**LMPSU Meeting Minutes**

*Date & Time: Monday June 24, 2013; Start - 5:22pm; End – 6:45pm*

*Room: MSB6222*

*Note Taker: Thomas Lu, Internal Communications Director*

*In Attendance:*

Darren Benedict (Co-President)

Anastasia Bosc (Co- President)

Qingda Hu (Social Committee Member)

Robert Guo (VP Social)

Thomas Lu (Internal Communications)

Alena Zelinka (VP Finance)

Maya Deep (arrived late at 6:10pm) (External Communications)

*Absent:*

Ariel Gershon (VP Academic)

1. Summer BBQ/Funding
	* UTSU funding application due July 5.
	* Alena: Market the BBQ as something *more* than a BBQ and apply for good ideas fund.
	* Darren: Explore ASSU special project funding. Rolling application, no due date. This appears to be the best idea so far. Needs to be made open to all – Market as LMP Info BBQ so it’s open to faculty and non-specialists. Apply for minimum $150. We have extra money in the LMPSU account from cleaning up some financial mix ups.
	* Pursue ASSU funding and forget about UTSU funding because it’s not worthwhile.
	* Darren to figure out when ASSU budget review is.
	* Qing and Alena to go to UTSU Budget meeting next week.
2. Conference -> Meeting with ASSU
* Last week Darren + Anastasia met up with HSSU President (Kathleen)
* Joint decision of the theme “Aging Populations.” LMPSU Executives are all for this theme.
* HSSU’s normal conference typically takes place at the end of March with student oral presentations (10 min + 2 min Q+A) on the first day and a panel and social on the second day.
* HSSU is adamant on having student presentations/poster fair in the conference.
* Perhaps have the conference over 2 days (Friday + Saturday… Friday could mean free booking of MSB. This will also avoid having speakers after lunch.)
* If MSB costs money, we can have one day be at UC because UC bookings are free for HSSU.
* Combining lunch hour with student poster presentations is a good way to have student involvement.
* NGOs and other groups during lunch as well? We can’t have many of these though so that we don’t take away from student poster presentations.
* For panel discussions, speakers should have their own 10-15 min presentations before the panel to introduce themselves and their work to put their views in perspective.
* Alena: Have a speaker right at the end of lunch to keep people in.
* We should divide concurrent sessions by themes and have them spread vertically instead of horizontally. *I.e.* have a presentation on “theme A” available in each timeslot as opposed to having a timeslot devoted entirely to “theme A.”
* We should have equal say in deciding speakers and themes with HSSU.
* Funding ideas to explore—good ideas funding, deans student funding, UTSU short term funding, SIF, Vic Student Projects, UTM funding?
1. Constitutional Amendments
* Anastasia made some revisions to the constitution before the meeting and presented it to the rest of the execs. The execs then made additional suggestions:
* Article 4, Section 4 must be revised. Reword to say that “the executive council has the authority to make special committees as deemed necessary.”
* Need to add a webmaster executive position.
* Non-specialist representative position will be implemented for 2014-2015.
* Article 4, Section 3 must be made clearer. The Executive Council voted on having a range of 2-4 students on the Events Committee versus having a set number. Anastasia, Darren, Maya, and Alena voted for having a range from 2-4 students. Qing, Thomas, and Robert voted for having a set number of 2.
* Course Union Logo
* We need a logo to give LMPSU a recognizable identity at UofT.
* Thomas to send out an email to LMPSU members for a logo competition. This will be done at the end of summer/ first semester when listservs have been made and 2nd year students have been welcomed.
* ULife/UTSU recognition
* LMPSU is now ULife recognized.
* lmpsu@mail.utoronto.ca has been created.
* Need to apply for a ULife specific listserv since LMP Department Admin are not allowed to give it to us.
* Still waiting on website space approval.
* Potential LMP200 Course
* All agreed that it is a good idea.
* Has to replace a 2nd year course requirement.
* Perhaps teach easier material (*c.f.* IMM250 vs IMM334).
* Have it be an open course (*i.e.* not restricted to specialists).
* More to come… Need to discuss with Desmond/Ghassan as they have already made a framework with the help of Dr. Templeton.