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WELCOME BACK!

President, Patricia Kousoulas welcomed the team and introduced the flow of meetings for the year. Introductory discussions focused on transparency, accountability, and engaging students into volunteer opportunities via a Volunteer hub that is soon to be created on the MSS website!

PRINCETON REVIEW PARTNERSHIP

The VP Internal, Josh Yachouh, brought up a partnership that was offered during this year's clubsfest. The Princeton review was hoping to provide students with discounted courses on professional school admission tests such as the MCAT but the council voted unanimously on not following through with the partnership due to concerns of the message conveyed through this partnership, and the stress that the partnership places on some members' event planning responsibilities.

TUTORING FLASH UPDATE

Billy Zizek, tutoring coordinator, reported on the progress of the MSS tutoring network. The planned launch date for the service is September 21st, with a great low price of \$10 per session! Lookout on the MSS website at <http://www.mcmasterssciencesociety.com/tutoring> for your opportunity to utilize this service!

MENTORSHIP UPDATES

Jess Loiseau and her service are happy to announce that their first term is fully planned and that they will feature a unique take on guiding first years. Featuring sessions based around note taking, stress management, exam preparation, and more opportunities to better yourself as a student in science! Be sure to take hold of the opportunity to be a part of this program as a first year at <http://www.mcmasterssciencesociety.com/mentorship>!

PROMOTIONS EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES

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ELECTIONS

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I LOVE SCIENCE WEEK!

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SCIENCE INITIATIVE FUND (SIF)

This year, the SIF Board of Directors will include student co-Directors Bhavya Singh and Saakethiya Sriranjani, MSS President Patricia Kousoulas, as well as faculty including the Associate Dean, Dr. Dej and Dr. Da Silva. Be sure to catch updates on the SIF through our website, and don't hesitate to use this fund!

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THIS WEEK IN SCIENCE

- Registration for the Hunt closes on Thursday September 13th! Join us for our second annual celebration of this intense competition The event runs from Friday, September 14th through to Saturday September 15th.
- Formaldehyde Planning Team applications close on Monday September 10th! Don't forget to apply to be a part of science's biggest formal event!
- September 29th is the decided date for the McMaster Science Society's General Assembly! Be sure to attend and see what your MSS has to bring you for the coming year!
- Students will soon vote on a charity of the year which will be the recipient of funds raised over the course of the year from a collection of small fundraising events run through the MSS!



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GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATES

Look forward to the opportunity to hear about the future of our year and tell us your feedback on how you want your society to look! GA's tentative date is October 6th from 6-8pm. The night will consist of a presentation giving you updates and passing the constitution changes followed by rotational stations from your Vice-Presidents.

ELECTION UPDATES

There are nearly 30 individuals running for positions on the MSS this month! The voting period runs from Wednesday September 21st from 8:00am to 6:00pm and if you're in first or third year you're eligible to vote! Be sure to check out the mural of posters across campus and the updates on First and Third Year Representative elections from the MSS website!

TUTORING LAUNCH

The all-new MSS tutoring service officially launches this Wednesday, September 21st! Be sure to check out our wonderful resources and reach out to Billy Zizek (tutoring@mcmastersciencesociety.com) with any questions about how to use the service, or check out our website!

MENTORSHIP UPDATES

There are plenty of spaces that have just opened up for first years to take hold of the opportunity to join our mentorship service! This is our way of providing science students with a venue to grow and be successful in their field. Don't hesitate, register here!

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Be sure to join us at our next meeting on October 2nd from 7pm to 8:30pm!



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	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	Meetings Introduction and Transparency Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patricia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agenda will be based by Team (under a specific VP) Invitation to LINK Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Network opportunities with individuals from different faculty societies Volunteer Hub will be created on the MSS Website Transparency Reach out for help when needed Laptops are a distraction? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only use them in situations where it is required Josh: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Princeton Review partnership with the MSS? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does this improve the MSS image? Could be a form of spam? Could this create more stress for the Exec? 	Unanimous No
2.	Tutoring Flash Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Billy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service 95% developed; Administrative stuff left over Website updated and graphics created Starting to market the program \$10 per session with a limitation on the number of sessions a student can have Planned launch date is Sept. 21 	
3.	Mentee Application Launch Game Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jess: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete planning for Term 1 finished and mentors selected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team bonding, school success, taking notes, stress, exam prep, etc. Prompt for Mentorship program promotions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a Science Academic Support Service 	
4.	Promotions Expectations and Guidelines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit to 1 QUALITY post per day Provide enough time to the Communications team as stuff like graphics is time consuming At least 1-2 weeks in advance Submit a Typeform (promotions request in advance) Promotions Schedule? Status of MSS Street Team? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option for members of other MSS committees 	Voted In favour of an MSS member promotion schedule.



	<p>to volunteer instead of creating a new squad</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Rolling Basis? ■ Communicate to those signed up on the email list 	
5.	<p>Getting in touch with fellow societies and setting up committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● David: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Plan out what tasks you want to achieve with your committee ahead of time ○ Communication is key 	
6.	<p>Office Hours and First Year Rep Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jasmine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Encouraging to promote nomination forms ○ Office Hour Confirmations 	
7.	<p>SciFest Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sabrina: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interactive time with Sciclones ○ 10 Clubsfest tables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Promotions for MSS services or anything science related ■ \$6 and full table \$12 ○ Camera to borrow for photo booth or Polaroid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Long timespan therefore might take up too much of Photography Directors time and short notice ■ \$2 possibly per polaroid picture 	
8.	<p>I Love Science Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Salina: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mon - Clothing Sale and a Bonfire @ Alpine Tower ○ Tue - Labcoat Tie-Dye ○ Wed - Spirit Day and Sci Fest ○ Thur - Ping Pong Tourney ○ Will be broadcast on Snapchat and Instagram 	
10.	<p>1) SIF Board of Directors - MSS Representative. 2) SIF video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bhavya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BOD: Co-Directors, MSS President and the Associate Dean, with Dr. Dej, Dr. Da Silva ○ SIF Video <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Need Volunteers to partake in the video 	



13.	<p>1) Budget Feedback 2) SOG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kalaisan:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Budget Draft Check and Feedback due Tuesday○ SOG<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Will be released this week■ \$1300 for conference and trip opportunities for Science students (\$200 limit per student)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ex. Exchange■ Promotions	
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Other Topics of Discussion:

- Meeting will end early to have members communicate with their teams
- The Hunt
 - Will be happening this weekend
 - Friday: Campus-wide Scavenger Hunt, Mystery Machine Event
 - Saturday: Games followed by 19+ Club night @ Club Absinthe
 - Short of volunteers are requires a reconsideration of who's allowed to volunteer
- Those with Office Hours on Monday will be handling sales for the Hunt and I Love Science Week
- "Warm Fuzzies" will be dropped off by reps and they will be picked up on Tuesday
- Formaldehyde:
 - Promotions as Applications for Executive Committee close tomorrow
- External Affairs and Charity:
 - Proposed having a charity of the year (voted upon)
 - 4 of the 6 charities on the draft will be shortlisted to voting for by the student body
- Sept 28 is the MSS General Assembly

Time of Meeting Conclusion: 9:11 PM