

## MSG Meeting, 12-Sep-17

### Welcome & Introductions

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- Fall Semester events flyer for MCV Campus, available [here](#) (Student Commons & Activities)
- Partner event with Athletics and Sports Backers on 11-Oct, more information TBA. Discounted tickets for students \$6 (incl drink)
- Hosting Qatar day on 12th St. 31-Oct, 11:30-13:30, publicity materials pending. Food, art, cultural events
  - Considering a tour of the SoM?
- A number of events to promote unity on campus:
  - This Friday, 11a-1p outside Larrick, How Does our “RAMily Respond to Hate?” Open to Students, Faculty, Staff. Notecards for people to indicate how to respond to hate... collected and then assembled into a collage.
- New Stall Seat Journal issue specific to MCV campus, next issue in Nov. The Well is requesting members for planning the next issue! Have received feedback that building/school-specific edition would be helpful, but not enough manpower at this time
- Block Party last month - well-attended! 480+ students attended. Feedback, suggestions for improvements re next block party? One of our own was a Jenga champ!!
  - Complaint: Carts ran out of capacity
    - Aware of this problem. Working to address for future events
- A Lot issues -> not necessarily happy, but not many complaints re removed sxn, changed timing of shuttles (fewer buses after 10am).
  - Re-route campus connector? 35min btwn Sanger and MP campus, most of time doing loops around Larrick.

### New Business

Want to discuss something at a MSG Meeting?

Email MSG and ask to be added to the “New Business” section

Proposed merging of Class Officer positions:

- Wellness Reps -> unable to do much within confines of stated responsibilities. Proposing a merger of Confidential Aid + Wellness Rep => Peer Advocate. Class of 2020 currently has 2 Peer Advocates; hybrid position is working nicely
  - i. Support emotional wellbeing
    - 1. Started Wicker (anonymous messaging app)
      - a. Already received anonymous messages within the past week from classmates
    - 2. Coping workshops (Dogs on Call for Aug, Concrete Perfectionism for Sept... targeting feelings of inadequacy, encouraging students; yoga and other wellness activities planned for future months)
      - a. Concern about low advertisement

- i. Working with student interest groups to host. Advertised through Facebook + Scoop email

Conference Call re research track residencies tomorrow at 19:00. Very useful for M3s and M4s, especially those interested in research-track residencies. [late announcement; will aim to make earlier announcements in future]

**MSG Updates:**

- b. President (Suraj)
  - i. Will be distributing proposed Amendments to the Constitution & By-laws one week in advance of voting.
- c. Class Updates
  - i. Class of 2021
    - 1. A lot of class, had first exam, avg a bit lower than prev year (82) [no specific comments from curriculum office yet, no shared statistical analysis of score distribution]. In Genetics now, doing class elections currently; there was no Ratz review session, potentially secondary to students leaving during one of his lectures
      - a. Concerns re the grade distribution will be brought up during Dean's Luncheon
      - b. Curriculum reps will help address any specific concerns
  - ii. Class of 2020
    - 1. Just finished Cardio, still burnt out. Fundraiser went well! Currently in Pulm, Costanzo + DeWitt are great
  - iii. Class of 2019
    - 1. Currently in Block 5, have collected some good feedback for Dean's Luncheon
  - iv. Class of 2018
    - 1. Applying to residencies on Friday!! Many classmates on AIs and away rotations
  - v. INOVA
- d. Treasurer (Omar) [no updates]
- e. VP Social (Nikhil)
  - i. Post-DOCS Liver Rounds update
    - 1. Good attendance! Close to 100 ppl, venue was happy, welcoming back
  - ii. Med Ball 1-Dec
    - 1. Venue signed, DJ signed, catering signed, minor details pending
- f. VP Student Life (Erica)
  - i. Career Services for SoM
    - 1. Office wanting to increase visibility! Can sign up for mock interviews, CV review, personal statement review. And open for feedback! Take advantage of these resources - especially M3 & M4 students!
      - a. Keep track of notable accomplishments, awards, etc - will help distinguish you
- g. VP Societies (Alvin)
  - i. M1/M2 Families - tremendous success!

- 1. Looking to increase support to permit more events
  - ii. Halloween Party - 10/31, All the big stuff done
    - 1. Reserved the Hippodrome! Looking for volunteers to help with decorations, planning!
  - iii. Basement: tables/chairs available for events, let me know
    - 1. Save money for MSG events
  - iv. M1 Society Leaders - encouraging them to check out MSG more
- h. VP Community Service (Matt)
  - i. Thanks to all who came out to DOCS!
  - ii. Establishing possible community service committee
    - 1. Multiple ppl approaching, requesting involvement
  - iii. October mini DOCS Saturday the 14th (location TBD)
  - iv. November mini DOCS Saturday the 18th (location TBD)
- i. VP Publications (Allan)
  - i. Website updates
    - 1. Some edits, scoop will be published weekly. Calendar reflecting updated events
    - 2. Aiming to include "Featured" sxn to allow SIGs to market themselves
    - 3. Some outdated SIG information, need to update
    - 4. Dedicated Societies tab, still under construction. Statement for each Society, describing events, M1/M2 families
    - 5. Academics section - under construction; will have M1 survival guide and M3 signout
    - 6. Student Life - under construction
    - 7. Contact info for MSG and class officers (will update with M1 officers)
    - 8. Will add updated Constitution
- j. VP Curriculum (Jill)
  - i. LINC clarification from Dr. Woleben
    - 1. 20 hour requirement with **one** organization in Central VA, or Northern VA
    - 2. Students **should not** be practicing physical exam skills in a clinical setting, or there must be some patient education component, such as education materials or something that addresses a need within the community
    - 3. DOCS or mini-DOCS can count towards the 20 hours but the student must earn them all at the same organization
    - 4. All lectures are mandatory and attendance is taken at each session. If a student needs to miss a lecture, an exception request must be submitted and approved in advanced and there will be an assignment
    - 5. If students do not complete all required assignments, credit will not be shown on the transcript. As of now, students will not get a reminder to complete outstanding assignments. The onus is on the student to make sure they have everything turned in
  - ii. Parking & Transportation Meeting 19-Sep!
    - 1. Need surrogate to take her place
- k. MSG SGA Representative (Niurka)

- i. 2nd funding deadline was 11-Sep, will soon have a list of orgs requesting additional funds
- ii. SGA Etiquette Dinner, 2-Oct 5:30-7:30pm, Larrick Ballroom (RSVP forthcoming)
  - 1. M3s have attended in past, helpful for interviews
- iii. Ramcentive program launched: student organizations can apply for \$300 extra funding
  - 1. If run out of funding
  - 2. Some requirements (attend SGA mtng, do community service, attend roundtable w Dr. Rao)
- iv. SGA funding budgets for Spring 2018, due 1-Oct
  - 1. Will send budget example
- v. Winter Ball 27-Jan at The Omni



