**LMPSU Meeting Summary**

*Date & Time: Friday May 24, 2013; Start - 5:20pm; End – 6:50pm*

*Room: MSB6222*

*Note Taker: Thomas Lu, Internal Communications Director*

*In Attendance:*

Benedict Darren (Co-President)

Anastasia Bosc (Co-President)

Maya Deeb (External Communications)

Qingda Hu (Social Committee Member)

Robert Guo (VP Social)

Thomas Lu (Internal Communications Director)

Alena Zelinka (VP Finance)

*Absent:*

Ariel Gershon (VP Academic)

1) Recognition by ULife and UTSU

* Maya to renew UTSU recognition ASAP.
* Darren to get ULife recognition. ULife will be able to provide free website hosting and free space booking.
* Ulife recognition will provide us webspace to host the site created by Desmond and Carl of the previous LMPSU team. Will need to discuss with them on how to get website running ASAP.

2) LMPSU Constitution

* Amendments must be made including updating the positions available on the LMPSU executive team.
* In the future, the constitution must be strictly followed.
* Amendments to the constitution must be made ASAP so that the 2nd year welcome can be converted into a General Meeting so that the LMP student body can vote on constitutional changes.
* For the AGM, Templeton and Hegele will speak first, then the general meeting and voting process for 2nd year rep and webmaster will follow.
* Students that are not in the LMP specialist program, but are enrolled in LMP courses (such as LMP301H) should be represented by the LMPSU. To address this, we should create an executive position for a representative. This will be addressed by the new constitution and if passed, will be implemented next year (2014-2015).
* In line with the above, Anastasia and Darren will obtain listservs for non-specialist students enrolled in LMP courses, and ensure they are included in our mailing list.
* Voting for 2nd year representative and webmaster in the fall will be done by simple ballot system. This voting system needs to be made clear in the constitution.
* Voting for constitutional changes will be count of hands.
* There will be an “open floor” for ideas for constitutional changes over the summer. A concrete set of proposed amendments will be made available 2 weeks before the general meeting, and will be included in the AGM agenda.

3) Undergraduate Conference

* In favour of having a conference next academic year: Darren, Anastasia, Maya, Qingda, Robert, Alena. Those opposed: Thomas.
* Main problems with the conference:
  + Funding (esp. the cost of booking MSB and paying for lunch).
  + Many LMP faculty are not involved with cancer research.
* Positive things about having a conference next year:
  + It ran well last year and we have a solid framework to work with. This may be used to help with getting funding.
* Suggestions:
  + Alternate topics between years. Cancer and emerging diseases? Infectious disease?
  + Alternating between different branches in LMP?
  + Collaborating with other student groups? For example, working with Paul Hamel and the Health Studies Student Union (HSSU) to come up with a multidisciplinary/translational conference.
  + We should talk to some faculty to figure out how best to include all LMP faculty in the conference.
* All in favour of having a multidisciplinary LMPSU/HSSU (Health Studies Student Union) collaboration for a conference.
* LMPSU Execs to come up with 2 ideas each for the conference and discuss on the exec facebook group.
* Maya to email Paul Hamel, who is an LMP faculty member and the Health Studies program director. (and cc presidents).
* Darren to contact Justin (his contact in the HSSU).
* Funding ideas:
  + Organizing a run to raise money for the conference? Have this be incorporated into frosh week?
  + Problem with funding is that the event must be free in order to get funding from UofT and Hart House.
  + What about advertising food sponsors for money?
  + Getting starbucks at the MBS cafeteria to stay open for the day.
  + What about getting funding from NGOs? Eg: Maybe charging $10 per table.
  + Bake sales?
* Alena to start a Google Doc to keep track of funding and where money goes and when people spend money for the conference, etc.
* All in favour of having the conference as a one day event. Perhaps a two day event (evening of the first day and morning of the second day) is feasible if LMPSU pursues the idea of having a joint conference with another student union.

4) Meetings with Faculty

* LMPSU Executive should have regular meetings with faculty at least once or twice per semester and once in the summer.
* Topics to discuss include the possibility of hosting pub nights, as well as making changes to course content (for example, the testing style of certain LMP courses).
* Before approaching faculty, LMPSU execs should aggregate the concerns of the LMP student body.

5) Summer BBQ

* Main issue is funding (only $70 in the LMPSU account right now).
* Potential collaboration with other student unions? The only concern was that LMP attendants might be too underrepresented since our program is so small. Also might be difficult to identify fellow LMP students (especially for incoming 2nd years) if attendants are from a mixture of programs.
* However, all agreed that having a Summer BBQ is a good idea. It keeps the union active in the summer and does not really exclude students from out of town.

6) Student Union Execs Get-Together

* Organized by Lucy Chau, Co-President of IMMSA (Immunology Student Association)
* Execs of various student unions invited build connections for future collaborations
* Event held on June 1st

7) Dodgeball

* In favour for hosting a dodgeball tournament this year: Darren. Anastasia, Alena, Robert, Maya, Thomas. Those opposed: Qingda.
* Problems with last year’s tournament:
  + Organizing the tournament and advertising for it was rushed because the tournament was only a month after the Undergraduate Conference on Cancer.
  + Organizational problems on the day of the tournament (match ups, reffing, teams waiting, teams playing too much)
* All in favour of hosting the tournament in the first semester before the fall break.

8) Social Committee

* Robert to organize bi-weekly lunch/dinner events.
* Qingda to organize board games nights.
* Ideas for small, “informal” socials are welcome and events are not concrete.

10) Academic Round Tables

* The idea was good, but interest was lost quickly.
* VP Academic Ariel to come up with more interesting topics to pursue.
* Perhaps we can invite graduate students to come and discuss their research, do lab tours, etc.

11) March Open House

* Ariel to ensure that LMP participates in this event.
* Initiate lab tours. Graduate or undergraduate students can show interested people around their labs. This idea can also be used during lunchtime just as a general event to help with networking LMP undergrads (and may be incorporated as part of the regular Academic events).

12) Collaborations with CLAMPS

* CLAMPS has shown previous interest in collaborating with LMPSU to host the dodgeball tournament.
* Robert will initiate contact and gauge interest.

13) LMP Mentorship Program

* The program is redundant and not as effective as the casual conversation that happens in the LMPSU facebook group.
* All in favour to do away with the program.

14) Other

* Darren to poll all LMP student body about one main event that they want to see happen during the year. An online suggestion box will be made available once the website is up and running.
* Anastasia and Darren will meet with Desmond ASAP for transfer of power.
* LMP newsletter needs a facelift.