

MSG Meeting November 15, 2022

New Business

- Dr. Rodriguez (vcudean@vcu.edu for any follow up or questions)
 - University Council meeting concern for turnover in leadership and addressed at that meeting
 - Student government meeting tomorrow to continue to discuss student activity fee
 - Fee goes towards activities like ball

MSG Updates

- a. Class Updates
 - i. Class of 2026 - Exam on Friday, I&I 2. Brewery social at Hardywood, good turnout.
 - ii. Class of 2025 - Neuro exam on Friday. Annual flag football event over the break. Cultural fair around M3 orientation (march/april)
 - iii. Class of 2024 - Currently in block 5. M4 planning session yesterday. Looking forward to Thanksgiving break!
 - 1. Holding panel about research year
 - iv. Class of 2023 - Interview season!! Planning match week/graduation.
- b. President (Emma)
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- c. Secretary (Riley)
 - i. **Last meeting of semester: December 6th**
- d. Treasurer (Abbas)
 - i. ~45k for the fall semester per Tracy with about 23k allocated for Med Ball. Pending hard number. If questions about approximate allocations for the rest of the budget, feel free to email/text me. Will show MSG budget once hard numbers are in!
 - ii. Keep sending over receipts!
- e. VP Social (Sajanee)
 - i. Met with MaryBeth (Omni Event Coordinator) two weeks ago and finalized details for med ball (December 3rd!)
 - ii. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1cidcl9TP4TyLZxKI0V_0ScdSp3QwfkZQnvtZ_pXXNMo/edit?usp=sharing
 - 1. ^^ link to sign up for med ball set up, take down, and drop off stuff back at MMEC the next day
 - 2. I was wondering if we could award society points to people who help out to incentivize signing up, maybe offer food or a raffle for those who help clean up
 - iii. Hired the same DJ (Mikealis) from last year
 - iv. Hired Allen (M2) to be a photographer for med ball
 - v. Is anyone willing to front the costs of the DJ, photographer, and rental speakers?

- vi. Planning to send another reminder email to RSVP for med ball (~512 and counting!)
- vii. chithranjanss@vcu.edu / 703-220-5281
- f. VP Student Life (Sriya)
 - i. Sorry cannot join for tonight's meeting!
 - ii. Peers have complained about printing issues on campus. How can we improve the process? One issue has been w/ downloading the printer driver- email Dr. Rodriguez (vcudean@vcu.edu, email me)
 - iii. Applications for proxies will be released after Thanksgiving
- g. VP Societies (Yash)
 - i. Thanksgiving food drive ending this Friday, will be dropping off everything to FeedMore that evening
 - ii. Societies are planning their respective Christmas parties
 - iii. Plan to send a survey out to individuals that joined the mentor program to see how everything is going
- h. VP Community Service (Gianna)
 - i. Community service survey went out last week - primarily completed by M1/M2 so far. Good amount of interest in service committee. Will make sure it gets added to the scoop
 - ii. Holiday Basket Drive in collaboration with SNMA - baskets will be due December 11th and delivered to Bellvue Elementary December 12th
 - 1. Will plan to host an interest meeting week after thanksgiving to answer any clarifying questions and hopefully increase amount of participants
 - iii. Looking ahead - planning service activities for National Day of Service - Jan 16th
 - iv. If you have any ideas for orgs we should partner with for DOCS let me know, will likely take place in March/Early April
- i. VP Publications (Vanessa)
 - i. Still having little to no engagement with photo submissions for site, thinking about making it more engaging for each class → make a photoreel for each graduating class instead? To present at match day or something
 - ii. Will connect with creative editors of each class to coordinate
- j. VP Curriculum (Anu)
 - i. New course/clerkship review starting to be implemented. Still working out student role.
 - ii. Curriculum reps met as a group a few weeks ago. Discussed challenges/goals for the year.
 - iii. Curriculum counsel focusing on LCME and making sure we are LCME compliant
- k. MSG SGA Representative (Ashley)
 - i.
- l. Wellness Committee (Rhea)
 - i. Recently elected new members to the committee!
 - ii. Hosted Suicide Prevention Training hosted by UCS for committee members, which was successful + effective. Hope to expand this and offer to whole school starting next year

- iii. We are restructuring leadership positions within our committee to give younger students a chance to lead the group, write it on their residency apps, etc.
- iv. Working with PALS again to form M2/M4 PALS Buddy system for Step 1 as this was successful in the past (although there were more mentees than mentors so will try to get more participation this year!)
- v. Starting new subcommittee to support *Nontraditional students and students with families*
 - 1. Please do let me know if there is a specific need in the wellness sphere you feel we are not addressing.
 - 2. We provide an Online Wellness Journal (check out <https://vcusomwellness.wordpress.com/>), Leave of Absence support group, Advocacy to Administration (currently pushing for personal days in clerkships), Resource Consolidation (currently building this up - https://drive.google.com/drive/u/4/folders/1JMG9dTiWpRt2S9GgO17xwa58vhwNA_1e), RecWell outreach, and Mental Health RVA community Outreach
- vi. Hope and Resiliency Panel -
 - 1. Held on December 8th
 - 2. Currently recruiting speakers, if you are interested in sharing your story can fill out the form [here](#).
- vii. Starting conversation back up re: DEI leadership position
 - 1. Members of wellness committee had been working with Class of 2024 Curriculum Representatives and Dr. Kevin Harris to discuss initiating a Diversity Committee at VCU.
 - a. Timeline, Purview, Oversight, Goals
 - 2. At today's meeting, we discussed needing to make sure that 1) roles are very defined, 2) that we gather feedback/info from all parties/students, 3) making sure curriculum reps are included so they can represent to curriculum council, 4) have a separate meeting about this to establish roles