

MSG Meeting
September 22nd, 2020

<https://zoom.us/j/96940180182>

Introductions

New Business

Dr. Woleben: I am impressed with everyone's resilience during this time, continuous feedback, and cooperation with COVID guidelines. I would like to give a big shoutout to the M! Class leaders who put together a great COVID newsletter with great information and statistics. Work groups: the renaming of society work group members were announced yesterday, other workgroups to come soon. Most of the work groups have 2-6 faculty members, 2 staff members, and anywhere from 6-12 students. They will be not only working as groups, but reaching out to other constituents and we have a group that is going to help with surveys/statistics. MSG can help when we get recommendations back from the work groups. These work groups will be providing recommendations by the end of the semester.

Dr. Rodriguez/Kendall: All events need to be registered through RAMS connect. University counseling services have a number of support groups this semesters, including one for health professional graduate students Wednesday at 4pm. All of this info is available on their website. Students no longer need to call VCU Police after business hours to talk to a counselor, you can call them directly. RAM Pantry reopened and you can email them if you would like to arrange for pick up at Hunton Student Center. The email is RAMpantry@vcu.edu. You can arrange for item pickup online - similar to online grocery shopping. The plan is to still open a location officially at Hunton in the future.

MSG Updates

a. Class Updates

- i. Class of 2024 - Just finished the first block, now in the middle of Physiology. Just met for the first time as a class government and working on plans for the semester.
- ii. Class of 2023 - Just finished Pulmonary, starting Renal. In the midst of Preceptorship with mixed experiences. Currently registering for Step 1 counseling/dates.
- iii. Class of 2022 - currently in second or third rotations; overall going well
 1. Talked with Dr. Ryan and Curriculum-reps about reducing the time allocated to pop health (currently 1.5-2hrs) to allow students back to their duties more quickly; Dr. Ryan was receptive and we will *likely* have it shortened to 1hr (cutting out in-session group work, adding pre-readings)
- iv. Class of 2021 - Just finished headshot photo fundraiser. ERAS due soon.
- v. INOVA - No updates!

b. President (Katherine)

- i. Mask and Society T-shirt distribution in October (see: society)

- c. Secretary (Rachel)
 - i. **Declaration of Geneva Committee:** Change from Hippocratic oath to Declaration of Geneva for White Coat Ceremony or not?
 - 1. There seems to be some concerns with the current committees providing recommendation so potentially not going with this method.
 - 2. Will re-address this next semester.
- d. Treasurer (Brendon)
 - i. Pending response from Tracey regarding payment for printing at student lounge room - Is it coming out of the M4 budget or MSG budget? Tracey is currently out of office.
 - ii. Please share ideas for budget allocation. Already met with officers - going to be difficult to create a plan for spending money that benefits all individuals that follows social distancing guidelines. Plan to have an event in October tied in with the families. Please send any ideas for events to Brendon.
- e. VP Social (Ryan)
 - i. Please share ideas for socially distanced events
 - ii. Working with Emma to plan events centered around families/societies: currently looking to do an outdoor picnic centered around families to keep the numbers small for social distancing. Again, any ideas are appreciated.
- f. VP Student Life (Divya)
 - i. We will reach out for updates.
- g. VP Societies (Emma)
 - i. Currently accepting applications for Class of 2024 Society Leaders: open through this coming Sunday. It is on the facebook page, was sent to the listserv, and will be in this week's scoop.
 - 1. Link to Application: <https://forms/gle/42jFdcGxPwshgmnYA>
 - ii. Class of 2023 Society Leaders working to plan COVID-friendly Halloween activity: potentially a photo scavenger hunt.
 - iii. Need to pick dates to distribute T-Shirts to M2s and M1s. They will be distanced by society at four separate locations to ensure social distancing guidelines are followed. More information to follow. Planning to order cookies as well to encourage pick up.
 - 1. Will also give M2s masks at that time
- h. VP Community Service (Chuck)
 - i. Last DOCS went well; it had a good turnout. It was at Doorways which houses people with family members in the hospital. We were able to make meals for 50-60 people.
 - ii. Working on planning next DOCS
 - iii. Simple Sunflower: lots of new dates available for volunteering; will follow up with dates
 - iv. DOCS T-shirts are in!
- i. VP Publications (Yena)
 - i. MSG photoshoot on Oct 4

- ii. Will update the Societies page with PPT from Dr. Woleben on historical context and will add on new society leaders
- j. VP Curriculum (Youssef)
 - i. Next meeting on the 24th of this week. M1 curriculum reps have been selected and will join this meeting.
- k. MSG SGA Representative (Alvin)
 - i. M1 SGA Senators - will reach out shortly for those interested
 - ii. Applying for SGA funding for Spring? Due date is sometime in October. Please email Alvin so he can make sure your application hits all the requirements. *Only 15% of applications were accepted last cycle.*
 - iii. I'm now VP of Graduate/Professional Senate aka President of GPS starting November. If there are any bills we would like to propose to GPS please email me with ideas.
 - iv. Town hall for GP students w Richmond PD and VCU PD is in the works
- l. Wellness Committee (Saba)
 - i. Diversity Representatives: Information/proposal to add diversity representatives was sent out to Katherine/Rachel. We will table this discussion until the next meeting so that we properly discuss the proposal and discuss potential changes.
 - ii. When we have this discussion, we would like to establish delineation between the roles of the proposed diversity representatives and peer advocate position roles. In the meantime, we are going to reach out to Dr. Woleben to make sure we are coordinating with the various committee's efforts and to Dr. Deiorio to coordinate with the OSR representatives.

Office of Student Experience

Hi all! Wish I could meet with you via Zoom. Unfortunately, I have a class being held at this time. Hope your semester is going well. We would love to see you at any of the upcoming co-curricular programs below. If there are any questions or concerns at all, feel free to email me at garycs@vcu.edu (Chelsea Gary, Program Coordinator in the Office of Student Experience).

- **Dollar\$ and Sen\$e: Budgeting Basics & Beyond**
September 24th at 12pm via Zoom
Join Tom Katovsich, of Virginia Credit Union, as tackles everything from creating a realistic budget and sticking to it, to establishing healthy spending habits. For more information and to register, click [here](#).
- **Exhale After Hours: Trivia Night**
September 24th at 5pm via Zoom
This event is an opportunity to meet, mingle and relax with fellow students of underrepresented backgrounds and their allies. Think you're a trivia hotshot? Give it a try! For more information and to register, click [here](#).
- **Unlocking Health Equity: Implicit Bias and Responsive Strategies**

September 29th at 12 pm via Zoom

Lisa Webb, Assistant Vice President for Health Sciences will provide an introductory understanding of implicit bias, cultural humility, and asset based healthcare and why this matters not only as a physician/practitioner but as a student as well. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

- **DEI Action**

We have also launched the [DEI Action Website](#) which will provide updates on key initiatives and provide opportunities for ongoing engagement from our MCV Campus and community stakeholders. There is also a feedback form available with an anonymous option to share any thoughts on the site, progress, programs, ideas, and anything else in between that students want to share.