

MedSoc Executive Committee Notes

Wednesday 4th October 2023, 5-7pm
MedSoc Room, Medical School Building

Present:

Grace Westland, MedSoc President (Co-Chair, GW)
Harry Brooks, Activities and Employability Officer (Co-Chair, HB)
Maeve Mulchrone, Vice President Academic (MM)
Jamie McGinn, Secretary (JM)
Anna Lewis, Sports Rep (AL)
Ysabel Mendoza, Treasurer (YM)

In Attendance:

Jodie Stilgoe, Senior Student Groups Coordinator, note-taking (JS)

Apologies:

Holly Wilson, Societies and Charities Rep (HW)

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION	NOTES	ACTION
Notes from Last meeting – for approval – GW	MDX approved the notes from the previous meeting. The only outstanding action from the previous meeting was TBH membership which is on the Agenda.	
Group Constitution Amendments – for approval – GW	Cheer MDX requested further information as membership fees seem too low for the annual budget. It raised the question that Cheer may be expecting to subsidise expenditure through MedSoc Grant which has not yet been confirmed. MDX have requested for Cheer to provide a breakdown of membership costs and how this has been budgeted without relying on grant to subsidise a high portion of expenditure. It is important that groups are demonstrating that they are self-sufficient. Hockey MDX requested to see a breakdown of how the change in membership fee has been calculated. MDX are happy for Hockey's constitution change to be voted via email resolution once this breakdown has been provided. Women's Rugby MDX requested to see a breakdown of how the change in	JS to put cheer in contact with ZB to start over their 'new group' application. JS to email outcomes to Hockey, Women's Rugby & Badminton JS to email approval to Cardio Soc.

	membership fee has been calculated. MDX are happy for Women's Rugby's constitution change to be voted via email resolution once this breakdown has been provided. The additional roles of Dinner Reps were approved. Badminton MDX requested to see a breakdown of how the change in membership fee has been calculated. MDX are happy for Badminton's constitution change to be voted via email resolution once this breakdown has been provided. Cardio Soc MDX approved Cardio Soc's amended constitution at a £0 membership fee. Noted that there is a policy to say that MedSoc groups are able to have a £0 membership fee for charities and academic groups.	
Teddy Bear Hospital Membership – for approval – GW	MDX ruled that TBH should not have a multi-year membership due to the barriers this could pose to potential members, as discussed in the previous MDX meeting. An alternative suggestion to a £5 5-year membership would be for an annual £1 membership. TBH will need to make this change to their constitution and then MDX will vote via email resolution once this change has been made.	JS to feedback to TBH on MDX decision on membership pricing.
Grant timeline – update – YM	JS to confirm Guild contribution to MedSoc Grant. YM gave an overview of the Grant timeline this year, with Grant weekend taking place on 4/5 November. YM to book rooms for MDX Grant Meetings prior to Grant Weekend, taking place on 27 and 30 October. HB and JS to see if there are any rooms available at the Guild on these days due to Medical School rooms only being bookable from 7pm. YM confirmed that the deadline is likely to be extended to 16 October for grant applications. After this date, YM will give late penalties. At the moment, not many groups have sent their applications across.	JS to confirm Guild contribution to MedSoc Grant.
Society Membership – update – JS	JS circulated statistics to show how many memberships each MedSoc Society currently has. MDX agreed to help to target groups with zero membership or low membership in preparation for Grant Weekend to avoid potential issues.	
Welcome Week de-brief	HB and JS sent the demographic breakdown of attendance at the MedSoc Fair. The Fair had a lower attendance than	

– for discussion – GW/HW	the previous year but anecdotally, societies have fed back to say that there was better engagement. GW gave an overview of Welcome Week: - Social events went well this year with tickets selling more than previous years. For example, the Hop sold 150 more tickets than last year. - MedSoc Membership sales have gone well with MedSoc receiving an additional £1k this year despite the lower attendance at the Fair. - There has been a lot of engagement across the MDS courses which is GW's key aim this year. GW attended multiple different courses induction lectures to deliver talks to demonstrate that MedSoc is for all MDS courses, and not just Medicine. HB also mentioned MedSoc within the talks he delivered to MDS courses during induction week. Both delivered talks to MDS postgraduate students too.	
Website – for discussion – GW	There was a consensus that the current MedSoc website is not worth the amount of money that MedSoc spends each month. This is currently set at £250 a month. The website is largely out of date and not well used by MedSoc societies or members. The group spoke about moving across to the Guild website as an alternative option to having an external website. JS spoke through what this might look like and MDX agreed that this made the most sense. GW is going to meet with the MedSoc Website Rep. Following this, GW, the Website Rep and JS will meet with Brew, MedSoc's current Website Provider, to talk through options of ending the website contract. The Website Rep's role in the interim period could be to help transition between the external website to the Guild website so that the role still has purpose.	JS, GW and Website Rep to meet with Brew (website provider)
AOB – ALL	AL noted that Cricket may have additional funds stored in an old Guild account. JS to investigate further.	