

2015/2016 MSA Council Meeting #1 - Minutes

Monday, August 31, 2015

12:00pm-12:50pm, ECHA 1-490

A. Speaker's Business (4 min.) - *President Ramazani will serve as interim speaker.*

1. Call to order - *meeting called to order at 12:01pm*
2. Attendance
3. Next Meeting Date - *October 5, 2015 (KATZ 1-080)*
 - i. *MSA Retreat: Sunday, October 4, 9am-5pm, Bernard Snell Hall*

B. Executive Reports

1. **VP FINANCE** will provide the MSA Budget Presentation (**1 min.**)
 - i. budget was distributed prior
 - ii. balanced budget
 - iii. costs overestimated so net income should be larger
 - iv. budget cuts to committees with sizable surplus
 1. PAC, Global Health budgets were reduced

C. Executive Business

1. **VP FINANCE/PRESIDENT** MOVE to approve the MSA Budget for the 2015/2016 year as outlined. (**5 min.**)
 - i. *2015/2016 MSA Budget - See item below*
 - ii. no opposition
 - iii. *Motion carries 23/0/0*
2. **VP ADMINISTRATION/VP FINANCE** MOVE to approve Bill #1 and amend the MSA Constitution as outlined. (**8 min.**)
 - i. *Bill #1 - Constitution Amendments and Updates - See item below.*
 - ii. whatever is passed to vote today will apply to all positions effective end of this meeting (RE: SHINE rep)
 - iii. OWeek Reps would like to consider not staying on MSA General Council, VP Admin/President will consider this issue if further necessary
 - iv. no opposition
 - v. *Motion Carries 23/0/0*
3. **VP EXTERNAL/VP EDUCATION** MOVE to approve Bill #2 and amend the MSA constitution regarding CFMS as outlined (**8 min.**)
 - i. *Bill #2 - CFMS Constitutional Amendments - See item below.*
 - ii. RE: allocation of votes at CFMS meeting
 - iii. *Motion carries 23/0/0*
4. **VP FINANCE/VP ADMINISTRATION** MOVE to approve Policy #1 to implement the Joint Funding Distribution Policy. (**5 min.**)

- i. *Policy #1 - Joint Funding Distribution Policy - See item below.*
- ii. no maximum funding amount per group; depends on how many groups are applying to funding; 2 cycles - apply separately for fall and winter
- iii. this was the same in previous years, but this year it has been formalized - in an effort to be transparent about the workings of the MSA
- iv. any questions that groups have can be address to MSA exec
- v. selection is based on criteria, but the rubric does not go public
- vi. no opposition
- vii. *Motion carries 23/0/0*

5. **VP STUDENT AFFAIRS/PRESIDENT** MOVE to approve Policy #2 to implement a formal Club's Policy. **(8 min.)**

- i. *Policy #2 - MSA Clubs Policy - See item below.*
- ii. formalizing requirements for clubs
 1. changing MIN number of events per group, number of groups a student can be leader of, etc.
 2. FIRM RULE for leading a maximum of 2 clubs per student
- iii. these policies will be instated starting next year (2016-17)
- iv. need written documentation about collaborative events - email should suffice
- v. *Motion tabled by the interim Speaker.*

6. **ORIENTATION (SALAMI)/FACILITIES REPRESENTATIVE, SR.** MOVE to approve policy #2 to implement the formal clubs policy as outlined below.

- i. this does not cover Student Initiatives. Further questions discussed in question period.
- ii. *Motion carries 22/1/0*

D. Member Reports & Business (5 min.)

1. Council approval For Clubs with 4 leaders:
 - i. STAR ACES
 - ii. Syncope Jazz Band
 - iii. reason for restricting number of club leaders/getting council approval for increasing number of leaders is important to prevent people from becoming leaders without contributing significantly to group work
2. **CLASS REPRESENTATIVE (2018)/ORIENTATION (STORWICK)** MOVE to approve four leaders for Syncope Jazz Band and STAR ACES.
 - i. no opposition
 - ii. *Motion carries 23/0/0.*

E. Question Period (4 min.)

1. MSA Calendar/Steth submission guidelines - will be disseminated

2. talk individually to MSA Exec if you have special circumstances regarding clubs policy
3. Clubs Policy has been crafted in collaboration with
4. question regarding organization of MSA and Class Councils - Laura & Brandon will craft a hierarchy flow chart to illustrate this

F. Adjournment (2 min.)

1. *Meeting adjourned at 12:51pm*
2. Attendance - Please see Google Doc below for up-to-date attendance.
 - i. (<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1on5AEmMTgWDOgWfYAHEOI/A0hM2ZPcy2sdISil0WJHbk/pubhtml?gid=0&single=true>)