

2015/2016 MSA Council Meeting #6 - Minutes

Monday, February 1, 2016

12:00pm-12:50pm, KATZ 1-080

A. Speaker's Business

1. Call to order - called to order at 12:01pm.
2. Attendance
3. Next Meeting Date - *March 7, 2016 from 5:00pm-7:00pm (University Hall 2-100)*
 - i. **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** - All medical students are encouraged to attend and vote. Pizza dinner will be provided. Councillor attendance is expected.
 - ii. **RSVP Form:** <http://goo.gl/forms/VIPkuMo3vr>

B. Executive Reports

1. **VP ADMINISTRATION - Presentation:** MSB 2-02 (*Mindfulness & Meditation Room*) to be seized by the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry and UME for administrative purposes.
 - i. *See agenda.*
 - ii. *Update: Dr. Hillier and Dr. Brenneis have decided to remove this room entirely from the MSA. Attached is the rejected proposal. The Vice Dean claims that it was never the MSA's room despite our usage of it for >4 years.*
 - iii. *Scott (VP Education): Space surveys were appreciated as VP Administration and President attempted to create the space for the student body. Unfortunate that they have decided to take this important space from students.*
 - iv. *Facilities Rep Sr.: What type of space is allocated for this type of Mindfulness room?*
 - v. *VP Administration: Students do not officially have a space allocated for this type of room. There are options in the hospital but these are not student-only spaces. The use of the ECHA space right now is for storage as we were told that we couldn't use MSB 2-02 for storage anymore and that we needed to use it for something else (i.e. Mindfulness room). The space in ECHA will remain a storage space for now until we look at facilities overall.*

C. Executive Business

1. **YEAR 2 CLASS REPRESENTATIVE/FACILITIES SR.** - MOVE to replace the Speaker with Duncan MacIver for the following motion.
 - i. **Motion carries.**

2. **VP ADMINISTRATION/YEAR 2 CLASS REPRESENTATIVE MOVE** to approve the 2016 MSA Constitution changes as recommended by the Constitution and Bylaw Committee.
 - i. *Class Rep 2018 to the stand.*
 - ii. *VP Administration: There is a more streamlined process in the running of meetings as the there will be more input from the executive in creating the agenda.*
 - iii. **Motion passed.**

3. **VP ADMINISTRATION/PRESIDENT MOVE** to appoint the following members to the MSA Appeals Board:
 - i. General Members: Taylor Wong (C2016), Cory Meeuwisse (C2018)
 1. Alternate: Carol Dennison (C2018)
 - ii. Councillors: Laura Soong (C2018), James Welke (C2018)
 - iii. Bylaw Committee Member: Tanis Quaife (C2018)
 - iv. **Motion carries.**

4. **PRESIDENT/VP ADMINISTRATION MOVE** to lend the MSA's support to the Faculty Association Advocacy Bill before the University of Alberta Students' Council.
 - i. *See agenda.*
 - ii. *Motion seconded by Professionalism Rep. **Motion carries.***

D. Member Reports & Business

1. **FACILITIES SR.** - Presentation - Affair of the Heart transition report provided by the Affair of the Heart team.
 - i. *Affair of the Heart team to provide a presentation. Received great support. Over \$14,000 raised for Kid's Cottage.*
 - ii. *Discuss changes made for next year's success.*
 - iii. *Affair of the Heart Jr Executive: Tickets sales should start earlier. Start in September. May change the schedule of the event itself with removal of the fashion show in exchange for a talent show.*
 - iv. *Affair of the Heart will additionally be receiving \$5000 in funding. There will also be an award ceremony with the Celebration of Teaching included in the hopes to streamline the events and promote more faculty involvement.*
 - v. *Facilities Sr: Should there be follow up emails regarding the events of the event itself?*
 - vi. *Facilities Jr and President: In agreeance that apology would be rather removed at this point.*

2. **PROFESSIONALISM SR./PROFESSIONALISM JR.** - New "Professionalism Props" button presentation.
 - i. *See agenda.*
 - ii. *Professionalism Sr: Recognition of positive professional behaviour via a form and "button" to oppose the negative association with professionalism emails, etc. May need different means to make the classes aware.*
 - iii. *President: Will the individuals who receive the "props" be given public congratulations?*
 - iv. *Professionalism Sr: This will be kept confidential and sent to the individuals rather than the whole class. The person who has sent it will be anonymous as well unless they choose otherwise.*
 - v. *Facilities Sr.: Which types of behaviours should be rewarded?*
 - vi. *Professionalism Jr.: List provided.*
 - vii. *President: Idea to incorporate an award into the MSA Awards Ceremony*
 - viii. *Class 2019 Rep: Need to ensure that others who do similar work do not feel like they have not been acknowledged.*
 - ix. *Professionalism Sr: To respond, this is why it is kept anonymous*
 - x. *Ultimately, these will not show up on the MSPR.*

3. **ORIENTATION OFFICERS** - Presentation regarding the effective transition and organization of Battle of the Bands.
 - i. *See attached presentation item.*
 - ii. *Orientation Officers: There is no formal process to apply to run Battle of the Bands. In the Fall, there is no first year participation, but in April there is an opportunity for all years to participate. At this point, there is dependence on Knoxville's to donate sound costs (\$1700.00) in April. The money from this fundraiser does go towards the Class Cause.*
 - iii. *Motion to have the O-Week committee take over the planning of this event based on their experience with the Concert Night in the Fall to streamline and start this year.*
 - iv. **VP Administration:** *Request to create a budget for this new transition by the March 7, 2016 meeting so the budget can be reallocated similarly to Balance Night below.*

4. **ORIENTATION OFFICERS/YEAR 2 CLASS REPRESENTATIVE MOVE** to formally add Battle of Bands to the responsibilities of the Orientation Officers.
 - i. *Seconded by 2018 Class Motion.*
 - ii. **Motion Carries.**

5. **AMA JR./AMA SR.** - Presentation and feedback discussion on the AMA Spring Representative Forum.
 - i. *AMA Jr.: The AMA Spring Representative Forum will happen March 11-12 2016. We have the next few weeks via Google form to propose any motions we would like to see incorporated. These will be sent out. Interested in submitting a motion that Student AMA Reps will be able to vote for AMA president, etc. There will be five funded positions for students to attend the forum.*

6. **HEALTH & WELLNESS SR./VP ADMINISTRATION MOVE** to approve the Balance Night budget reallocation plan as outlined. (**Time permitting**)
 - i. *See budget item below.*
 - ii. *Health and Wellness Sr.: Surplus of \$1281.64. Propose to approve the surplus towards stocking the MSA Lounge with healthy snacks (\$100 right away, \$100 in August). Additionally, \$30.00 a week for perishable healthy snacks. \$300.00 for vegetable trays at lunch talks. Final amount of money (\$300.00) will be allocated for a second activity based Balance Night. Money will be spent on snacks, facilitator parking, etc.*
 - iii. *Motion Seconded by VP Administration.*
 - iv. *Orientation Officer: Should there be emails sent out that remind/explain what the food is used for and how often it should be consumed?*
 - v. *Health and Wellness Sr.: This will be addressed.*
 - vi. *ACFP: If there are left over snacks, perhaps they can be passed out to class members throughout exams, etc.*
 - vii. *Monique: Propose to have a specific day so that the free food is not abused.*
 - viii. *Health and Wellness Sr. The intended purpose is to provide food when individuals may not have access to food that day when needed, etc.*
 - ix. *Community Engagement Sr.: Provided example for a Sustainable Food Cupboard with a minimal fee for food items.*
 - x. **Motion Carries.** One opposed.

E. Question Period (5 min.)

1. *Comment from **President**: MSA elections are coming up. There will be a lunch talk. Encouragement to get involved. Feel free to email current executives.*

F. Adjournment

1. Attendance
(<https://docs.google.com/a/uofalberta.ca/spreadsheets/d/1on5AEmMTgWDOgWfYAHEOIA0hM2ZPcy2sdlSil0WJHbk/edit?usp=sharing>)

2. Meeting adjourned at 12:51pm.

O-Week

**Concert Night: Reprise
Battle of the Bands 2016**

The Current State of Affairs

Battle of the Bands is not in the duties of any MSA or Class Council positions
(as far as we know)

Battle of the Bands is essentially the same event as Concert Night, that O-Week organizes at the beginning of the year (same venue, same process of organization, they already know the ropes)

The main difference is that the new 1st years get to participate in this one!

Battle of the Bands, as an informal event, has no budget

Knoxville's may or may not agree to donate a sound guy. If they say no, the event simply cannot happen.

What We Propose

Battle of the Bands officially becomes part of O-Week's duties

They will have had experience organizing an identical event

They have an existing relationship with Knoxville's and sound tech

They will have access to a budget

It is a nice "mirror event" to close out the year for the new first years

It benefits all students, and fosters bonding, in keeping with O-Week's purpose

What Do Ya'll Think?



Balance Night Surplus

- Total funding: **\$2849.44**
 - AMA Funding: \$900
 - MSA Funding: \$1600
 - LAW Funding: \$240
 - Other sponsorship: \$250 (Mowbray Gil), \$100 (Alberta Milk)
- Total expenses: **\$1567.80**
- *Total surplus: \$1281.64*

Proposed Reallocation of Funds

Initial stocking of MSA Lounge

(plus restocking for beginning of next year) = **\$200.00**

- *Granola bars, almonds, fruit cups, tea*

Weekly maintenance stocking of MSA Lounge = **\$450.00**

- *Variable (fruit, yogurt, etc)*
- *15 wks * \$30/wk = \$450.00*

Subsidy for vegetable tray provision at lunch talks = **\$300.00**

- *10 lunch talks * \$30 subsidy = \$300.00*

Balance Night extension activities = **\$300.00**

- *A selection of wellness activities TBD*

Total: \$1250.00