MSA AGM Minutes - November 6th, 2014

Attendance: (2017) Rohan Mittal, Parker Vandermer, Viktor Sekowski, Kirsten Sjonnesen, Ashley Tse, Peter Zhang, Kelvin Tran, Jade Lau, Jessica Li, Jocelyn Andruko, Charissa Ho, Katrin Resch, Raheem Suleman, Ashlee Yang, Todd Radostits, Josh Kutcher, Simon Hasan, Parissa Shahrabadi, Roger Croutze, Samantha Lam, Chris Novak


Meeting called to order (Mackenzie)

MSA Report – Presented by Samantha Lam

- Summarize achievements from 2013-2014, including creating a VP Community Engagement, Speaker, and a new Absence Policy.
- Other achieved goals include increasing MSA visibility by creating MSA.
- There has been an increase in student resources that have been included for medical students, such as mental health projects and sponsorships.
- MSA Constitution has been better organized.
- Increased relationships with programs and partners, including DDS, MLS, DH, and RT.
- MSA members attended CFMS AGM, Western Deans’ Meeting, PARA, and cross country collaboration and communication meetings.
- Last summer, there was an emergency meeting where members decided that AGM voting should include ALL MD students.
- There was no submission for Market Modifier Proposal for MD program.
- Ongoing items include resolving the Absence Policy, the Appeals Policy, revamp the MSA Constitution, write down the policy and procedures as well as determining proper space usage. MSA is trying to organize Town Hall by the Faculty.
- Most immediate goals include restricting the MSA Executive, determining a VP Education portfolio, revamping the Communications teams, improved representation for Clerks, and determining policy on ethical research distribution and participation solicitation.
- Goals and plans for 2014-2015 is to strengthen and implement best practices, increase clerkship engagement, more effective executive and council, and increase relationship between MSA and its partners, including CFMS.

Comments:
- Clerkship is currently crowded; there will be students coming from Scotland in 2 years that will be taking electives in University of Alberta. This problem
is concerning because if students coming to U of A have bad experiences, they may affect the U of A prestige.

• There isn’t anything written at the moment regarding the Edinburg situation and it is still a work in progress.
• Could Town Hall meeting show how the funds are helping students?
• The Faculty hasn’t been transparent, though the Edinburg website has been advertising this program.

Budget – Presented by Rohan Mittal

• The budget was discussed during the MSA retreat and received positive comments.
• Differences from last year: no changes in MSA Fees, revenue was compared with the Faculty’s Budget, other revenue category was included (ex. Honorariums AMA and CPSA, Edmonton Manual, SOCOM – the numbers are variable because they depend on attendance)
• Revenue has been consistent with past years.
• Nothing has changed with MSA and Faculty Co-Funded Committees.
• In terms of MSA Committees and MD Ambassadors, nothing has changed much as well. Rohan decreased the funds received by certain groups, such as Community Health, in order to reflect how much money the groups actually need.
• Miscellaneous expenses include Clubs. Rohan tried to advocate new clubs to receive 150 dollars, but currently new clubs get 50 dollars, whereas other clubs get 150 dollars.
• MSA Expenses are expenses that happen within the office, such as MSA retreat which was 3000 dollars. Nothing has changed with exception of Bank Charges, which has been included in the budget (CIBC Unlimited Business Transaction Account).
• Main differences from the past are in AMSCAR and Alumni Association budgets (both increased)
• Main goal is to reduce deficit, reflects poorly at SU meetings
• Current revenue is consistent with past values
• MSA does not contribute to AMSCAR
• Facilities rep account and FUME account were combined into one FUME account for the same total sum

Comments:

• External sponsorships sent to the Alumni Association is part of the MSA budget. The number dropped from 6500 to 4000 dollars.
• Money raised externally is not included in MSA Budget.
• The 50 dollar for each executive is for the supplies. Often times, it can be used for other purposes, such as providing food for focus groups. 50 dollars is not spend on just paper.
Motion to approve Budget 2014-15 (Jocelyn Andruko), seconded by James Welke (2018 President)
• Motion to approve budget passes.

Future motions will be sent to the Speaker and printed to the members before motions are voted on.

Motion to adjourn (Rohan Mittal), seconded by Simon Hasan.