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 | N |
| elaine lai | Social Committee Representative | Y |
| tszying so | Webmaster | Y |
| GENERAL MEMBERS | N/A | N/A |

## Agenda

1. Academic Seminars
2. Apparel
3. Other Updates
4. Dodgeball
5. BBQ
6. Conference
7. Stefan’s Conference

## Summary, decisions and ultimatums

1. Academic seminars:
   1. Michelle to post the document she has on academic seminars for the perusal of the executives. Executive to decide on debate topic.
2. Apparel
   1. Elaine to email companies regarding prices of items.
   2. Logo may be changed depending on items, due to its intricate nature
   3. Elaine to make a poll on the facebook page regarding what items people are interested in
3. Other Updates
   1. Khalid to look into which sport we should play for intra/interdepartmental sport event.
   2. Khalid to look into escape room prices and finalize which room.
   3. Khalid to have a working budget for the semi-formal by next meeting
4. Dodgeball
   1. No particular action items
5. BBQ
   1. Tsz-Ying to make a cover photo for the BBQ event
   2. Khalid to check if we can get any equipment for some sports at the BBQ
6. Conference
   1. All executive members to look into getting people in engineering/applied science faculty.
   2. Tsz-Ying to get a start on planning a cover photo for the conference. (non urgent)

## General Discussion

## Academic Seminars

Michelle updating –

The Research Seminar:

Getting involved in research – 30 min presentation by the faculty, then 5 min of introduction/ presentation by two or 3 experienced research students. She has people in mind – a medical student, a MD/PhD, etc. She’s looking for people with experience and out of undergrad. The event will then progress into Q/A and networking. This is where the students can meet and talk with the profs. This is planned for mid-late November.

Questions for the faculty:

1. Why undergrad resersach?
2. What are Principal Investigators looking for?
3. What are the qualities of a successful research student?

LMP ethics debate/seminar:

1. Infection and immunization – autism.
   1. Should people with religious beliefs be given exemptions?
   2. Philosophical belief

Vaccination – flu virus is based on in silico predictions. Perhaps we should debate the topic of forced vaccinations. The members of the executive seemed interested in the topic of forced vaccinations.

E.g. What is the extent that the scientist can do to encourage vaccination without impinging on the rights of the citizens?

Hence, this would be a debate on policy more than belief

Some possible faculty to invite to this debate:

Natasha Crowcroft, Allison McGeer , Neil Rau, George Broukhansky, Kevin Kain

An idea: Perhaps we can have them talk about how to get vaccines rolled out.

1. Physician assisted suicide

* Mostly in the department of bioethics. Its coming up a lot in the news. This is a contentious issue that will yield rich discussion.

These debates should be about 40 minutes. There will be 3 or 4 big questions on each topic.

Michelle to post the document that she has on this so that we can focus on a topic. Then, the union will help.

Once a topic is chosen, then we will send out emails to those who will be involved.

3rd seminar – Dr. Pollanen.

Pollanen is a great speaker, so we gotta make sure that he talks in a seminar. We will inform him that we want him to talk, so that he isn’t in another country.

4th seminar –

Some time in march. There are 4 people in mind.

Dr. Rutka – Neurosurgeon, researches cancer, cytoskeletal matrix interactions. Basic science, and the integration between MD/PhD world.

Susan (last name?) Infectious disease. Epidemiology, detection, diagnoses, treatment. This may be easier to understand from the student’s perspective.

Another surgeon, neurosurgery, pediatrics.

Ronald Cohn – First to use CRISPR to remove a gene causing Duchenne muscular dystrophy. (Kevin Liu has a friend in Cone’s lab. Contact Kevin before asking Cone).

To be decided: the topic of the 2nd seminar, and the presenter of the 4th seminar.

Michelle to email the profs when these have been decided.

Tentative budget: $100 per seminar.

## Apparel

Do we want a customizable option? Like putting their name onto the back of the sweaters?

* We might not be able to bulk order custom items. So this might be ok only for the executive team.

The general consensus with the union is that if it affects the bulk ordering, then we should not. We will decide later on after Elaine emails them to see if it affects bulk ordering.

Elaine to retrieve the prices for all of the items, and then post a poll with all the items on the Facebook group and we can vote on their favorite ones.

Scarves – for Sudarshan’s knowledge, the ends are sewn together.

Elaine to email regarding prices .

**The logo**

The logo is very intricate, with a lot of words. If we have the Logo, it can get smeared between the little words. It’s possible that we may be making a new logo. Perhaps we can have a block logo.

**What about LMP class of 2017/8/9 hoodies?**

What we currently have is on the document with Elaine. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to post them on the page. Sweatpants.

Waterbottles? – Stainless steel Waterbottles. Please find the price for these.

Please look at the current list to see the item offerings.

Elaine to make a poll on the big Facebook page asking what items people might be interested in.

## Other updates

[Khalid]

**A meet and greet –** just after frosh. The second year elections will be 2 weeks after frosh week. We should probably merge this, if only to get more people voting in the event. The main purpose for everyone to meet each other. We can have the elections towards the end.

**Pub nights –** $500 per pub night is the budget. We will have one in the first semester, one in the 2nd semester.

**An inter-year sports tournament. Maybe interdepartmental intramurals.**

Can be soccer, can be dodgeball. **Croquet.** Lacrosse. Hockey. Wrestling. Skydiving. Racing. The physiology department has dodgeball. We can probably collaborate with them. But if we use dodgeball for the interdepartmental, then we should also hold one just for the LMP department. Maybe faculty vs. student, or what not. This can be continuous or a one-time game. Continuous will be a tournament style. It will require booking the rooms all the time.

Sudarshan is personally for the one-time thing. To be discussed at the next meeting.

Khalid to do a poll for the sport. To be done **after**, not immediately.

Funding – to be discussed. But we will look into other funding sources other than the ASSU.

**Escape room –**

$30 / person. Can fit about 20-30 people. This is not authorized by the ASSU, so we can’t use the ASSU money. The escape room can give us a discount. They said 15%, we can probably get it down to 20%. There are many escape rooms around. There are ones all around the city. We can probably find ones that are much much cheaper than the one that Stefan found.

Khalid, please finalize which escape room.

**Laser tag -**

Maybe for Exec bonding?

**A semi-formal –**

Towards the end of the year? Perhaps a dinner/dance at a hotel? Getting a DJ? We can charge for admission. Or an interdepartmental semi-formal. Then, we can invite more people, and we can all fund it together. With an event like this, we need a lot of people so we should all of the life science departments or something along those lines. We shall put this on hold until we get the budget.

Khalid to budget this for the next meeting.

**LMP student space, like a LMP student lounge?**

There is the 6th floor lounge, which has a kitchen attached to it. There is no TV, no couch.

Sudarshan to maybe look into this.

**Mentoring–**

Perhaps we can get CCR recognition for the mentorship program.

Awards – might be too trivial to even give out?

## Dodgeball

We need to book a room. 2 years ago, people everywhere were invited. So even other clubs like the UofT premed. There can be a charity component involved as well. IT can be for charity.

We can book Hart House gym. Khalid to look into this, and getting equipment from Hart House as well (like dodgeballs).

## Taking an aside..

**Some things the BUSS does –**

Each year, the BUSS Invite the course coordinators and have them present their courses. We might be able to do this.

**Past tests –**

Needs to be organized and updated. Sudarshan to contact D. Templeton to ask if we can put in Stefan’s old tests.

## BBQ

We are going to book it at Hart House, by UTSU. It will be the Friday – July 22. We are going to get people to buy food.

Tsz-Ying to make a cover photo for this. By next Friday.

ASSU will fund the BBQ.

A sporting event – Khalid to look into getting soccer balls, Frisbees, badminton, volleyball

KanJam – play in teams of two, stand x distance away from eachother. In front of each person there is a cylinder that you have to get the Frisbee in. Your partner will try to get it into the cylinder

Check ASSU to see if we can get any equipment.

## Conference –

We will start contacting the profs.

Every prof was very cellular/micro. Perhaps we should look at engineering profs. Perhaps representatives and sales representatives. We can get RnD people.

Tsz-Ying to get a start on planning a logo for the conference and the BBQ (BBQ more urgent). We will decide on the profs first before we finalize this cover photo. Mostly cover photos, but also things we can post on the main LMP page.

All, please look at the other speakers we can get for the bio tech companies.

## Stefan’s Conference –

Theme: basic neuroscience. From birth to death of a neuron. This implies that we start with neurogenesis, then regeneration, then disease based talks. It’s a story of genesis to senescence. A list of professors will be sent out to Stefan. Then the prof may be the one to contact these people, it may be us.

Time line: TBA. Pls pitch march or February. After our conference.

Adjournment: 7:58 pm.