In attendance:

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| member | role | attendance |
| sudarshan bala | Co-President | Y |
| KEVIN LIU | Co-President | Y |
| Michelle lee | VP: Academic | Y |
| Khalid Fahoum | VP: Social | Y |
| stefan jevtic | VP: Finance | Y |
| alan huynh | Internal Affairs | Y |
| hilary pang | External Affairs | Y |
| elaine lai | Social Committee Representative | Y |
| tszying so | Webmaster | Y |
| GENERAL MEMBERS | N/A |  |

## Agenda

1. Conference
2. Academic Seminars
3. Mentorship
4. Apparel
5. Summer BBQ

## Summary, decisions and ultimatums

1. **Website**
   1. Tszying to update the website with the 2017 course listings as well as putting some sparkles here and there.
   2. Tszying to make a timeline approximating when each website page will be implemented.
2. **Conference**
   1. Tentative date: Jan 21st 2017
   2. Topic options:
      1. Scientific Breakthroughs / Technology
      2. Emergent diseases; infection; resistance
         1. Sudarshan to initiate a poll in the coming days on the LMPSU Execs page to decide which conference topic will be used.
   3. LMPSU will be actively involved in the planning of the Dept. of LMP’s ½ day neuro conference, more details to be discussed with Stefan
3. **Academic Seminars**
   1. Michelle to make a list of faculty who may be available to give relevant and interesting talks
   2. LMPSU expresses an interest in finding clinician scientists to talk about their work in research and at the bedside.
   3. Tentatively, 4 seminars will be held:
      1. Getting into a research lab
      2. Tea with profs – fireside conversations
      3. 1 research spotlight talk per semester, although the interest to increase this frequency was expressed
4. **Mentorship Program**
   1. To begin in September, once school starts. Start up event TBD.
   2. The need for a better structuring program expressed. Options to explore:
      1. Exclusive facebook group page for those involved in the program to ask general questions – like a group mentorship situation, where anyone can ask any question. Kept exclusive to maintain a smaller and more intimate environment.
      2. Opt-out vs. opt-in program for mentees to be explored. Option to keep it opt-in for mentors.
   3. LMPSU expresses interest in expanding mentorship program to grad students for higher year LMP students.
   4. Khalid and Michelle to spearhead the mentorship program.
5. **LMP Apparel/LMP Merch**
   1. More options to be explored, including USB sticks, scarves, general merchandise.
   2. Elaine to obtain a list from Stephanie Poon detailing the sales records of last year’s merchandise, as well as the supplier and supplier pricing.
6. **Summer BBQ Event**
   1. Tentative date: July 23rd 2016 (Saturday, to increase attendance).
   2. Hilary to ask the UTSU what the rules and regulations are for booking their BBQ.
   3. Hosting the BBQ at centre island to be explored on a casual basis.
   4. Interest expressed to include sporting events – soccer, Frisbee, etc.
7. **General** 
   1. Hilary will contact ASAPScience regarding hosting a talk at UofT
   2. All members to make a list of their respective events and activites and propose an approximate budget.
   3. Funding sources other than ASSU ($4800/annum) to be explored.

## General Discussion

Website – Tszying will update the website with the 2017 course listings as well as putting some sparkles here and there. A problem with the website right now: when you click some of the headings, it doesn’t work properly. Tszying will fix this. Also, we want to update the pictures. This will be done once the 2nd year rep is decided. Lets try and get a timeline down on the development of the website. Please set a timeline.

General housekeeping: We have access to the 3rd floor UPSA office. The password is **[redacted]**. The password for the LMPSU Gmail – **[redacted]**. (case sensitive). The email is [lmpexecs@gmail.com](mailto:lmpexecs@gmail.com). This will be used to send out official emails, or emails representing the union.

Conference: Kevin/Sudarshan came up with a list, and narrowed it to 2 topics: Today we will come up with a topic. Tentative date: Jan 21st 2017.

The topics:

1. Diabetes
2. Ethics
3. Science/Biotech
4. Tropical diseases

The last one seems to appeal the most to the people in the cutting edge fields – Engineering, CS, life science, etc. The past two years have already done cardiovascular and cancer, which are huge. There are other things, but they are not as interesting. Diabetes is a major thing – but there is nothing really new in diabetes at the moment. Ethics can be interesting, but there is no “real” research in ethics. Rather, this can be put into a panel in a greater conference. Also, there are not many LMPSU faculty that can really present in ethics.

Science/Biotech: includes stem cells, regeneration, etc. It involves a lot of scientists and engineers, so we can get tons of speakers for this. Coverage on CRISPR is starting to get old – we would need to find people able to talk about the cutting edge, yet still maintain undergraduate interest. This conference will focus on the emerging technologies and how they are being applied to science, medicine, how pathology is being treated with the cutting edge, nanotechnology, and prosthetics to name a few.

Tropical and Infectious disease: there are not as many people in infectious disease, so finding speakers may be an issue. However, tropical/infectious diseases is a huge in today’s world. The issue with a conference on these is that there are such a large variety of diseases. Some new, some recurrent – like malaria. Discussing only malaria will be nonsensical, but omitting them will decrease conference turnout. A conference on tropical and infectious disease will be difficult. With that being said, if we do a conference on disease, there is no real shortage of the topics we can discuss – including disease resistance.

Voting:

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| Diabetes | 0 |
| Ethics | 1 |
| Scientific Breakthroughs/Technology | 6 |
| Diseases/infection/resistance | 6 |

This is the preliminary vote. Sudarshan will initiate a poll in the coming few days. Each member of the LMPSU must vote on this poll.

## A new half day conference:

8:00am-1:00pm conference, which is a bunch of half hour lectures on a specific topic – like neuroscience. Dr. Kareem (?) will co-organize if we choose to do this. It will also be fully funded by the department – it will mostly fall on one person, and we would then be the one that is coordinating it.

Q: Budget?

A: Not known, but its fully covered by the department. Its part of a series, so our responsibility is just to organize and find the speakers. There will be breakfast, etc that is all covered by the department of LMP. They will cover everything; we just need to be the one to organize everything. Dr. Gotlieb said not to worry about the budget.

Q: Audience?

A: 100-200 students last year.

Q: Honorarium?

A: No. We will not get money for people who speak.

This happened before, and the topic was neurodegeneration. Last year was the first one.

It will be held at MSB, so its free (no rental). It will come at no cost to the LMPSU.

Q: How much would LMPSU be part of this?

A: Mostly it will be Stefan, but LMPSU will be part of some of the decisions. Like choosing an undergrad to present during this. LMPSU should do the invitation of the potential speakers—finalizing the themes, etc. The current theme is from birth to death, how brain cells develop and senesce. So this is a smaller scale discussion. There is a remarked interest in the LMPSU playing a larger role in the planning of this conference, in partnership with the department of LMP.

## Academic Seminars

Michelle, please make a list of faculty that would have good topics and engage in a conversation.

We need to advertise these seminars better – the issue is that the department has the weekly seminars, which already detracts much of the graduate audience from attending our seminars. Our seminars hence should attempt to advertise well to the undergraduate.

Michelle would like to have the following academic seminar offerings:

* Getting into research seminar
* Tea with profs, with more than 1 prof
* 1 research spotlight / semester

Michelle wants to bring in a Clinician scientist and have them talk about their research and how they work. She is thinking about Dr. James Rutka – he is into cancer research and he is a pediatric surgeon. She wants to look into clinician scientists as a rule. With that being said, Pollanen will be brought back, considering his reception in last year’s talks. The big thing is to get a good speaker who can tailor their talk to the undergraduate audience.

On that note, Michelle, please make a list of all the faculty that you would like to ask.

In terms of molecular talks, perhaps we should avoid these and try and make the topics more understable – bigger picture.

A discussion on the “getting into research/medschool” seminars:

Last year, there was a seminar on how to get into undergraduate research. We want to continue this, but change some of the structure. In years past, we gave the professors some information on what to present. However, the professors preferred to engage in a conversation on their life stories, which may or may not have detracted from the original intention of the seminar. The LMPSU would like to explore inviting Dr. Oh, by reason of his ability to critically analyze program offerings, combined with his style of speaking. Again, we will give him a list of topics to address so that the students have their practical information. However, the LMPSU will also like to explore the option of including undergraduate speakers *in addition* to the faculty speakers – people who have managed to secure a research position early on in their academic careers.

These can be very boring. We need to make it interesting and different than the other ones.

What would be good is to have a lot of LMP faculty – talking to faculty, getting to know them, and find out what they’re looking for in students. Like the BUSS who makes a prof-undergrad mingle time, allowing them to network. Tea with profs was focusing on people who are already in research. But this is more for the people who are already in research.

After a rigorous discussion, the LMPSU has decided that we *should* hold a getting into research seminar. The structure will be discussed at a later date, under the charge of Michelle. The structure to be discussed includes the possibility of finding Dr. Oh, and undergraduate speakers.

Q: On the topic of having 1 research spotlight/semester, can we aim for 1/month?

A: This might be too much, because of budget – we need money for each event.

Some ideas:

Maybe we can have 2 profs debate about a topic? It shouldn’t be a lecture – perhaps it should be more of a discussion, debate, or something along those lines.

An idea – with a debate, include students. But keep it simple, like ethics.

## Mentorship

Begins in sept when school starts.

Some feedback from last year:

Some mentors have been skipping on contact with the mentees. The bad reviews are mostly from people who didn’t like the people they were paired up with. A lot of people really liked the pairings. The pairings were made with google docs – interests, grad school vs med school, and assign to people with similar interests.

How we should get into the 1st year crowd: maybe advertise to the First year learning communes?

We need a foundation for the mentorship program – it must have a structure. We need to develop a structure rather than having a floppy mentorship program. There is nothing added to the mentorship program other than a facebook chat or something. There is no structure. We need structure, events, etc.

Some mentees didn’t like their mentors – we need a system to deal with this. Maybe we need something like a group mentorship program during monthly meetings, but then they should be paired 1:1.

Something to consider – opt-out rather than an opt-in. Maybe a opt-out for the mentee and opt-in for the mentors.

Maybe a mentorship program for 4th years and grad students?

We should also hold social events for the mentors and mentees – also, a mentor orientation day to train them. **WE will have a startup event for the program.**

**Ultimatum**: Khalid and Michelle will be in charge of the mentorship program.

Perhaps let people pick the mentors?

Best mentor award?

Perhaps we should do a group mentorship kind of thing – with facebook group. Give an anonymous option – like making a throwaway email. This promotes sociality.

## Apparel

Elaine, please ask Stephanie what company she used and the prices. Last year we had crew necks, hoodies, zip-ups. We can change this up. We can make shirts, mugs, USBs.

We want to launch this in October. So that we actually get it for hoodie season or scarf season.

Look into the pricing.

* Scarves
* Socks
* USBs
* Phone cases
* Bathing suits
* Water bottles

Summer BBQ:

Tentative date: July 23rd. Saturday. Maybe if we hold it on a weekend more people can come? We can do it on centre island. Or by hart house.

Hillary:

Please check with UTSU with BBQ rental, hosting on the grass, etc. Get all that information. Maybe combine it with a sport event? Frisbees, etc.

Social events will be spoken about in the future meetings. Mainly the BBQ. We can have more social events if you would like.

Everyone who has ideas during the forum – please list that, with a budget. Especially with social events. We have 4800 from the ASSU. We should do half for each semester. This excludes the conference. Includes the academic seminar. We must also reach to other funding sources. If we have more money, we can do more things. So anyone that has ideas today or whatnot – please list those ideas and have a tentative budget down.

ASAPScience – inviting them to give a talk. Medical communication, etc. ASAPScience is made up of science communicators. They talk about all sorts of things – like is makeup bad for you, or blue and black dress/white gold dress. They make science videos for the general product. Hillary may get in touch with these people.

Planning of social events – the ASSU has a list of approved locations. Must be on or close to campus, accessible, etc. It must be taken account in order to use the funding.

Please propose a budget for any events or ideas that you have.

Adjournment: 8:06 pm