

MSG Meeting, 14-Nov-17

Welcome & Introductions

New Business

Want to discuss something at a MSG Meeting?
Email MSG and ask to be added to the "New Business" section

Kendall Plageman kwplageman@vcu.edu, & Dr. Rodriguez - Student Life announcements

- Pedestrian safety is a salient matter, VCUPD ongoing initiative, open to feedback
 - Please contact if you know of particular intersections/crossings where there are any safety issues
- Mental health Support group on MCV campus thru VCU counseling - at 16:00 every Tuesday, at the VMI building
 - Drop-in, no registration required
- Mindfulness sessions through The Well
 - TranqWell: Tuesdays 12:-12:30 in Hunton 2nd fl
- Health Insurance
 - Issue for students, wondering if university-sponsored option is feasible, aware that curriculum office has ongoing discussion
 - Will be discussed at SGA mtng tomorrow
 - Students should still enroll during current open enrollment
 - Dr. Klink discussing re greater buy-in w other higher ed institutions in VA
 - Aware that open market is very expensive, VCU Med Cntr not covered by plans offered through the insurance marketplace
- Tax waiver bill in congress, anticipated to be taxed as income, more info tomorrow

Alper - flow of Dean's Luncheon

- Optimize dynamics, increase dialogue
- Condense submitted topics to 2-3 matters

MSG Updates:

- a. President (Suraj)
 - i. (away for interviews)
- b. Class Updates
 - i. Class of 2021
 1. Getting thru I&I
 2. Professionalism concern, being addressed
 3. Class bank account, scheduling fundraisers
 4. Committee together for Mr. M1, might change criteria to be more inclusive
 5. Working on a Peer advocate bulletin board for general announcements outside the studios, next to the elevators
 - ii. Class of 2020
 1. Survey to % 2020, approx 80% response rate

- a. Questionnaire -> 43% respondents meet criteria for major depression, some very severe, some reported SI
 - b. Recently met w curric office, aware of results
 - c. Anticipate similar distrib in other classes
 - iii. INOVA
 - 1. Also struggling thru rotations, worried about choosing M4 electives/schedule, mini-Thanksgiving food drive
 - iv. Class of 2019
 - 1. 3-4 rotations left, signing up for Step 2
 - v. Class of 2018
 - 1. In heat of interviews, exhausting, getting ready for graduation
- c. Treasurer (Omar)
 - i. Notify of any MSG monies spent
- d. VP Social (Nikhil)
 - i. Med Ball updates
 - 1. Invitations sent out, 260 students + 30 guests
 - 2. Considering inviting faculty, will go thru curric office
 - ii. November liver rounds
 - 1. Will defer given Thanksgiving holiday and full calendar, save funds for future events
 - iii. Cheese and Chat recap
 - 1. Great success! 80+students, 22 faculty
 - 2. Well put-together
 - 3. For future: need to schedule this event well in advance, to optimize faculty attendance
- e. VP Student Life (Erica)
 - i. SIGs transitioned leadership, current leaders orienting the new leaders
 - ii. New SIG leader orientation to occur the 1st week in Jan
- f. VP Societies (Alvin)
 - i. Halloween Party
 - 1. 267 RSVPs
 - a. 196 students showed up + 40 guests
 - b. 4 students non-SOM
- g. VP Community Service (Matt)
 - i. November mini DOCS this Saturday
 - 1. 2 spots available!
 - ii. December coat drive
 - 1. Currently being planned, announcement forthcoming
- h. VP Publications (Allan)
 - i. M3 Sign-out
 - 1. Central source for student-to-student info sharing
 - 2. Fully rolled out, started w Surgery 3wks ago
 - 3. Hopefully useful tool, carryover for future classes
- i. VP Curriculum (Jill)
 - i. Curric reps - please contact with questions

- j. MSG SGA Representative (Niurka)
 - i. SGA Meeting Wednesday November 15th- Student Health guest speaker
 - 1. Will address Health Insurance, will bring up marketplace, will present all student feedback
 - ii. Spring Funding decisions have gone out (If unhappy with results can appeal decision)
 - iii. Winter Ball - Saturday, January 27, tickets went on sale November 13th (\$30)
 - 1. [LINK](#)
 - iv. FREE ASSISTANCE with Insurance Marketplace sign-up, [flyer with more info](#)