

BOD Minutes – March 16th 2017

Club Updates

BMSA

- Biomedical Focus Group Event with faculty
- Pot of Gold –Free candy
- Movie night last Wednesday
- Up and Atom – Upper years + First years mingle
- Sushi Night

BUGS

- Student-Prof Night – Successful!
- Wellness Wednesday – Cupcake Sale Charity

BSA

- DNA extraction event with MNS
- Ask your Upper Years Event with BMSA
- Sushi Night

PHYS

- Student Prof Night
- Post-Doc Panel with Alumni
- Board Game Night
- EOT – Movie Night

WATROX

- Pizza/Clean up night
- Rock Climbing Event
- EOT – Lypsync Battle @ Molly Bloom's

MNS

- Liquid Crystal EOT

SCISOC

- Cookie Decorating – Midway Giveaways
- Salad Bar
- Wellness Wednesday Charity – selling succulents

CHEM

- Baseball T's , coming in soon

VP Finance

- Updated list of account bank balances
- Actual funding coming in next week
- If you're making online payment – screenshot of payment + bank statement
- In store- bring receipts in

Valedictorian Committee

- Missing Biology students
- If interested to be a part of the committee, contact Vaishnavy!

March Break Open House

- Science Society has a booth
- Welcome to come by!
- Target undergrads

Biotechnology Conference

- Survey – what kind of speakers would you like to attend the conference?
- Scientists etc.

Team Evolve Platform

President – Rithika Been Kumary

- Promote inclusively- elections – push elections forward, promote student involvement
- Promote marketing – posters, social media
- Educate positions and what you can to run
- Co-op students may not be here for all terms to run, will work on this issue
- Having longer nomination period – for students to make decisions
- Campaigning should be longer – be more aware of voting - Townhall events, meet & greet
- Increase voting participation
- Run faculty elections at the same time
- Increase communication
- Events – vote for ideas for events
- Tailor events to students' needs
- More interactions with interdepartmental clubs
- First years representatives in sci soc – first year mixer, increase first year involvement

VP Internal – Carlene Mangahas (Spring)

- Encourage people to be more involved
- Compile volunteer opportunities, students can easily access
- Push people to be more involved on campus
- Push mental health initiatives
- Hold workshops tailored towards science students, speakers
- Would also like to open Wellness Wednesday to all faculties
- Raise awareness for mental health

VP internal – Poonam Furmah (Fall, Winter)

- Address wellbeing
- Host panels
- Consult guest speakers and profs

- Host workshops to policies and appeals
- Interested in increasing school spirit- first step to student engagement
- Hope to new forms for social media – Snapchat story, Instagram story
- Advertising to media crowd – CND specials, events
- Following Social media – student will be more aware for events
- Science merchandise

VP Academic– Monica Chung+ Shirley Chung

Shirley Chung

- Want to hold Interview workshops, Waterloo Works, cover letters, resume critique
- Workshops ran by upper students
- Be more aware of future opportunities – PHD, research, professional school etc.
- Held Career week → will want to further hold similar workshops

Monica Chung

- Focus on research aspect
- May be working on website or tab that compiles research opportunities
- Hope to host science extracurricular open house
- Reach out to iGEM, Velocity
- Open House – designed for science students that want to join such opportunities

VP Finance + Admin- Kiana Walden & Akshay

- Students who are paying for fee – want to hold voting for events
- Students vote on events by student interest
- Lower fees in Spring term – consider a % of fees from Fall and Winter so students here in the spring term will also enjoy larger events with allotted funds
- Have more charitable events – science charity, which is also voted for by students
- Emergency fund – have money set aside per term, so society does not go into deficit
- Look at external funding – make sure student will be involved
- Advertise external funding some more – give more opportunities

Q&A

Hard to get students to involved – first year events, mental events, how would you overcome this barrier?

(Integrate information with Dons - Living & Learning Residence)

- First years – holding first year mixers
- Find friends within faculty – classes, in labs

How to engage upper years to events?

- Increase communication by having students vote for events they like

Contacting with campus mental health initiatives:

- Discussed developing seminars together to tailor towards science students with campus resources

Science Society Executives Elections

- Town Hall Event – want to implement this in future
- 10% of student body quorum must be reached for positions to be valid
- if 10% is not reached – no victors
- Instruct board to choose person for position
- Can also nominate anyone else to run as Sci Soc Execs
- Before next meeting (1 week), bring nominations package to Seneca (CRO) and individual can be voted on during next meeting
- Can also nominate yourself

Constitution Changes

- a. Amend Article IV, Section 4: Administration and Officers / Article VI, Section 2: Meetings of the BoD

Motion Passed (8 Yay, 0 Nay, 0 Abstentions)

- b. Amend Article IV, Section 6 & 9: Administration and Officers -- Powers of Executive Officer

Motion Passed (7 Yay, 0 Nay, 1 Abstention)

- c. Amend Article V Science Society Board of Directors

Motion Passed (4 Yay, 3 Nay, 1 Abstention)

- d. Repeal and replace Policy 203 Club Merchandise to the following...

Motion Passed (7 Yay, 0 Nay, 1 Abstention)

- e. Reduce the voting capacity of the Executive to two Board votes, one vote cast from the VP Finance & Administration, and one vote cast from the President, or in her/his absence to be cast by the VP Internal.

Motion Passed (7 Yay, 0 Nay, 1 Abstention)

- f. Elections for the Science Society shall not be conducted in slates (ie. teams), and thus candidates shall instead run as individuals.

Motion Passed (8 Yay, 0 Nay, 0 Abstention)

- g. Amend elections policy to allow the running of co-presidents who will serve on off terms from one another; if no co-presidents are running, then the president must preside over Science Society on campus year around.

Motion Passed (8 Yay, 0 Nay, 0 Abstention)

h. That funding requests from the Science Society shall be administered term-round, to be presented to the Board at the discretion of the Speaker of the Board or President of the Society, excluding spring term; and shall be open to any eligible FEDS club, or other University affiliated club/organization/institution/society which are able to provide bank account information pursuant to any Board stipulations on the provision of funds; the execution and oversight of the provision of funds shall be the discretion of the VP Finance & Administration.

External Funding Criteria

BMSA Term Updates

- Good turn out on Social media
- Smooth running team
- Movie night, Valentines Day Giveaway (60 students), St. Patty's Day Event
- Focus Group – for Biomed Students (30 students)
- First years excited for club, good faculty support

No club room accommodations:

- Use BSA room for weekly exec meetings
- Have to book rooms in advance
- Would like to have events – Wellness Wednesday
- Challenges to hold weekly events

Mentors Panel initiatives:

- Mentors Panel- Up and Atom event coming up
- mentors are aware of what to speak about/experiences
- sent out email to mentors

Any Issues Moving Forward:

- will want to see sample of work for Marketing

Differentiating between BUGS and other interdepartmental clubs:

- Speak about club during events
- Focus group with faculty – connection with BMSA- will want to open to more students (ie. Honors science students)
- Spread awareness to Biomedical students and other students are welcome too

More Biology Strained Clubs

- Largest program in enrollment – also want to welcome Honours Science students (follow Biomed stream)

Future Plans with Faculty

- Dr. Miscovic – gives ideas on what club should do
- Suggested course selection night
- Open to all students
- Faculty member presence – advisors, professors
- Provide syllabuses beforehand – suggested by Dr. Dupont

Discussion

Biomedical Science Enrollment

- Biomedical enrollment is decreasing while they are the largest portion
- Biomedical Science – flexible, enrollment numbers may not be a good determinant
- Not targeting Honours Science students

Redundancy

- Repeated events, ie. BUGS also doing mentor event
- BUGS can accommodate Biomedical science students – events are for all science students
- Events pitched last term was not executed
- Double representation in voting

Events- Planning, Originality

- Valentine's Day Events – social event
- Lower end turnout – 30 students
- BUGS can accommodate Biomedical science students – events are for all science students
- Feedback – good organization, good turnout for student prof night
- Not holding events unique to their club that another club can accommodate– St. Patty's, Valentine's Day → redundancy, double spending on same group of people
- Focus Group – only Biomedical Science students input – advertised BMSA and science society name that excluded majority of science students

Exec Team

- BMSA – entire team are 4th year students, graduating etc.
- Execs running for events are in 4th year, looking to grad programs vs. holding events

Resourcefulness

- BMSA did not take Sci Soc audience as resource
- Spending money on outreach, will continue to have to do for more terms

Result

Remove BMSA as voting board seat and encouraged to become Feds Club

Motion Passed

(6 Yay, 0 Nay, 3 Abstentions)

