

MedSoc Committee

Friday 17th October 2014 – 11:15

LGBTQ Room, Falmer House

Agenda

Present

Jaz Singh - JDS
Anna Baginski - AB
Alex Langrish - AL
Annabelle Clarke
Emily Whiles
Sarah O'Brien - SOB
Jenny Scott - JS
James Barber - JB
Kiran Eyre - KE
James Cartwright-Gill - JCG
Sally Tulip - ST
Jess Durand - JD

Apologies

Alex Parr
Hannah Cheston
Dylan Joshi
Will Whyte
Tasmin Maxwell
Al Yardy
Sarah Thornley
Koop Patel
Maddy Gabony - MG
Nikhil Pandit

In attendance

Absent

Ihsan Fazal - IF

1. Committee Business

Elections for both Graduate/Mature Representative and Freshers Representatives will be held next week (commencing Monday 20th October). The manifesto deadline for Freshers Representatives is Monday 20th October at midday - **RJ to post on Facebook a short promotion for the role and to remind persons interested of the deadline. IF to send out SurveyMonkey ballot once deadline has passed, with the vote closing on Friday 24th October.**

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Friday 10th October 2014 were approved

- There is still ongoing issues with undemocratic elections for society committees - **JS & JB to reiterate the 11 values that societies have agreed to uphold. Furthermore JS & JB will pass on IF's email address so they are able to contact him with regards to using SurveyMonkey for elections. JS & JB will draft election guidance for societies that they will forward to JDS & KE**
- Following a meeting with Daniel Greenberg (USSU Operations Officer) it is agreed that all societies must hold their bank accounts direct with USSU as per last year's agreement. RJ informs the committee that the process is quick, easy and can be completed via email with USSU - **JS & JB to issue an ultimatum to all societies that if they do not switch their accounts to USSU they will have their funding withdrawn and will be disaffiliated from MedSoc. RJ will forward on to JS & JB any useful information and contact details necessary to complete this process**

3. Matters arising

USSU

A Langrish

Following a brief summary of the meeting held with Daniel Greenberg from JDS and AL, the committee realises that the approach to applying for funding from USSU needs to be carefully considered - i.e. there shouldn't be an expectation that funding will be received without any conditions or questions asked. Each application is considered on an individual basis and the committee will ensure that going forward all future applications will be appropriately worded. JD has ensured that the current application for the Winter Ball loan is based upon this approach.

Also promotional material for any funded events should feature the USSU logo as stipulated in last year's agreement - **JCG to add logo to promotional material for the Winter Ball.**

Societies

J Barber

As discussed above JB & JS will reiterate the 11 core values that all societies must adhere to. Going forward JS & JB will recommend that at the beginning of the next academic year the new Society Representatives should hold a conference with societies to ensure that they have clear advice on how to hold the elections - ensuring they are held openly and democratically. Suggestion that there should be clearer guidance on this matter in the MedSoc constitution, however this would need to be addressed at the AGM - **JB & JS to continue communications with societies on electoral issues**

Socials

J Durand

The committee was briefed that the current options for Medic Mayhem are as follows:

- **Shoosh** - £1 per head and Igloo area exclusive to medics provided entry before 11pm and only guaranteed to 1.30am - JCG & JD note that 11pm entry is highly unlikely given the logistics of the event
- **Pryzym** - free entry for all medics, maximising potential fundraising for MedSoc. Venue also has an appropriate capacity for the expected attendance
- **Bedrock** - would likely charge a small amount per head

The committee suggests that Revolution be looked into as a prospective venue as AB highlights its favourability in previous years. Also suggestion to look into Club Revenge due to its large capacity that may be favourable to such an event - **JCG & JD to explore options and to post a "save the date" message on Facebook/send an email to ensure maximum publicity for**

4th Year

A Baginski

Fourth year students would like a social event next week since it would be their first week back at medical school since their electives. AB highlights Saturday as a potential date since during the week will be the D-RAG social. There is also the demand for a post-hand in party; AB suggests three options:

- Night out

- Boat party
- Hog roast

AB to look into both events and to contact IF to create SurveyMonkey poll in order to survey the most popular option amongst her peers.

JDS has emailed fourth years about peer teaching that is traditionally given to third year medical students. The committee notes the relative absence of AMECS this academic year and wish to get this re-established - JDS to continue with planning

4. Any other business

RJ informs the committee that D-RAG is to be held at the Hub, with entry into Coliseum possible after 12.30am.

JD & JCG have finalised and signed the contract for the Winter Ball to be held at the Brighton Dome Corn Exchange. They are currently planning entertainment for the night and are awaiting a quote for a band. As a backup MG's father has offered his services as a jazz pianist. DJ equipment has been confirmed although will need to be picked up at the time. SOB is expecting training to use the Land Rovers from USSU so is likely to be able to pick up this equipment - if not the committee will pay for one of their peers to help collect. JCG & JD are still waiting for a tasting session for the food.

SOB raised an issue that hockey currently has a low attendance and given the substantial pitch fees for this sport, SOB feels that the committee needs to pay close attention to this club.

The committee commends the efforts of their peers who have begun to set up a rowing society but several members have asked the committee about when they will be officially recognised. SOB stated she feels that the original plan of a new year evaluation should remain and the committee agrees that this is the best course to ensure that there is the necessary dedication to the club.

5. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 17:00 on Friday 24th October at the Audrey Emerton Building.



Jaz Singh
President