

**MSG Meeting**  
**October 20th, 2020**

<https://zoom.us/j/92027218116>

**Introductions**

**New Business**

Kendall/Dr. Rodriguez: Interim honor system policy is in place. [Link](#) to policy:

<https://policy.vcu.edu/universitywide-policies/policies/honor-system-and-standards-of-academic-conduct---interim.html>. Changes were made to the honor policy system to make it better for students. In general, changes were made in the following areas: faculty involvement, record notation, and new category auditions (exploitation and sabotage). For more info, see the link.

Questions:

1. Does this policy supersede any medical school standards? For example, could the school of medicine decide to extend it to five years for notations rather than the proposed timeline?
  - a. I am not sure, but the SOM does have their own registrars, so there may be more specifics for the medical students.

Election Resources: There will be a processing space via zoom with trained personnel to help students process the elections and to provide them with more resources. More information on timing and links to follow.

**MSG Updates**

- a. Class Updates
  - i. Class of 2024 - Pharmacology finished last week, just started I&I last week. Everything is going well.
  - ii. Class of 2023 - Just finished renal, now starting Neurology. Preceptorships are finishing up and are going well. Getting ready for the end of the semester.
  - iii. Class of 2022
    1. Everyone is now on 4th rotation
    2. Pophealth sessions shortened to 1 hour long with a pre-quiz and post-quiz on articles/readings
    3. M4 planning session planned for late/end October
  - iv. Class of 2021 - Applying right now. ERAS will be downloaded tomorrow, so most M4s have turned in already.
  - v. INOVA - Also just submitted applications.
- b. President (Katherine)
  - i. Diversity Rep Discussion - ongoing
    1. Adjustments are being made to the proposal based on feedback from Woleben/others. Will be presented at either the next meeting or virtually at a separate meeting.
  - ii. OSR M1 Rep selection (Organization of Student Representatives)

1. Working with Dr. Deirorio to see if we can have students represented at the AAMC meeting/conference. It is a great opportunity to represent our school, get new ideas from other schools, and to network. Ideally, we would have a representative from each class. Need to determine how we are going to select the M1 representatives since selections were made prior to their arrival. Also need to work on defining their representatives.
- iii. Conversation with President Rao
    1. A select number of health sciences students were selected to meet with Dr. Rao to share thoughts with him on how the school year is going. Katherine is attending and she would like feedback/suggestions on things that she should share with him. Please email her at this email: yukr@vcu.edu
- c. Secretary (Rachel)
    - i. No updates
  - d. Treasurer (Brendon)
    - i. General: If you have events hosted through MSG, please send all receipts and spending to Brendon so he can keep track of it. I am meeting with Tracey soon to discuss spending policies in light of COVID, but she has already indicated that there will be a lot of flexibility in how we can spend money this year.
  - e. VP Social (Ryan)
    - i. Liver Rounds -> Family Events: Looking to redistribute any money typically spent on liver rounds to family events this year since it will be improbable to hold liver rounds this year. If you have any ideas, please send them to Ryan.
    - ii. Gift Cards: We cannot buy gift cards for students per VCU policy.
  - f. VP Student Life (Divya)
    - i. Website will be updates to reflect the current SIGs
    - ii. Many students have addressed concerns over how to spend money this year and concerns that the money will not roll over.
      1. MSG Funds: MSG funds do roll over, but it can be difficult to get reimbursed. Reach out to Brendon with questions.
      2. Dean's Fund: These funds do not roll over. SIG groups will need to spend the money before the deadline. We will check in with the Dean's fund chairs to see if money can be redistributed.
    - iii. Popular events this semester have been hikes; they are socially distance friendly!
  - g. VP Societies (Emma)
    - i. New M1 Society Leaders have been selected!
    - ii. Itty Bitty MCV Scavenger Hunt: All classes able to participate. Now through Sunday Nov 8th - for society points
    - iii. Feed More: Unsure if we can complete the food drive this year. Will reach out to see if there are restrictions right now. Emma will discuss with society leaders.
  - h. VP Community Service (Chuck)
    - i. Mini Docs coming up with Simple Sunflower. More information to follow.

- i. VP Publications (Yena)
  - i. No updates at this time
- j. VP Curriculum (Youssef)
  - i. No big updates. Monthly curriculum council meeting this Thursday.
- k. MSG SGA Representative (Alvin)
  - i. Finished recruiting Senators from all other schools - still need to reach out to M1s for a senator from SOM
  - ii. Currently in planning phase for TownHalls w/ VCU PD and RPD for next year
  - iii. Can request up to \$2500 from SGA - please contact me if interested in applying. Go to: [Ramsconnect.vcu.edu](https://ramsconnect.vcu.edu). Applications will open up in a few weeks. Create or renew your organization soon, because the application will only be open for a few weeks. Main thing: talk to Alvin if you want funding because they are very strict, so check with him to make sure your application meets their requirements.
- l. Wellness Committee
  - i. No updates