

Undergraduate Pharmacy Society Meeting #6 Minutes
Tuesday November 4, 2008 – 5:00 pm

Attendance: James, Christine, Alex, Brenna, Linda, Keith, Giana, Mike, Sassha, Rachel K., Meaghan, Brandon, Paul, Anna H., Jadie, Elnaz, Koren, Rachel F., Ruby, Yuan, Anna W., Shaun, Matt, Stephanie, Tina, Rasha, Yvonne

1) Call to Order: Time: 5:05

2) Motion to Commence: 1st: Matt 2nd: Stephanie

3) Motion to accept previous meeting minutes: Tuesday October 20, 2008
1st: Yuan 2nd: Keith

4) Executive Reports

a) President's Report: James

i. Communication

- Overall, we can do better in the way that we communicate with each other
- Emails:
 - Please make sure that you are reading them all the way through and replying where appropriate
 - Please follow up on the emails that you send
 - Please target emails to specific people where necessary before emailing the entire group
 - Please watch your tone
- Keep your committees informed as much as you can regarding what they should be doing, etc.
- Better communication will make us a more effective and efficient council as a whole

ii. UPS Christmas Party

- UPS usually does a Secret Santa type event (tandem unwrapping of gifts with stealing, etc.)
- Cost will be \$20 (please try to not go over)
- This will be done at the last meeting before Christmas → please bring a gift if you are interested in participating

iii. Office/Meeting Room Maintenance

- A really good job was done cleaning the office, meeting room and storage room but it now appears that people are simply tossing things into the rooms again
- Please make use of the lockers, storage room, etc. and try your best to put things where they belong
- When necessary some things can be temporarily stored in the meeting room/office (ex. Job Fair stuff)

5) Position Reports

a) *External: Mike and Sassha*

- i. CU Advertising
 - After meeting with Finance and other interested parties it has been decided that the Pharmakon will be going back to CU advertising to help fundraise
 - We would prefer that all of the ads be related to pharmacy but are open to having non-pharmacy companies as long as it is professional
 - None of the money that has already been raised for the Pharmakon will be split with CU
- Shaun entered
 - The contract will not be signed until after External Affairs has more information from the reps of CU and the contract will be presented to UPS before it is signed
- ii. GenPharm
 - They expect to have the final answer about the box seat tickets for the Leafs and Raptors by tomorrow
- Anna H. and Sassha entered
- iii. Calendar update
 - After talking to the Reps from CU it seems that a full color calendar would cost about \$000 but they are trying to see if other companies would be able to lower the cost of production
 - If there is not enough money raised we would not be penalized and CU is confident that they could raise enough to cover the cost of the calendar
 - There is still concern that this is not something the student body would be interested in
 - This would be done so that it could be distributed in the fall with the Key
- iv. Website Advertising
 - The Engineering Society at UofC has been doing advertising on their website with CU and is making ~\$9000 a year (they receive ~\$4500 after the split)
 - It is found on their website in a section titled "Career Opportunities"
 - There is concern that our website does not have enough traffic for sponsors to be interested in advertising there → Mike believes that companies are charged a flat rate to post the ad regardless of the traffic on our website
 - This would probably be done in conjunction with sponsoring the yearbook, etc. (i.e. if they sponsor the Pharmakon they will be able to have an ad on our website)

- v. Murray's Blog
- The Monograph had a request for a new sponsor who writes a blog and would like to advertise in the paper
 - The editors and External Affairs have thought about it and felt it necessary to assess the content of the blog before they go forward with it
 - The content is mostly quite tame but there are a couple of articles on more controversial topics that are being assessed by members of the student body who are more aware of the topics discussed
 - They are requesting that everyone on UPS have a look at the blog and offer feedback by Thursday
 - He is already advertising with the Varsity and the Monograph already has a disclaimer that states the opinions in the articles are not the opinion of the university, faculty or UPS → we could look into having an additional disclaimer with the ad for this blog (some people feel that this is necessary while others do not)

b) Past President: Alex

- i. Referendum
- Voting took place yesterday and today and the ballots were counted by Mike, Anna W., and Keith (thank you!)
 - There were 329 ballots cast out of a possible 947 (35%)
 - 247 yes (75%), 82 no (25%)
 - Feedback on the process
 - While we recognize that there was not an overwhelming turnout it is felt that we did everything that we could (you can not force people to vote)
 - It may have been beneficial to have clearer signage (due to the number of things taking place in the atrium over the past week including Metro passes, UTSU voting, Semi-Formal tickets, etc.)
 - It is felt that having two days of voting provided ample time for students to vote and it is not believed that a better time could have been found (to avoid midterms, etc.)
 - Students were well informed of the issue and the voting times via listserves, town-hall presentations, etc.
 - There was a suggestion that ballots be passed out in class and then students can return them to the ballot box but according to the UPS constitution all voting must take place in the atrium (to ensure that the voting is fair)
 - While the townhalls were very effective it may have had more impact (on voter turnout, etc.) if they could have taken place the day before voting (rather than having the weekend lag time) but this did not work with the schedule that UPS originally set

- ❖ Motion: Be it resolved that the Undergraduate Pharmacy Society general council ratify the referendum results to the question: *"The Undergraduate Pharmacy Society is proposing an increase to its student society fees, starting in the 2009-2010 fall/winter academic year. This fee would increase by \$5.62 per session from \$30.38 to \$36.00 per session. Consequently, annual fees would increase from \$60.76 to \$72.00 per fall/winter academic year. *Question*: Are you in favor of a \$5.62 per session fee increase in the membership fees of the Undergraduate Pharmacy Society, starting in the 2009-2010 fall/winter academic year. YES-NO"* with a 75% approval rate (247 votes in favor)
 - 1st: Meaghan
 - 2nd: Anna w.
 - Abstain: 0
 - Reject: 0
 - Accept: 14 --> motion passed

6) New Business

- Semi-formal tickets are on sale now
- Yvonne's update:
 - We have received the bracket and cable hookup for the TV in the lounge as well as a table, microwave and kettle
 - We have received a trolley for UPS use
 - We have received clocks that will be put in the classrooms in a place withere they are visible to the class and the professors
 - A service order has been placed to have the locks on the cabinets in the office changed (will be done in the next couple of weeks)
- Pharmacy Job Fair is this friday (12:30 – 3:30)
- The acquisition of more keys is in progress
- The Key is not in yet

7) **Motion to Adjourn:** 1st: Mike 2nd: Brandon
Time: 5:38

8) **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, Nov. 18th @ 5pm