Monday, January 13th, 2014 - MSA Council Meeting

**First item: Elections Information and Appeals Board - presented by Taylor Wong**

- Dates when existing officeholders will present their positions to class 2017: Monday February 3rd and Wednesday February 5th
- Nominal deadline to apply for MSA positions - February 15th

Last year, MSA positions were elected February 11th. This year, the executives found that it would be better to change the timeline to what it was two years ago in order to give more time for students to determine their candidate of choice.

- There is authorization to hold elections outside of the prescribed months

**Appointment of the Appeals Board:**

MSA Council Members – Charlene Belozer (2016) and Viktor Sekowski (2017)  
Non-MSA Council Members - Cassidy Freeman (2016) and Michelle Huie (2017)

Purpose of the appeal board - if there is a concern in how the elections were run, ex. a student complained that Candidate A had more posters than Candidate B, the Appeals Board will determine the final course of action

Comment: will the Appeals Board be count on Dean’s Letter?  
- This would not count on Dean’s Letter - decisions on what is considered on Dean’s Letter is determined by Dr. Stobart

**Motion Carries - board has been approved**

- Next MSA meeting will be moved from February 10th to February 12th.  
- To be voted on at our February 12 meeting - currently junior MSA members cannot apply for new positions in this MSA - will be discussed in the next meeting on whether this should be changed

**Second item: Sink in Student Lounge - presented by the Facilities Managers**

The facility managers would like to propose the installation of a fully function sink with hot/cold water and drain in the Student Lounge. The sink would be installed in the corner along the wall with the refrigerator and microwaves.

**Quote:**

Labour: $3,445.0  
Material Costs: $1,575.6  
Sub Total: $5,020.6  
Contingency (10%): $502.06  
Overhead (6.5%): $358.97  
Total Estimate: $5,881.6
Reasons for a sink in the student lounge:

- Common student concern - it was suggested by many students to have a sink in the lounge
- Students will be able to fill water bottles and kettles, as well as clean utensils and wash the microwaves.
- The faculty of Medicine is willing to contribute; the proposal was given to Dr. Miller and Dr. Brenneis and they were receptive to the idea

In the future, there may also be a printer in the student lounge. It would be provided by the IT team - UME proposal will be given to that there will be a printing station

Comment: concern made by some that this is expensive
- Because adding a sink is considered renovation, it has to be done through university contractors - it is a substantial cost

Comment: the money that would be spent on the sink wouldn't hurt the MSA budget - but is 6000 dollars justified to buy a sink; is there a 6000 dollar benefit for this
- It's very likely that the faculty will contribute to the sink

Comment: maybe have two votes 1.) vote on whether we should add a sink 2.) if vote fails, what would be the money threshold in order to approve sink installation

Comment: additional money will be coming from Edmonton Manuel and it is guaranteed that the 60,000 dollars left in the bank won't be spent

Comment: It is important to have a buffer for the VP Finance next year

Comment: when looking at cost, a sink will benefit students for a long period of time i.e. 5-10 years, the money used now won't be used just for this coming year - it's a long-term investment

Comment: if give extra functionality to this room, the student lounge was already a large investment

Comment: accreditation will approve the sink installation

Comment: it is most likely that the project won't go overhead

Comment: how long would it take to install the sink and when will the sink installation start?
  - unsure how long it would take. Based on previous experience, electrical installation was quick and not very disruptive. The microwaves will continue to be available during sink installation
  - will like to start the project as soon as possible - if construction will take place during accreditation, then the sink installation would be delayed

Will go ahead with the proposal - there will be MSA funding

Motion Carries - Student Lounge sink has been approved
Third item: Purchase new jerseys - presented by the sports representatives

Proposed to buy AH55 Pro Fit Jersey ($104 each): two-tone jersey, front logo, number
- Jerseys will be used for all 4 years
- Reffing Jersey will cost $90
- For a full team of 16, total (before applicable excise taxes) cost is approximately 1,754

Reasons for purchasing new jerseys
- In the past Ice Bowl, participants borrowed jerseys for the event - hard to have just one set of class jerseys when there are two classes
- Benefit to have another set of back up jerseys for general use by the MSA
- Provide more of a team image - general MSA jerseys are preferable over random jerseys when there is a game
- Reffery Jersey can be used by other teams as well
- There will no be replacement of current class jerseys, but rather there will be more jerseys - half of hockey career is experienced in first year and there are no jerseys available for incoming students

Sports reps spoke to United Cycle for the price, later will determine what two colours, logo and numbers will be used on the jerseys
- We can figure out colour scheme later, we have the basic estimate and won't have exact number until the jersey design is determined

Comment: Maybe we should include more jerseys to the proposal in case some get lost

Comment: How many games will require the extra set of jerseys?
- MCTT, Ice Bowl, Interphase - about 4 games per team

Comment: Will there be sponsorship?
- open idea, but this will probably not occur

Comment: It seems like this is just an investment for the hockey team
- hockey is a common sport used by all 4 years

Comment: When Ice Bowl was in Edmonton, it was easier to get the extra jerseys when there was the need, but there will be difficulties in next 4 years when Ice Bowl will be in different places in Western Canada

Comment: What would happen if some jerseys would get lost?
- Sports Reps don't have a budget - getting extra duple jerseys would probably answer this problem
- Maybe we should keep a cap on when the jerseys are used (ex. not in intramurals)

Brought to vote - round up to 2000 dollars

Motion Carries 19-4 - New Jerseys will be purchased
Fourth item: Vice President Curriculum Position - presented by Taylor Wong

• This position was talked about for months, introduced by past president MSA and 3rd year curriculum
• The VP would coordinate MSA matters related to curriculum, assessment, and evaluation
• The biggest role - be an MSA representative in the Faculty Curriculum Committee
• Currently there are one second year and one third year curriculum reps, they would be replaced by the VP

Comment: Was this reviewed by the Curriculum Committee?
Taylor Wong: No, it wasn’t

Comment: Not sure how representative this position would be for all four years
Taylor Wong: Curriculum Rep in the past was asked to represent all four years - a formal position would be beneficial. Curriculum Reps for every year would still exist

Comment: Maybe we should vote on this now, and structure will be figured out later - seems incongruent.

Comment: Clarification - the class reps would still be doing things at a class level, such as bringing student concerns to block coordinators or VP Education. VP Education would have more global concerns.
If VP won’t pass, then the curriculum reps should be moved to MSA, because their works encompasses all four years

Motion fails 9:11
Appendix I  
*Prepared by the Facilities Managers*

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**Reasons to install a sink:**

1. Better Kitchen functionality for student and student run clubs/organizations
2. Clean and easy place to fill water bottles and kettle, just seems nicer than the bathroom
3. Clubs/events can use sink to clean up/wash dishes after events
4. Popular demand, many students have told Aven and I that they would like a sink
5. Will make keeping the microwaves, fridge, and microwave covers clean more easy

This is a substantial investment but one we feel as facilities managers is worthwhile and will be highly utilized by the students. If this project is approved we will try to have the sink installed before accreditation, but we want to avoid any construction, so it may be delayed till after if it cannot be done before that time.

Other options. Basically a water cooler, but this would have associated long term costs of refilling that make a sink worthwhile in the long run. Also there could be a possibility of a water woolier with a waterline directly attached, however we would lose any drain and cleaning of dishes functionality.

Other concerns; dirty dishes. This one is simple, if people leave dishes laying around dirty or clean I we will throw them out :)}