

# MSAND MINUTES

MEETING TUE 29/07/08 PBL 9 1800HRS

## 1. Present

Ania, Pallas, Rob, Nat, Kia, Stu, Marcell, Glyn, Naomi, Dan, Meg

## Apologies

Luke, Eileen, Mo, Tim

## 1. Business arising previous meeting

a) Shirt update: Nat ordering M and F set. To put notice on website for interest in individuals purchasing them, should be about \$35. Will so a second run if needs be.

**Action: Nat** to order shirts

b) Portal: Pharmacology tab and search function: New Dean so in transition- have not got Pharmacology tab up and running yet, but will keep pressing the issue. Camilla informed meeting that search function has not been successful- apparently it said its too hard.

c) Jumper ordering update:

**Action:** To be sold with ball tickets. Glyn and Stu to bring in jumpers for sizing.

d) Med rescue: new date set: 4<sup>th</sup> October. Booked now. Fremantle council has put fees on hiring: \$130.

## 2. 4<sup>th</sup> Year reps

a) Intern offers: First round offers out now. Every Australian student who studied in WA got their first preference.

b) Clinical sundowner: Had dramas with location. Now is going to be held at school. Date now out- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Aug.

c) Grad events update and funding: Have met with Glyn and Nat re this. MDA national cocktail party joint with UWA, grad lunch put on by school, party at Kulcha, bowls, champagne breakfast. Ania has some ideas for possible sponsors. Nat to talk to them. Going to cost about \$11K in total, currently have \$3.5K. Need to come up with this money.

**Action: Nat and Pallas** to work on Grad event funding

d) Book sale: Idea to have towards end of year. Maybe have it tagged onto an educational event. Meg to schedule this for a September Edu event. Dan to make classifieds open to public so new students also have access to this

**Action: Meg** to schedule book sale for later in the year

## 3. 3rd Year reps

Sent apologies

## 4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Year rep

a) Date for halfway dinner: Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. Should be semi formal event. Cash bar to keep ticket prices down. Possibly at Moore and Moore.

b) Exam review:

**Action: Rob** to enquire about getting MSAT back. Also to chase up weighting of exam.

Action: Rob to get onto

c) Ania thinks people need to be reminded of Lecture etiquette as there have been some incidents of unacceptable and rude behavior lately.

## 5. 1<sup>st</sup> Year reps

a) Have been working closely with school re problems. Eg. lack of consistency in clinical skills teaching, poor proof reading of exams, not enough feedback from formative exams. Got feedback from year group by discussing as CD groups which seemed to work well.

b) Naomi: Spoken to conference companies re getting tickets to health related events. We need something to give them in return: students can write up reviews in Notre Damus.

**Action: Naomi** to come up with Performa of way for students to apply and continue on getting this organized.

c) Getting new sponsors: would be good to come up with a model for what we can offer versus amount expected. AMSA now also entered into 2-3 year agreements with some of their sponsors which could be an option for the future

d) Pallas: Clinical skills nights- 4<sup>th</sup> years can help with this but finish in 8 weeks. Meg informed meeting that MSNAD and GPSN clin skills events happening soon

## 6. Social

a) Ball update: In 3 weeks time. Need to have an MC and someone to say a few words of thank-you and congratulations to fourth years and leaving staff members. Jenny can't make it, but Gavin may be able to attend and make a short speech. Plan also to have 4<sup>th</sup> year speaker. Possibly slide show, but expensive to pay for Sheraton to hire this- Ania looking into borrowing slide show equipment. Need at least 300 tickets sold to not have to pay room hire, max 320. Online sales finish Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Aug. Needs help on day to set up as can only get in after 3pm. Tickets to go on sale for after party next week.

Successful sponsorship drive: Perth Medical Laboratories and Littman, waiting on STA travel. These companies also keen to sponsor events next year. HBF and salary packaging are keen for next year, couldn't sponsor 08 Ball at such short notice. Non-drinking tickets. Cannot subsidize this year, but if make profit have offered to repay back.

b) Red Party: 12<sup>th</sup> September.

c) Footy update: Dates confirmed 5<sup>th</sup> Sept ND v WAMSS, 19<sup>th</sup> Sept ND v Law. At East Fremantle Oval. Also going to have pre-game match on day of ball (morn) as warm-up game. After party to be organized.

d) Ania: General consensus that MSAND not doing enough, people wondering what getting for their money. Maybe need to go to lectures more and give updates more often about what is coming up and how we are advocating for the students. Face to face.

**Action: Gaby** to organize attending first year lecture

e) Suggestion for next year: first year/second year survival guide style lunch early in semester.

## 7. Education

a) Exam restructure for next year. Half-yearly exams are going to be worth 30% for first year and 40% for second year. Need to pass all 3 papers individually or be within two standard deviations of the mean to pass overall. 3<sup>rd</sup> year, after every second rotation and then at end of year. If fail one rotation, have to do remediation of that rotation.

Issues:

If having 30% disadvantages people from non-science background. Maybe drop to lower weighting?

Need to have practice papers and quizzes in place.

Will have big impact on social program and MSAND committee members.

Will we get feedback on mid-year exams if now summative?

Worry that this year exams were not formalized this year, eg. examiners were not briefed.

Need to have formative exam earlier in the year to prepare for summative mid year exams.

Also need study vacation before mid year exams .

First years now only have one week Stu Vac at end of year (usually two)

**Action:**

**First year reps and Meg** to construct a survey to ask first years about their thoughts on the stu vac situation and on split of exams next year. Aim for next wed PBL- 6<sup>th</sup> Aug. .

**Meg** to talk to Camilla re exam split and go to next assessment committee meeting.

Need to ensure that decisions made at the assessment committee meetings are being made on behalf of cohort.

b) Company contracted to do survey consultants, jnr medical staff and students on STI screening programs. Wanting to get people doing focus groups in third and fourth years.

**Action: Meg** to forward info to Kia

c) Educational events:

August:

7<sup>th</sup>: Andrew Tooke: Coroners court

8<sup>th</sup> MED 200 MIPS medico legal workshop

13<sup>th</sup> RCS interviews

MED 100 MIPS medico legal workshop lunchtime

14<sup>th</sup> Medicus San Frontiers talk evening: Dr Yaman. Experiences from Africa

18<sup>th</sup> Clinical years MIPS medico legal workshop evening

Other options for further events: Close the gap DVD from global health conference, ED consultant: violence in ED, Clinical skills night

d) Should do thank-you for Jenny and Adrian towards the end of the year.

e) Vinnay Kumar is coming to Perth for conference at end of year

**Action: Meg** to contact to try to get to ND!

## 8. AMSA

a) Convention successful. Second in emergency challenge and tug of war.

- b) National leadership development seminar coming up. Three spots available to attend. Has applied to faculty for funding to help with \$450 cost per person.
  - c) LDW 19<sup>th</sup> Aug. Theme is collaboration ND and UWA. Lots of big name speakers eg. Fiona Stanley, Lou Landaou, rep from doctors in training, Rosana Capolingua.
  - d) Blood drive underway now for month of August
  - e) Suggestion: Maybe have tab on website for contact to MSAND committee and to start and elective data base.
  - f) Get a GP campaign: idea for end of year.
  - g) Idea to set up tutoring groups for older and younger years.
- \* Some of these ideas are great for promoting MSAND as a body for student advocacy rather than just event organizers.

## 9. Social Justice

- a) Med rescue: New date 4<sup>th</sup> October. Advise to try alternate event next year.
  - b) Need to get social justice hours in.
- Action:** Camilla to come into lecture bash with Kia and Gaby
- c) MSF talk: BBQ fundraiser to contribute to their organisation
- Action:** **Camilla** to assist organizing BBQ in next couple of weeks for MSF

## 10. IT

- a) **Action:**
- Dan** to write up for Notre Damus to promote website and forum.
  - Dan** to attend lecture to show first years how to use and promote
  - Dan** to put minutes up on website

## 11. Publications

- a) Please get articles in

## 12. Rural Apologies

## 13. President

- a) End of year formalities
- Action:** **Everyone** to read the constitution prior to AGM.  
Eg. issues such as not attending more than three meetings means removal from committee
- Everyone**
- 1) Paragraph each regarding years activities. What you have liked about the role and things for next year  
Deadline: Next meeting
  - 2) Handover to Kia by end of October
- b) Elections: Dates set  
25<sup>th</sup> September Nominations open  
Possibility of Election Voting online- could have laptops set up.
  - c) Kia met with Gavin Frost (new Dean). Is very approachable person. Will set up exec meeting in coming week.

**Action: Kia** to set up meeting with Dr Frost

d) Are committee happy to make sports portfolio as part of election? Not in constitution but election is prior to AGM. –Something for pre-AGM meeting.

**Action: Gaby** to schedule pre-AGM meeting to discuss further. Current feeling is to vote one in now and they will not have voting rights till after AGM. Alternatively, make it first role of new committee to vote on a Sports rep.

#### 14. Vice President

- a) Nat is going to be going through agreements to ensure we have met obligations
- b) Concern re defense force opportunities: need to ensure they get enough sponsorship exposure. Possibly EMC challenge at sports day to increase exposure.

#### 15. Treasurer

- a) Has looked at financial status, should be able to deposit \$5k in the future fund.
- b) Sent off incorporation documents, should be sorted out within next week. Next thing coming up is public liability insurance. .

#### 16. Secretary

- a) Fun run: Bridges to Books date set for 14<sup>th</sup> September. Committee feels that a 6km distance is reasonable. Vision Vietnam will be running a breakfast afterwards to raise money for this cause
- b) Upcoming dates list has been compiled. Please refer to it as many events coming up.

#### 17. General Business

- a) Promoting MSAND committee membership to clinical years  
-Having more of a clinical focus to MSAND so it keeps remaining relevant to third and fourth years. Need to look at this especially when moving towards election time of year. Possibly creating new VP position for clinical years.
- b) Stu has idea of online voting.  
**Action: Dan** to look into the possibility of online voting for upcoming elections
- c) Histopath: Camilla has copied them for all PBL rooms.
- d) Issue of meeting attendance of committee members  
**Action: Kia** to follow up

Meeting closed 2045pm

Next meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> September