



**McMaster Science Society Executive Meeting
Wednesday September 9th, 2015**

Patricia Updates

- MSS is having a great start this year!
- Office hours started yesterday, code: 1369
- subscribe to MSS on Facebook to get notifications from posts
- Like all the science pages! SRA Science, CFMU Inertia, OSSA
- Slack: website and app for MSS messaging. Link to be posted on Facebook group
- Nucleus: open 6:30-10 Mon-Thurs
 - Let Patricia know any potential places for this! LSB lounge, ABB
 - Add MSS office to Nucleus??
- Exec clothing: pay Patricia today!
- MSS committees: create applications and send them to Patricia. 400 people signed up at Clubsfest this year! We need to get more specific on who joins the committees
- Ontario Science Games: someone needs to fill the role of OSG Director. They recruit one team lead and 25 participants, create application, suggestions to transportation, contact person for OSG, etc
 - Do we want this to be someone to be on the MSS or should we hire someone else?
 - all other campuses have either the president or VP external in this role
 - good to give other students a chance. Maybe open it up to the MSS first and then to other students?

Claudia Updates

- Textbook swap on Friday! BSB field 12-3
 - need volunteers, half hour shifts to hold signs for subjects
 - painting signs tonight
 - creating a page with tips on how to swap, and a page outlining the original prices for first year textbooks

Natalie Updates

- OSSA conference
 - OSG attended
 - brainstorming with different schools about OSG
 - constitution overhaul, there were a lot of errors within our constitution so we made a committee. Committee lead will be chosen by Sept 10
 - looking to expand our presence and reach to other schools (during general assemblies etc)
 - emphasize that OSSA is an avenue to others. ex if you're hosting a textbook swap, we can get you into contact with someone who did it at another school

Aquino Updates



- SCI mentorship program
 - academic mentors (application based) and welcome week mentors
 - all first years who went to faculty day are in their own fb groups with SCI mentors
- academic science hub
 - ghetto version of health sci learn link
 - resources, midterms etc available for people to use

Shara Updates

- promo has been amazing! almost 3000 likes on facebook!
- Facebook likes message group
 - only use to ask for likes! no side comments
 - can ask for likes for your own page if you post MSS things on there
 - make this a part of Slack instead
- Comm team did their own collaborative project
 - tips and tricks on promo.
 - will share link on FB group
- Class talks!
 - increase in person communication. nice to see our faces during non-campaign times
 - instill community within other students, so they feel comfortable reaching out to us

Rachel Updates

- exec photos!
 - need to be consistent with timing because outdoor photos
 - doodle poll will be sent out
 - wear science swag for group photo and regular clothes for individual pics

Tuba Updates

- sold out of most of our shirts! plus other orders
- science fest Sept 28th-Oct 3
 - tie dye day, movie day, partnering with community support network on Friday (exploring Hamilton, murder mystery thing, science club night at absinthe)
 - list of cool places in hamilton, groups have a challenge to visit as many of these as possible and get points for each
 - tickets for team event are \$5, pub night is also \$5 (all ages, price includes bus to absinthe)
 - promo video coming out soon
 - filming part of the promo video tonight maybe

Sports updates

- basketball tournament
 - pushing date back (maybe Sept 27 12-2:30)
- promote posts to groups! will message in Facebook likes group



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- getting 75 tickets from someone who works at DBAC for football tickets
 - going to sell these at office hours
 - do class talks! Announce that we're selling them for \$7 (open to non-science and non-first year students)
 - exec team is last priority in making a team and getting reimbursed. looks sketchy
 - promote on sciclone page

Iman updates

- first year rep election in the next couple weeks!
 - revamping election rules
 - Mon-Thurs next week first years can get nominations - 10 signatures. Candidates meeting on Friday
 - campaigning starts Sunday at noon – Wed
 - Wed 8am-6pm is voting period
 - results will be posted on Facebook page, but the breakdown will be posted in a link to respect all candidates
 - Friday, Patty and Tuba will transition the first years into the role

Musical Updates

- in the process of hiring vocal positions
- in a couple weeks, auditions will be held
- musical is very sciencey but adapted from another real play

Discussion:

- Office will be clean soon!
- new keypad coming soon
- PHI (Physics Help Initiative) starts Monday so we have the room during the day for the rest of the week
- message Patricia if you need anything! Have clear communication with her.
- looking for building to project a movie onto...tell Ive if you have any ideas for room locations
 - SOCS office might know



**McMaster Science Society Executive Meeting
Wednesday September 16th, 2015**

Present Executive Members:

Hanna, Cece, Shara, Patricia, Rachael, Aquino, Monica, Natasha, Brian, Ive, Mona, Victoria, Claudia, Ryan, Cullum, Karisa, Tuba, Ratika, Aatir, Bismah
Late: Natalie (~15min), Allysa (last 5min of meeting)

Minutes:

Patricia:

- Each week there can be a sign-up for snacks for weekly MSS executive meetings, this is not mandatory though
- Executives passed around pen and paper and were asked to reflect in “first year you” regarding something you struggled with “community-wise” at McMaster University and what did you want to see from the Science Faculty as a first year but didn’t see? How could we improve this?
- Office hours: First years could become intimidated with a lot of executive members in the office at one time. Possible addition to the policy is that only a certain number of people (suggestion: 3 maximum) can be in the office at one time
- After office hours open door policy?
- Stress the fact we should have our banner outside the office during your hour
- Suggestion from Aquino: a little table right outside the door to be more inviting
- The Nucleus: Cullum and Aatir will be in charge of the Nucleus and all matters associated with it. Launching the re-grand-opening of the Nucleus the coming Monday with free food on the first day! Will have an event page on Facebook. Will have schedules and sign-ups for shifts; SRA Science are doing most of the office hours, scheduled person on shift from the MSS will be voluntary. The Nucleus will be open from 6pm-10pm. Shifts are 6pm-8pm, and 8pm-10pm
- Tuba: “Food for first day, coffee rest of the week?” Approved.
- OSG Director hired - James King!
- Victoria saw on Instagram that DCS has a discount card which includes deals from local businesses
- Pros: deals for students, stores get more business, MSS event discounts(?)
Cons: not sure how would it work exactly, not affordable, giving card to friends secretly, affect our budget and possibly lose money
- Patricia sent the general MSS updates email to 400+ students! Told execs to let students know that committee applications are open



Shara:

- Taught executives how to submit promotions requests via Google forms and that requests must be sent no less than 2 weeks from promotion request deadline
- Told executives that the class talk schedule is up on the Google Drive and they can add their science classes to the list in case they want to do a class talk in the future – stressed that executives must email the professor before the talk

Tuba:

- Need volunteers for The Hunt! Need 40 people, only have 20 so far
- Sciencefest is soon – events include tie-dying your lab coats, Thursday clothing sale, general promotions, ending with The Hunt, photo scavenger hunt
- Brainstorm for Possible pictures to take for the photo scavenger hunt: pie someone in the face who has a designated sticker on their shirt that states you can pie them, take a pic of shower that's not in DBAC, pic with Patricia, pic with Ehima, pic of the planetarium, pic of the MSS Office, the art gallery, kiss/hug with sir mcmaster, #consent, pic with a deer, pic of yourself in the lap of White Lady statue behind MDCL, pic of breaking into the iStudy, bridge in Cootes, yourself in the HSR, parkour somewhere, in front of Alumni house, MDCL waterfall room, high school musical shot, run on the track, balcony, outdoor gym, rock-climbing wall, picking up/ cleaning-up garbage, Patrick Deane for bonus points, bubble tea place, during the event put the pic(s) on social media and send to @macsci, pic outside SHEC, SWAHT, have riddles for what pic to get next, pic of you riding a bike, willy dogs, pic of the sun dial

Hanna:

- The budget: statuses of program societies, handed in, need to approve their status consisting of a gold, silver or bronze status showing how much they are able to get, funded. Must meet certain criteria to get a certain status
- Anything not a reimbursement must be voted on
- Descriptions of each society was given to determine status approval
- Max \$1500 for gold
- Biology: gold
- Biopsych: gold
- iSci: gold
- Math & Stats: gold (bronze last year)
- Med Rad: gold (silver last year)
- Chem and Chemical Biology: gold



- Biochem: gold
- **Vote for all program societies to approve their funding status:** Seconded by Aquino, 9/9 votes, 0 abstained, motion passed. Core executives missing: Iman and Veronica
- Regarding the budget, intramurals, social, executive expenses were discussed to clarify what they were
- Executive expenses was increased, funding to kin was lowered
- Academic events and services: \$2000 dollars for Aquino and Claudia
- Social: \$16700 (\$4000 increase from last year)
- \$1000 for Sports and events for Karisa and Cullum
- \$2000 Musical (new expense to the budget this year)
- Biggest funding goes to ASF for \$57825
- Welcome Week \$20900, most money we given overall;
- **Vote to approve the budget:** Seconded by Aquino, 8/8 votes, 0 abstained, motion passed. Monica, a core executive had to leave for class, hence 8 votes.
- SOG: \$13000 (previously \$12000) this goes towards conferences, workshops, field courses, etc.
- Maximum \$275 can be given per application, can apply once per year, can apply also if for macserve/habitat for humanity.
- Looking for executives to join the SOG committee. Need 5 exec members. Meetings will happen once per week for 1 hour. Execs will look at applications together, mark, and decide on approval or not
- SOGs are open now to apply for so tell everyone!

Bismah:

- Finished creative auditions
- Opened applications for acting, dancing, etc. but not enough people applied, only 20 people
- Please talk to people you know to try-out, go to class and do class-talks to spread the word and get more people to apply
- Will be planning two flash mobs

Tuba:

- Please do not share the Hunt promo video until Tuba give the “go ahead”

Patricia:

- First Year Social Coordinator nomination forms have been out for about a week, 16 have been picked up from the office, none have come back



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- Tuba, Iman and Patricia will be leading the All Candidates Meeting on Friday, MSS executives are invited to come

Cullum and Karisa:

- Coming up with reimbursement funds for intramurals
- Intramural teams need to be made of 80% science students. Applications for intramural teams and funding for them due by October the 9th, first come first serve basis because limited funding, dependent on circumstances though.
- More information will be released at the MSS website soon.
- Teams will pay 2 dollars per person for other expenses



**McMaster Science Society Executive Meeting
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Special Guest Christine Yachouh!

- works with VP Education on advocacy – coordinating Macvotes right now
 - o educating students on how to vote
 - o **Oct 5-8** are Satellite polls (students can vote in home riding or in Hamilton riding)
 - o **Oct 9-12** Early polls
 - o **Oct 19** election day
 - o Need ID!! Bring piece of ID with address on it or a piece of documentation with your school address
 - o Anyone living in residence can vote in Les Prince, everyone else has to check their voting location if voting on election day (will differ for different addresses)
 - o Event at 1280 Thursday, inviting all of the party groups
 - o All candidates debate 12-3 Thursday October 8
 - o Share faculty specific things to promote voting: Voting is easy as Pi!
 - o Contact if you have questions: advocacy@msu.mcmaster.ca or message her on Facebook

Patricia:

- Professionalism: don't share negative or confidential info from meetings! You're representing the MSS
- Don't be discouraged! Celebrate all the little things: we engaged 25000 people on Facebook this week
- Mobile office hours the rest of the week: sell tickets in BSB lobby instead of in the office
- Give more notice for events to have people sign up
- Give each other feedback and don't take it personally!
- General assembly GA planning:
 - o MSS is required to put on two general assemblies a year
 - o Learn about our team and what we do
 - o Need quorum: 2% of science students. People go to vote, listen to things that need to be changed in the society
 - o Should make it more exciting! Maybe a skit or something to get people engaged
 - o Patricia is looking for a team, not big commitment.
 - o Mona, Kalasan, Claudia, Aatir, Tuba, Ive, Ratika, Iman, Victoria
 - o FOOD at meetings: can do it with a partner.
 - o Attendance: will be taken starting this week, all VPs/ voting members should be in attendance, and one or more person from each team.

Cullum:

- Confirmed date! Sunday Nov 22 Basketball Tournament 1-5pm (don't need all the time?)
 - o 4V4, 2 males 2 females for each team
 - o self referee and self substitution
 - o idea for mascot: person wearing green morph suit in science rep suit



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- Reimbursement fund now live
 - o Deadline Oct 9th
 - o Once it's done, it'll reopen again for second semester teams
- Nucleus
 - o Ways to get more people out, other than exec members and SRA members
 - o Ideas:
 - Each day dedicated to a subject for people to study (may exclude smaller programs)
 - Planning around midterms: get midterm for first year common courses
 - Try to get a science mentor and TA at the nucleus too
 - Friday evening: no one uses the nucleus so open up the room for program societies to use. Rent out the room
 - Don't just gear it to first years! Maybe have specific first year days
 - Collab with Claudia: November dedicate some rooms/ nucleus to midterms
 - Group tables instead of having specific night for a subject. More diversity
 - Outreach! Make sure students know this space is available

Tuba

- clothing sale TOMORROW 11-3
 - o sign up will be released tonight. Try to come out for an hour!
 - Sweater \$30, t-shirt \$20, tank top \$15
 - Can order if the size runs out, but they need to pay right there
- Club night: \$5, can sell guest tickets, put sticker on ticket
 - o Promo super hard until Saturday!!!

Hanna

- Program society voting
 - o Apply for either gold, silver, bronze status
 - o *Life Science society applies for gold*
 - o *PNB applies for Gold*
 - o *GESS applies for gold*
 - o *Physics applies for gold*
 - o Seconded by Aquino
 - o Votes for: 7/7 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain
- We have a new debit machine
 - o Tap/ chip/swipe
 - o **HOW TO USE**
 - o Green button
 - o Sale (button #1)
 - o Enter sale amount (add 5 cents to total for debit fee)
 - o Select okay
 - o Hand it to customer

Claudia



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- Wednesday next week, first wellness Wednesday (one Wednesday per month)
 - o Ideas for things to do in the Nucleus
 - Comment something you're stressed out about and we'll bring you a coffee
 - Cute note attached to the cup
 - Include resources in the promo: help centres, nucleus
 - Get local restaurants to sponsor us (ex Basilique sponsoring Biochem)
 - "tea-stress" in the nucleus?
 - Tweet out things with a hashtag?