

## MSAND COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2006  
5.30pm

**Present:** Jan Rusman, Al Scarr, Bernie Cregan, Annie Ryan, Hannah Forward, Pallas O'Hara, Katrina Heggie, Dan Shorter, Tim Slattery, Janelle D'Souza, Anna Robson, Jennifer Lee.

**Apologies:** Gillian Skardoon.

### 1. Discussion regarding Meeting Time

- All agreed that Tuesday at 5.30pm was still the best meeting time
- Bernie to act as timekeeper/chair so that items are given allocated time.
- Agreed that reporting by Chairs can often take place in documented form so that more time can be left in the meetings to discuss the more salient points/brainstorm as necessary.

**ACTION:**

*All to sent documentation of report items to Annie two days before the meeting and also items for discussion.*

### 2. Social Justice

- Phil organizing Freo Doctors and is going to get back to Pallas.
- There is a form currently being developed for Social Justice requirements but Pallas is still awaiting Mellville Volunteer Centre to get in contact with her regarding a sorting a database of possible Social Justice activities.
- Discussion regarding Social Justice and the 'Charity Arm' of MSAND. Pallas extremely busy with the Developing World Conference and would appreciate other students helping brainstorm and drive some of these activities if possible.

**ACTION:**

*Pallas to put up announcement and notice for expressions of interest for helping in this area to brainstorm ideas for MSAND's major charity events this year and will look to hold a meeting early after Easter.*

### 3. President Update

- Reported that the Exec is now meeting fortnightly as per discussion last Council Meeting and this is going well.  
Jan reported that in terms of behaviour 2<sup>nd</sup> year is getting a 'bad wrap' in terms of behaviour. Discussion regarding what is appropriate for

**ACTION:**

*MSAND to do to deal with some of these issues and it was agreed that it was important to support the academic staff.*

### 4. Portal Meeting

- Kat, Rhys, and Al met with Maureen Dawson regarding the portal and the proposed changes as suggested by the students. This group will continue to meet with Maureen and she will then discuss issues with the IT Department.
- Some changes have started to take place on the portal but it is going to be a slow process.

**ACTION:**

*All to communicate to all Medical Students regarding the positive changes to the Portal that have happened so far and the things that we would like to see happen in the future. Possibly in Notre Damus/Announcements. Great publicity for MSAND!*

- Webpage – All to drive the development of the Webpage and will discuss issues with Rhys.

**ACTION:**

*All to look at UQ Medical Society as an example of a great webpage!  
All to feedback development of Webpage at next MSAND Council Meeting.*

**5. Education**

- Lecture series – United Medical to Sponsor. These are going to be a major MSAND event. To hold four lectures on Thursday nights throughout the year. Suggested topics include:
  - Orthopaedics in the Developing World
  - Life on the Surgical Training Program
  - Juggling your Family Life and Medicine

**ACTION:**

*Hannah to coordinate. Will meet with Kat and Annie to sort out logistics and dates etc. All to publicize!*

- Jono Chambers has approached Kat with suggestion of having informal times for both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> years to practice Clinical skills with each other. All agreed that this could work especially closer to exams

**ACTION:**

*Kat to discuss further with Jono*

- Family/Partner Support. Kat said that Adrian Bower had discussed this at the Friday meeting and suggested that MSAND should develop this further. All agreed that we need to find out what those students with children/partners would ultimately want and also promote to Adrian that there are events planned with a specific Family/partner focus eg. Family Picnic Day Planned, Lecture with Family Life theme. Ultimately it was agreed that MSAND could help get the appropriate students partners in contact and hopefully this communication will lead to a formal support structure.

**ACTION:**

*Janelle to coordinate. Announcement to go on the Portal calling for people to be involved as will look to discuss wants/priorities.*

**5. Social**

- Ball on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May. Awaiting band and sorting After Party. Slat's has sent out staff invites and will get a list of Sponsorship invites from Hannah. Tickets are being sold on Wednesdays and Fridays.

**ACTION:**

*All to promote Ball!!! Slat's to send out Sponsorship invites and will report back on development with the after venue.*

- Footy Tipping has started and going well. Discussion to drop the price of entry to \$15.00.
- Allied Health Show this Thursday!

- Still looking to sort Sports Day with WAMSS but finding a date is proving difficult. Sporty Jono is currently still trying to work out a date in May but if this is not possible will look to have volleyball competition at the end of year when the weather is warmer.
- Orient Hotel on Fridays has really taken off – need to perhaps promote more.

**ACTION:**

*Annie and Slats to meet to discuss possible dates of WAMSS event, Orient Hotel Nights and Grand Final Day.  
Annie to get from Janelle a timetable of 1<sup>st</sup> Year Friday finish times.*

## **6. Treasurer's Update**

- Al gave a report on budget to date  
Sponsorship money still being allocated. \$3500 set aside for the Website and also \$1000 for lecture series.

## **7. Sponsorship Update**

- Hannah and Annie met with Roger from United Medical. Hannah has been following this up.
- Meeting with WAGPET next week.
- Logo still being finalized.

**ACTION:**

Hannah to put together letter head with logo while Graphic design department finalises this.

## **8. AMSA**

- Discussion regarding a way that Dan can communicate AMSA issues with the students.

**ACTION:**

*Dan to put an announcement on the portal calling for expressions of interest for students to get AMSA information sent to their email as appropriate. Dan to continue to circulate information to MSAND Council.*

- Leadership Development Workshop – Looking to develop a LDS workshop in WA and Dan would like suggestions of speakers.
- Convention 2006. Discussion regarding the fact that many Notre Dame students may have missed out on places.

**ACTION:**

Dan to email as a PRIORITY the possibility of getting more places (say 50) for Notre Dame students!!

- Convention Shirts. Discussion that these should also include the developing world conference is possible. WAGPET could be a possible Sponsor

**ACTION:**

*Dan to continue to coordinate. Annie will get him tshirt ordering information.*

## **9. First Year Issues**

- Janelle reported that the lack of Wireless internet is the main issues for first years thus far.
- Having a Salsa class on Wednesdays in the Gym. Discussed the idea of perhaps incorporating this into Friday afternoon

activity at the Orient perhaps the weekend before the Ball to get people in the theme.

**ACTION:**

*Janelle to discuss with Slats for further development if possible.*

- Janelle not meeting with Year coordinator at present.

**ACTION:**

*Janelle will look to set up these meetings with the Year coordinator as appropriate.*

**10.**

**Rural**

- Anna reported that NRHN has a position which has just been elected and filled by Fiona Langlon – 1<sup>st</sup> year Notre Dame student which is excellent.
- JFSS is currently happening and Anna will be on the interview panel in the next few weeks.
- Anna will look at coordinating a Rural Health Interest Group.
- Discussions regarding 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Rural Trip. Anna said that there has been much discussion regarding student's unhappiness with being billeted in Broome and will look to try and negotiate with Donna perhaps a non-billeting option

**ACTION:**

*Ongoing discussions between Anna and Donna Mak regarding the billeting in Broome.*

- SPINRPHEX Camp. Unfortunately this is on the same weekend as the Ball. At Pinjara Campsite and looks to be an excellent weekend. Will still promote heavily to Notre Dame students!!!

**11. Communication Issues**

- Minutes are now being posted to all students on the discussion boards.
- Invites going out to all Medical students to attend Council meetings if they wish but they MUST RSVP at least a week before and also send list of any items they want raised to Annie at this time.
- Notre Damus – going well. Lots of very positive feedback and also some negative feedback which has been dealt with appropriately. Much discussion regarding the fact that it is great to get constructive criticism about the Notre Damus and that by no means was it ever meant to offend but rather just be a means of communication as well as promoting a bit of a laugh and encouraging a 'balance' for all medical students. The Sponsors love it!!!

**ACTION:**

*Next issue due out on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May. Plan for a first year focus with report and photos from the wheatbelt trip....All to submit material to Annie for the edition.*

**12.**

**MSAND Award**

- Hannah reported that Welsh-Allen have donated a diagnostic set and it was suggested that this could be awarded as an MSAND

prize at the Ball to a Medical Student who has made the most outstanding Contribution to the Medical Student Body etc. It was agreed that this was a great idea. Nominations would have to be obtained from students and the decision to be made by Jan, Jenny McConnell and Mark McKenna.

**ACTION:**

*Announcement to go up on Portal and Notice Board for after the Easter Break to call for nominations. Jan to discuss with Jenny McConnell and Mark McKenna.*

**14.**

**Constitution Working Party**

- No meeting has happened to date.

**ACTION:**

*Berni as a priority.*

**15.**

**Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday the 16th of May**