2018/2019 MSA Council AGM #9 - Agenda
Monday, April 15, 2019
12:00pm – 12:50pm, KATZ 1080

A. Chair’s Business (3 min.)
1. Call to order
2. Territory Acknowledgement
3. Attendance
4. Call to approve last meeting’s minutes
   i. 2018/2019 MSA Council Meeting #8 AGM Minutes (see supplemental item A1)
   ii. Motion: Pass

B. Executive Reports (20 minutes)
   1. PRESIDENT
      Approving the Memorandum of Understanding with IMDSA (Indigenous Medical Dental Students’ Association) (see supplemental item B2)
      - Pass the spirit of the document
      - Motion to pass document: VP External and VP Student Affairs, motion passed

CFMS Updates
- In Niagara Falls
- AFMC Portal Task Force – look at AFMC portal (used to sign up for electives) to decrease fees associated with electives
- CaRMS – Decrease in unmatched students down to 31 (from 60 last year)
- UofT CaRMS Data Analysis
  o Document will be sent out to students. Looked at different specialties and ratio of seat-to-Applicant
  o Insight from data, how can students create parallel plans for highly competitive residencies so they don’t go unmatched.
  o Spots are chosen based on societal demands.
  o VP External will send out a document regarding this document
- CFMS Second Day of Action – Small group of individuals will meet with government members to advocate for more residency spots
- VP External Full CFMS SGM summary

MSA Year end Highlights
- O Week 2021 Team Appreciation
- Icebowl 2018 hosted in Edmonton
- Alberta uCMG Focus Group (by VP External) for CaRMS unmatched and matching
- GAAC call for Alberta Organ and Tissue Donation Program
- VP Wellness voting seats for Student Representation on UME Committees
  - Made possible due to Paul and Health and Wellness members
- AMSCAR
- Professionalism Task Force – acute conflict training created through the task force. Professionalism is working well within the faculty but not as well in the MD program for students
- Med Formal – SOCOM. MSA exec have decided to continue funding for clerkship gala for clerks
- Pre-Clerkship Procedural Skills Curriculum Pilot
- 500+ Events, 90+ Student Clubs, 20+ Initiatives, 10+ Distinct Electives
- Thank you for new 2022 Members for contributions
- Thank you for 2021s mentorship for 2022s and contributions

2. VP STUDENT AFFAIRS
   i. Peer Support Program
      1. Launching next year
      2. Gap between people that didn’t want to go to OAW of PFSP but wanted to talk to peers
      3. Works similar to peer support program offered to all UofA Students
      4. All under VP Wellness. 2 coordinators report to VP Wellness. 7-8 volunteers report to each coordinator. Aim for volunteers from all years.
      5. Coordinators and volunteers under that coordinator will take weeks on and off to prevent their own burnout
      6. Different ways to access this service is outlined, through: MSA website, friend refers someone that could use support (set up as random act of kindness), or OAW office wants student connected to other students
      7. The faculty is supportive of this initiative

C. Executive Business (20 minutes)
   1. VP FINANCE
i. **UpToDate Update – Surplus Vote**

1. Price changed from $5000/year for all students to $50 USD/student/year. Still feasible with the MSA budget surplus ($66,000 GIC surplus has not been touched in years), this excludes chequing account surplus

2. Uptodate will offer a 3 year contract that is cheaper than $32500/year (650 students at $50/year). See Daphne’s powerpoint for details

3. Generate $15,000 plus or minus $3,000 per year

4. Constitution outlines 15% of operational budget needs to be in savings

5. High surplus

6. Questions
   a. Why isn’t MSA student fees decreased? Surplus is from honorarium meetings
   b. Why aren’t fees reduced since we run at least a $12,000 surplus a year? Reducing fees isn’t good for budgetting, every year when budgets are made, they are trying to dip into the honorarium. Honorariums also varies year to year (positions taken by MSA members). Fees also are a constant for budgetting which allows for reliable budgeting at the start of the year.
   c. Sustainability of this program? Can’t guarantee what will happen after 3 year contract (if it is pursued). VP finance is talking to faculty to see if the project can be made sustainable past 3 years.
   d. Is the cost worth it anymore at the new price point, is there a better use of surplus? 90% of clerks use it, and ~50% of 21s. This is an idea the clerks said they would found useful
   e. McGill Faculty pays for UptoDate for all students, could this be something that could be pursued
   f. Is this worth the $35 USD saving per year for the 4 years. Can we return surplus to students or reduce fees? We can leverage more as the MSA buying UptoDate together
   g. Will we tell current students to not buy it at this point? Earliest roll out is May 1st. UptoDate may consider prorate to people with current subscriptions.
h. Suggestion: Provide a year ahead announcement so people don’t pay for UptoDate twice (personally and then again through MSA fees)

7. Vote: 14 For, 8 Opposed. Email vote will be sent out.

ii.

2. **VP ADMIN**

   Constitution Changes – Approval (see supplemental item C3)
   Changes made for facilities rep
   Motion: Passed
   Motion: Passed

D. Member Reports & Business (4 min.)
E. Question Period (4 min.)
F. Adjournment (2 min.)