McMaster Social Sciences Society
2022/2023 Executive Meeting

ATTENDEES

Present:

- President: Tuqa Al Rammahi
- VP Admin: Tracy Lee
- VP External: Myra Mansoor
- VP Academic: Alison Rogers

Absent:
- VP Finance: Dawn Abbas
- VP Programming: Navi Abbas

AGENDA

President
- Met with the dean for the first time!!
    - Updated him about all that we are up to
    - Asked or possible for all SOCSCI students and their emails —> no because of privacy reasons
    - QRcodes for people to sign up for newsletters and such
    - Pop up on msss website
    - Meeting to discuss how to send emails for all SOCSCI students —> with VP External
    - SOCSCI is very broad and hard to create a specific vision to outsiders —> try to figure out how to bring SOCSCI students together in their own program
        - I.e., mock trial for SOCSCI students
        - Hard to pinpoint polisci into one idea that's accurate for all students —> each student has different ideas and goals
        - Event that faculty can have to bring students together? EEGC meeting —> teaching soft and hard skills?
- No sociology society update yet !

VP Admin
- Emailed program societies
- Need to email vps with when2meet

- One of the third party reps backed out :(
- Calendar update
- 15 and 16 no interviews
- Extend reviewing applications to June 11 then schedule interviews

VP Programming
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VP Finance
- Reviewed budget with tuqa on Monday
    - Increases to a lot of certain budgets
    - Mindful that we are going back in person
    - Approved first draft of budget
- First year guide and academic survival guide
    - Physical copies?
    - QR Code?

VP External
- MSSS account on outlook?
    - Prefer under McMaster domain
    - Wants everything in one place
- One shared Microsoft email for communication ?
- Will look into it
- Blinding applications
    - Closed applications !
- Two applications that were late
- To avoid feeling like settling—> if don't like applicant, put up position again in Sept alongside first year rep
- Calendar on website
    - Program societies will have to tell VP external their events

VP Academic
- First year survival guide
    - Printing physical copies —> will be wasteful in the end
    - QR code !
    - Card with QR code on it?
- Meeting with Nicole (student experience coordinator) about mentorship program
    - Someone said they had a bad experience —> felt mentor didn't care much and more training would be better
    - Group chat for mentors as a support!
        - Messenger (bc upper years use it more)
    - Up to Alison if she wants to accept or hire mentors
    - Discord
        - Having separate channel for mentors and mentors
        - Can post events mentorship program specific
        - Initiative to post own stuff

- Same timeline
    - Soft launch during WW
    - Beginning of oct end of sept train
- Microsoft
    - Ask IT guy if can use McMaster emails or not for form
- Follow up end of July with timeline and meeting with Econ president
- Some money in budget for Econ specific events

ACTION ITEMS

- Idea about how to have SOCSCI event to bring students together

- Review applications by June 11

- Fill out when2meet regarding interview availabilities

NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA