

UWOSS Meeting
Oct. 25, 2011
12:30-1:30pm in Room 309

Absentees

1st Years:

Diana Le and Brenna Lyle (1st year social reps excused to sell Halloween tickets), Moira McAvoy

2nd Years:

Dan (2nd year VP?? or has he stepped down?), Jessica Steen, Leanne Zimmer

3rd Years:

Rachel Gardiner, Chris Fitzpatrick, Matt Harrison, Jeff Thompson, Chels Poncsak, Larry Guo, Jay Mithani, Tonia To (many in clinic)

4th Years:

Colin Hobson, Lauren Koch, Kristen Smith, Lindsey Wegner, Mike Rowe, Carla Bunn (on rotation/in clinic)

12:40pm - Meeting came to order

Chair of the Meeting – Andrea Lasby

Minutes taken by Tiffany Nazareth

Item #1: Halloween Eye Scream – Saturday Oct. 29, 2011

- Everything is set: hall booked and deposit paid, decorations bought, prizes donated
- Specialty drinks – 3 types: Jack-o-lantern, Bloody Mary, Candied Apple – each for around \$5
- Cheque for DJ – Diane in contact with them – Shannon to provide signed cheque the night of
- Payment to SCH after event – final tab depends on drinks consumed at the bar on the night of
- If social reps need help with organizing prizes, Exec will help Thursday/Friday
- Pictures will be taken in front of a backdrop to help with determining winners for best costumes
- Tickets will be checked at the door from 8-10pm – reminder to bring them with you!

Item #2: Corneal Cup – Jan. 3-7, 2012

- First week back – after Christmas break
- Chris Fitzpatrick has sent sign-up email to everyone – there are 4 days left to sign-up
- The Lost Faculties are booked - Danny, Leah and Robbyn will be opening for them
- CooperVision has been finalized as the sponsor
- 1st years – Ray Bandit jerseys are being ordered next week – they should promote buying to class! First years have had 9 people sign up to play so far – advised that lack of equipment should not discourage them from playing – can borrow or purchase used equipment from McFails?
- 1st years – asking about booking tickets back to UW after Christmas – players should be back starting Tuesday for first game of the tourney
- 3rd years might have night clinic that first week – need to investigate

Item #3: Sports Reps – Other news

- 1st year – the Optom gear has been ordered for the school

Item #4: Green Reps

- Microwaves – disconnected from the kitchen area for the Practice Management CE
- Short circuit occurred? Microwaves need to be put back appropriately? not near washrooms...
- The janitor has complained that the kettle should not be connected below the shelves – steam is warping the cupboards – green reps to look into alternative location for this/appropriate signage for students using it
- Give receipts to Shannon for any combined cleaning purchases

Item #5: Equipment Reps

- In the process of taking orders for 1st year class

Item #6: Lost Faculties Alzheimer's Fundraiser – end of November

- In memory of a staff member who passed away from Alzheimer's
- At FED Hall, November 26th
- Lyndon Jones wants an update on tickets sold – have not been many so far as many other UWOSS/CAOS events on the go
- UWOSS to ask for us to be able to sell tickets later (after Halloween)
- Students can get tickets from Class Presidents or VP's

Item #7: Exec update

- Bylaws – The Exec has updated and re-written these to accompany the revised Constitution – to be addressed later on in the meeting
- FSF meeting – We discovered that in our tuition, every optom student pays \$9 for the year that goes towards UWOSS – in comparison, the Pharmacy council has upped this to \$30. UWOSS is thinking of upping this to \$15 instead of \$9. Courtney suggested increasing it to \$20. This will cut costs of smaller events, maybe even subsidize Eye Ball. The extra money will help – We will have to have a referendum for the Society in its entirety to vote on this topic. Josh suggested writing in the bylaws that UWOSS be allowed to raise this UWOSS fee by 5% every year – avoids the need for a referendum each year. Shannon pointed out that FEDS is the one to go through our tuition every year – may not want that 5% increase to deal with just for Optometry. Consensus: at least the \$20 (\$11 increase) be put forward to the student body, saying that UWOSS is losing money each year - \$9 has been the amount for the past 20+ years, but due to inflation, we need to increase this amount. We will present this idea to the Society in the coming months (possibly next semester) and then vote on the change. Once UWOSS is agreed on it, we will approach FEDS.
- The Waterloo Inn has been booked for Eye Ball
- FED Hall booked for Skit Night
- OptomSpiel – will occur the 4th week of Jan. Up to the 2nd year sports reps to plan. They should talk to Cory from Topcon about their donation – prior to this, book the ice time and find out what that sum is for Cory to donate – if booking the ice doesn't work for the 4th week of Jan, move to 3rd week
- (Aside from UWOSS) Sands of the Sahara – Volleyball tourney – 2nd week of Jan
- WatSEF – Kristel Harris and Chelsea Poncsak are the current reps – have spoken on behalf of the Optometry School to ask for a new video camera to be put in Ocular Health – works better as a teaching/documentation instrument rather than just pictures. For those who don't know, WatSEF is the Waterloo Science Endowment Fund - \$50 from your tuition goes towards this fund where money gets allocated towards each science program's needs. Our optometry equipment is expensive so please don't opt out of this fee in your tuition. WatSEF has paid for all the new LED projectors, new retinal camera, etc.

Item #8: Bylaws

- Andrea sent out the updated Bylaws to all Council members – should have reviewed prior to this meeting
- Josh brought up some missing items, as follows:
 - Law II, 6 – Voting at these Council meetings – right now, operating with a Council of 58 (includes 4th years) – we should consider changing the quorum rule to not include 4th years in the voting process since many of them are not here – instead of “50% of voting members”, include “of reps from first 3 years” so 4th years won’t be part of the quorum per se, although they still maintain their right to vote as UWOSS Council members
 - Job description of class presidents is rather vague – only has 1 thing – not very helpful for incoming presidents – Josh will send Andrea his list of responsibilities (as guidelines)
 - Class VPs – there should only be 1, as per the Constitution, yet every year right now has at least 2. Need to include clause where Classes of 2012-2015 are exempt from this restriction – Class of 2016 will have everything within Constitution and Bylaws applied to them. The following should be included in the bylaws:

“BIRT (be it resolved that) the Council suspend Article V, Section 1.b.iii, in accordance with the referendum motion passed October 6, 2011. This suspension only carries insofar to allow the Classes of 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 to have two Class Vice-Presidents each, all of whom are to remain full voting members of Council and who retain the rights and privileges of their office. Moved by Joshua Smith. Seconded by Andrea Lasby. None opposed.”

- There wasn’t a term of office for secretary/treasurer – should be specified
- Kristel and Chelsea, as WatSEF reps – want there to be a 2nd and 3rd year rep (2nd and 3rd year VP’s) to be WatSEF reps so that there is always a person learning the responsibilities
- There should be proper job descriptions for each of the UWOSS rep types and the CRO – so it’s clearer what their roles/responsibilities are
- Honorary positions (i.e. Green reps) should be specified in job description (Free admission to _____ events)
- I, A, 3 – Exec-elect can’t vote as Exec committee – Andrea clarified this
- 2 other standing committees are missing and should be included – WatSEF committee – 2nd and 3rd year VP’s to liaise with Dr. Hadley, and a UGS committee (Undergrad Studies Committee) – consisting of the Class presidents, VP’s, UWOSS Exec to meet with Dr.’s Prokopich and Strong
- Title of UWOSS – Optometric vs. Optometry – consistency required
- Election procedures – paper vs. online survey – should we leave process open for less hardcore CRO than Josh? We can’t have a mixture of both methods for a given vote (paper OR survey). Paper might be more reliable – forces people to vote – standard of practice to vote – higher return – keep paper ballot but have it over 3 lunch hours instead of just 2. Online survey – keep as an option, more flexibility, although less secure?
- Voting for Exec-elect – changing from only the 1st year class voting, to whole Society voting – need 25% of quorum

1:30pm – Meeting adjourned