this semester's events with current COVID restrictions. More details to follow.
- f. VP Student Life (Divya -> Riley (proxy))
 - i. New SIG Student Leader Training meeting is scheduled for the first week of february; more information in the SCOOP.
- g. VP Societies (Emma -> Abbas (proxy))
 - i. Nothing new to report; working with Society Leaders on alternatives for Buckley Bowl. More details to follow.
- h. VP Community Service (Chuck -> Betty (proxy))
 - i. No updates
- i. VP Publications (Yena)
 - i. No updates
- j. VP Curriculum (Youssef)
 - i. Currently looking for a VP of curriculum proxy. Open to anyone interested. It is a good opportunity to gain insight into what the position is like and is a nice experience for those interested in academia.
 - ii. There are a number of curriculum changes going on for M3s and M4s, but students are being incorporated in the discussions; curriculum email updates by Dr. Ryan and Woleben (be on the lookout)
 - iii. M1 Grading/Health Well Being Project in place. We have surveyed m1s and m2s, and have close to 50% response rate. We will also survey M3s and M4s, but at a later time for their valued input from a different perspective. Link to survey: https://qfreeaccountssjc1.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cD99qUUovfD9brT

- k. MSG SGA Representative (Alvin)
 - i. Next SGA meeting tomorrow (01/20)
 - ii. What does SGA do?: SGA represents all of VCU with both a graduate and an undergraduate senate. They take student fees and use those to fund various events and provide funds to SIGs. In order for your SIG to get funding through SGA you must register with ramsconnect - <http://ramsconnect.vcu.edu/>. Application currently closed for the Spring. Events funded by SGA must be open to all students from the school (including undergrads). SGA provides SIGs with up to \$2000 per semester, so it is a good option if you are a SIG having larger events.
 - iii. Upcoming events:
 - iv. Women of Color Need Courageous Allies (hosted by SGA, GSPB, and GSA)
Link: <https://www.insightintodiversity.com/women-of-color-need-courageous-allies-in-the-academy-part-two/>
 - v. VCU Police Department Town Hall: planning ongoing, more details to follow. Purpose of town hall is to provide education on the services offered through VCUPD and to provide an open Q&A period to address security related concerns/questions.
- l. Wellness Committee
 - i. Recently sent out a survey to gauge student wellness needs during this time - waiting for feedback from the survey. Link: <https://forms.gle/pu6d6xNobaRKbSYV9>
 - ii. Diversity Representative Position Proposal: Given all of the changes that are currently happening within the School of Medicine, we would like to revisit at the end of the month/beginning of February to finalize this work. We will ensure that there is sufficient time for discussion before putting the position to vote at MSG.