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## PhUS Council Agenda

January 22, 2014

Room 3340

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**Attendance:** Stephen Huynh, Candice Leung, Scott Aldersey, Andrew Fong, Stacy Chattu, Jarred Kelly, Mitch Prasad, Mandy Chung, Charles Choi, Jason Alessio, Ying Wang, Aliya Dalaut, Sunil Fazaluddin, Yoshi Ito, Benton Attfield, Katherine Go, Jessica Tran, Julie Chang, Patrick Falkiner, Dr. Wayne Riggs, Katie Milbers, Brad de Har, Tom Wierzbicki

**Guests:**

**Absences:** Laura Palle, Ricky Wu, Moh Kazem, Latashya Truong, Jennifer Chatterton,

**Regrets:** Melissa Patton, Hafeez Dossa, France Carriere

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Meeting called to order at: **12:04pm**

### 1.0 Approval of Minutes

Moved Ying Wang; Seconded Jarred Kelly

That PhUS council approves the minutes for Jan 15, 2014 as written and adopts the agenda for Jan 22, 2014 as written

**Approved: All | Objections: None | Abstained: None**

### 2.0 Standing Business

#### 2.1 Propose the motion to approve the \$20.00 increase in lab fees to be implemented in September 2014

- ❖ Last week it was discussed that the main issue the students had with regards to the Lab fee was transparency to where the money was going to go.
  - Lab fee suggested by faculty was **\$20.00/year (a separate fee from tuition)**
- ❖ With the last Council the faculty shared a budget within the exec council that showed in summary where the money was going to be allocated.
- ❖ Yoshi spoke to the Dean asking if Council could share the budget to the student body (for the purpose of transparency) but the Dean was not in favor of this.
  - Only allowed Yoshi to verbally summarize the budget to the whole Council for them to repeat to the student body.
- ❖ Yoshi mentioned that there were some item that students might question such as:
  - Photocopying costs + toner costs (total to \$7000)
  - Lab coats (\$180)

- He state that this can be questioned all the students want, but the reality is that the faculty has nothing to hide and all the aspects of this budget shows that it is appropriate for the faculty to ask for a Lab fee
- ❖ To add: Whether we like it or not the government is going to be cutting university costs
- Dr. Riggs:
- ❖ The faculty as of late has only been running on Student Fees
  - 26% of the student fees goes to the university
  - Student fees alone practically run every aspect of the Pharmacy faculty
- ❖ Unlike before there is now NO blocked funding from the government
  - The faculty used to have funding from government through the university set aside by the government to help offset costs
- ❖ The university did provide a small operating grant, but it only helps a little bit and there have also been additional costs.
  - Ex. Building is larger than what the faculty was used to (4x the size of Cunningham)
    - Thus there was a need for additional personnel: security (~\$80, 000 additionally needed from the budget that was previously not accounted for)
  - Ex. New Center for Indigenous Health
    - All the different health faculties were asked to contribute for the operations of the center (Pharmacy contributed \$40,000 based off student numbers)
  - The faculty has to absorb these extra costs, and they receive NO extra funding from the university.
- ❖ The Government did allow an increase of 2% in tuition which does help a little
- ❖ There are many challenges to help the faculty do its job, and the lab fee is something that they believe is reasonable to ask of the students.
  - In perspective: The Chemistry and the Physics department charge a lab fee (and much higher than what the faculty is asking for)
  - Therefore the Pharmacy faculty felt that it was reasonable to maintain the Practice lab with the same fee concept
    - The fee is needed to maintain the lab with the appropriate supplies and its other necessities (textbooks, drugs, materials for compounding etc.), as well as enough money to be able to replace textbooks, or broken materials/supplies
- ❖ The fee suggested is an **annual \$20 fee (NOT PER TERM)**
- ❖ The faculty understands that students have their own personal financial issues, and that majority of the student body might not be in favour of this fee.
  - However, (not a threat, just a reality of costs and budget) if the fee is not passed there will be things in the lab that will have to change; there might be some limitations to what the Practice Lab can offer to the students simply because they cannot afford to provide these services.
- ❖ Note that approval by the students does not mean it will wholly pass through, there still needs to be a **Board Approval** as it is a separate fee from tuition
  - Faculty would like it to be in effect for the 2014 incoming students

#### **Council opinions:**

- ❖ If we go back to the students we have to be very clear and tell them all this information
- ❖ Some council members suggest that this has been 3 month process, and that more time talking to the students may not be necessary.

- ❖ We must emphasize on providing the easy access to this information –kind of like a platform that the students can read.
- ❖ Another council member said we have to remember we must maintain our relationship with the students →we should wait to vote until we know for sure their answer, after we have provided them all the information
  - If we vote now and then rationalize to them later students may start to think that “PhUS is choosing for us...”
- ❖ Suggest to send out a detailed document/proposal with all the information about why the faculty would like this Lab Fee implemented

Options for voting:

1) Option 1: Vote and later rationalize result of vote to the students

**2) Option 2: Vote next week and give students more information now**

→From a Straw poll: everyone appears to be in favour of Option 2:

***We will table the vote to next meeting***

### **3.0 Discussions:**

**3.1** Follow up on items discussed at the Loon Lake PhUS Retreat (Sept. 2013)  
 ~ photo project, printing concerns, planning committee for first year orientations

#### **1. Photo Project:**

- ❖ Suggested by last council’s Communications Officer (Cindy Pan)
- ❖ It was suggested due to the fact that not all students know what the executive council does and their exact role.
- ❖ The suggestion was to take a solo photo of the PhUS Executives holding up a sign:
  - ASK US: (individual role)
- ❖ Possible initiative to take on?
  - Julie will look into it

#### **2. Printing Concerns:**

- ❖ Laura of informing the students on how to print or get prints
  - She will provide more information on who Ms. Josie Lim is

#### **3. First Year Orientations:**

- ❖ CAPSI and a PhUS executive have been doing it in previous years as a joint task with the Faculty → Usually a 3hour long event (1.5h Faculty-led and 1.5h Student-led)
- ❖ Suggestions for more team worked based→ They have tried to incorporate this in the student-led portion but it’s hard with only having 1.5h
- ❖ Last year it was suggested to do some “Frosh” type event like a “Frosh week”
- ❖ Yoshi suggests that a Planning Committee for “Frosh Week” should be instigated
  - He suggests that it should be composed of Year Reps and GCs as support
  - Stephen suggested that if more man power is needed it should involve the Social committee, Interclub (Club Reps/Liaisons)
  - The VP Socials have a lot on their plate and don’t need this even to be added
- ❖ Frosh could be as many days as possible (ranging from 3-7days)
  - Year Reps term ends in March/April – so it will have to be the incoming ones to plan
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Reps
- ❖ Katherine will look into how to form this committee in the amendments

### **3.2 Meet the Faculty event for 1<sup>st</sup> year students (Ying, Mandy) ~ budget, expectations, faculty participation**

- ❖ Last Year was the first year that White Coat Ceremony was held in October
  - Only for students (no family included)
- ❖ Dr. Patricia Gerber held a feedback session regarding the White Coat Ceremony
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Years have voiced that they would like to have had their parents/family there
    - More than half the students wanted family, because this added more meaning and it was a proud moment
    - But there was a small portion who did understand that this might not have been possible.
  - Some people thought it was a little robotic and other small things
    - Ex. logistics of being coated etc.
- ❖ This is an important event because it emphasizes Professionalism and the true meaning of being part of the Pharmaceutical Sciences Faculty.
- ❖ Last year the VP Social (Rebecca Minaker) worked with faculty to do this “little mingler” event that included the parents, it was held at the beginning of the year (in the place of when the White Coat Ceremony was originally held)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Year students found that it lacked structure, and there was a need for more interactions, because the parents were just found standing unsure of what to do.
  - Suggestion was to make this event more formal and add more importance to it to add meaning because some parents came from out of town or booked off work.
- ❖ **October date** for White Coat Ceremony was found to be more meaningful because the 1<sup>st</sup> years have now been exposed to Professionalism and have a better understanding of what it means to be a future Health Care Professional
  - Gives the event MORE meaning
  - There was been no negative feedback from the date, even the 1<sup>st</sup> years agree that they understand professionalism more and the meaning behind signing the Professionalism contract.
    - The main issue was family not being able to take part in this memorable event.
- ❖ Dr. Riggs suggested that this event could be modified logistically
  - It would be difficult and require a lot of planning
  - Benefit: The MMIs will be held earlier this year so the class incoming class will be known well ahead of time so that planning can be done earlier
- ❖ Faculty would like this to be a JOINT task with the PhUS Socials

### **3.3 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Pharmacy Beer Garden (Yoshi, Ying, Mandy) ~ faculty approval, liquor license, budget, date**

- ❖ Other health care faculties do a “Beer Gardens” event at least once a year
- ❖ Council would like to initiate this event → for the end of this semester
  - Yoshi talked to the Dean and the dean likes the idea
- ❖ This event will require a Liquor license and it will be well controlled
- ❖ **Beer Garden – suggested date April 4<sup>th</sup> last day of school**
  - Will it clash w/ AMS block party? Unsure
  - Start small!
    - Exclusive to Pharmacy students? Probably good idea for the first time
    - Logistics are still in the works so actual answer is unknown at the moment.

- ❖ Will this require an additional budget? Or will it come from the current social budget?
  - Socials will NOT doing Potluck anymore
  - Possibly an add onto the budget
- ❖ Budget would like to BREAK even on this event not really making money off of it
  - Costs such as beverages, security → will need to be figured out
  - There are companies that might be willing to sponsor such events
- ❖ Will need further discussion
  - A proposal will need to be drafted for the Dean to approve
- ❖ Possible Idea: Interprofessional Beer Garden (since Dentistry and Med do it as well)

**3.4 Mr. Pharmacist event Friday February 7, 2014 (Ying, Mandy)  
CAPSI/PhUS collaboration for other schools (UofA, etc)**

- ❖ CAPSI/PhUS collab –for next year (now would be too late)
- ❖ Stephen want it to be on a bigger scale event as like in other universities
  - In U of A → they can raise about \$20, 000
  - There are a lot of universities that are expanding this event
  - Start building up this event and make everyone more and more aware of it
- ❖ Mandy talked to U of A → to get their logistics; she says that U of A involved the media to raise attention and awareness to the event and make it big!
- ❖ Possible date to do it in October?
- ❖ Possible to combine it with other events with PhUS
  - Talked about Skits Night but this night is too big of an event to join
- ❖ Best to have a Committee set up for this to organize logistics (+ Chair/Co-Chairs)
  - Right now it is a joint effort between CAPSI and Kappa Psi (for alcohol sales as fundraiser from themselves)

**4.0 Round Table**

<b>Faculty, Secretary, VP Internal, VP Social, VP Finance, Communications, Senate, Grad, Kappa Psi, CHIUS, HSSA</b>	Nothing to Report
<b>President</b>	Facebook proposals and working on the Beer Garden event
<b>VP External</b>	<p><b>-BCPhA Speaker Series – Feb 7<sup>th</sup></b> is in the works they are still finding a speaker, and once confirmed ads will be up soon</p> <p><b>-Pfizer Talk – Nutrition talk</b> are asking for suggestions on catering because they find having pizza is opposing their topic of nutrition. → they will cover catering (not from our budget)</p> <p>Got an email from Medical, stating that they are having a Medical and Dental have a Spring event on March 8<sup>th</sup> → he will share information regarding this event.</p>
<b>VP Sponsorship</b>	<p>-Is in contact with Tian to figure out what’s going with the sponsors</p> <p>-There are 2 sponsors for the Cake and Champagne for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Years → But incoming Grad Co-Chairs have not been determined yet</p> <p>-Currently in discussion with Shoppers, package has not yet been sent to Shoppers; last year there were some difficulties especially in regards to Gala. Tom would like to avoid those difficulties</p>

<b>VP PR</b>	Sweater orders – Deadline will be today (Jan 22) PAM – first meeting committee is tomorrow →If you want to still volunteer you are welcome to do so, please contact Charles and/or Moh
<b>Sports Rep</b>	-Year Reps please announce to those who are going on the Ski Trip that the bus is leaving for Whistler on <b>Friday at Gage 5:30pm</b> -Will be putting in a deposit for Sports Night to SRC for <b>March 14<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year</b>	Poll going on for the year event Some are opposed to having a joint even with the other years
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>	Poll going on right now for Year event – possible joint event with the other years
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year</b>	
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Year</b>	Election for Year Rep will be on Friday
<b>CAPSI</b>	Bi-Elections for National positions are this Jan 28 <sup>th</sup> →Anyone Interested in running: there are 6 positions available →Talk to Stephen and Moh, you will also need the following: a CV, letter of intent, and a 5min video speech that will be posted online and a viewing session will be available before voting
<b>LKS</b>	CPR- Events to be held Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> for those who need it! LKS and Rho Chi will be in a joint task to run Community Presentations – Focus Group meeting tomorrow; Jan 23, 12-1pm
<b>Rho Chi</b>	-Sexual Health Awareness Booth with Nurses on Campus collab next week at different places in UBC (residents mostly) -Community presentations joint task with LKS - Focus Group meeting tomorrow; Jan 23, 12-1pm
<b>PSSJ</b>	<b>PDW Health Fair</b> → U of A – approached them about how to start one at their university →starting to make it national! Welcoming submissions → <b>June 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline</b> – rolling submission system
<b>Yearbook</b>	Valentine’s Day Choco-grams and Rose-a-grams will start selling at the end of this month – watch out for more information.
<b>CSHP</b>	Renewing CSHP Members – Student membership is now January to January →Mitch will be sending out an email with regards to that

Meeting adjourned at: 12:56pm

Moved  Mitch Prasad ; Seconded  Patrick Falkiner

That PhUS council adjourns the meeting.

**Approved: All | Objections: None | Abstained: None**