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## March Meeting Agenda:

OHSU Student Council (SC)

3/9/12, 12:00-1:00/1:30pm

Location: MRB 310

Called to order: 12:00pm

Attendants: Molly Harding (SOM-Grad), Nate Risley (DS2), Allison Anacker (SOM Grad), Will Giardino (SOM Grad), Chris Denton (MS4), Ali Christi (MS3), Joe Kent (MS2), Karen Serresun (Asst Vice Provost Student Life), Derek Musashe (SOM Grad), Jesse Hollander (DS4), Vijay Patel (DS4), Kristin Belford (SON), Victor Tsuy (MS1), Monica Luttrell (MS1), Quinn Martin (DS2), Mike Daher (Pharm 3), Jane Xing (DS4, Traci Saito (DS2), Charlie Muraki (DS4), Heather Ennis (Asst. Director Student Center), Joan Feraco (March Wellness)

- **Welcome/Food/Drinks** (10 minutes)
- **Approval of Past Minutes** (1 minute): **There was a 1<sup>st</sup> motion, a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, and full approval of the past meeting minutes.**
- **Funding Request** (10 minutes):
  - **SRF/Research Week** (Allison Anacker): This first annual OHSU-wide research conference will showcase the diversity and excellence of research being performed by faculty, students, research-ranked employees, post-docs, staff and others across all schools, centers, institutes and education programs at OHSU. The call for abstracts will be sent out today Friday March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012. They had about 100 students present last year and are expecting the same if not more. The total budget for the event is \$37,000. We are requesting \$2,000 from the Student Council. **There was a 1<sup>st</sup> motion, a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, and a majority vote to approve \$2,000 for the Student Research Week. One member of the council objected.**
- **New Business** (10 minutes):
  - **Incidental Fees Task Force** (Jesse Hollander): The survey results have come in and they have shown that the school bookstore is not used to its full potential. We will transition into using this space in a more effective way. We will be planning on having a vendor fair where mandatory student purchases can be purchased. The teaching and learning center will be organized and turned into a program that will help students who have failed a course or are looking for a way to improve the way that they study. The results with March Wellness have shown that the majority of students would like to see the fees decrease to a more competitive rate.

- **Dr. Mladenovic:** Our school is different from other undergraduate programs. Unfortunately there is a very high faculty to student ratio and it takes a lot of overhead to cover all of the costs of the institution. OHSU is a 2.1 billion dollar enterprise and very little of that budget comes from the state. Other sources come from tuition, but the majority comes from the clinics of OHSU. There are so many fees that go into one pot that it doesn't really matter where it comes from. Dr. Mladenovic wants to combine all of the fees that all the students pay for and lump everything up into tuition. This will allow all students to know exactly what their tuition is. It will also allow the University to tackle the big picture problems such as tuition and health care insurance for the students. Then the student council will be able to define the student fees that will support the budget that the student council uses for its own activities such as the social events, community outreach events, and student supported activities. More information on this subject will be provided as progress with this plan is moved forward.
- **Student Position on Board of Directors** (Derek Musashe): There is a student position on the Board of Directors. It is a two-year commitment and applications are due to David Robinson by March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012. If you are interested in applying, turn in a CV with a cover letter regarding your interest to [provost@ohsu.edu](mailto:provost@ohsu.edu).
- **American Heart Association Heart & Stroke Walk** (Karen Seresun): This event will be held on Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Vera Katz Eastbank Esplanade in Portland. Fliers will be passed out. If you are interested in participating you can visit the website [www.pdxheartwalk.org](http://www.pdxheartwalk.org). Dr. Robertson is the chair of this run, and there needs to be a great support from the students. Team captains are welcome to attend information meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 11pm to 1pm in the BICC Gallery.
- **Student Service Awards Ceremony** (Nate Risley): Set for Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Need two more people to help plan the event. Michael Daher and Monica Luttrell have volunteered to join Kristin Belford and Nate Risley in planning the event.
- **New executive council for 2012-2013** (Jesse Hollander): Applications are due on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The new council will be announced on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The elected officers will start on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Jesse Hollander will send out more information concerning applications.
- **Georgian Visitors** (Nate Risley): We will have visitors from the country of Georgia on Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012. This group is made up of mainly student leaders who are

looking to gain experience on how schools around the US set up their student government, what their role is, and how they elect officials. If you are interested in being involved with this visit please email Nate Risley at [risley@ohsu.edu](mailto:risley@ohsu.edu).

- **Regular Updates** (20 minutes):
- **Student Health Insurance Committee** (Molly Harding): The yoga and times for meditation have changed. Keep an eye out in an email for those changes. There will be changes to our health insurance. The cost will not change, but some of the benefits will be changing. Health insurance will be required to pay for contraceptives for women. Unfortunately to keep the premium the same, the deductible will be raised to \$500.
- **Student Newsletter Committee** (William Giardino): The Pulse is being worked on right now. He will bring a couple posts from the website Speak out. The deadline for the next Pulse will be March 31<sup>st</sup>. Email [giardino@ohsu.edu](mailto:giardino@ohsu.edu). All content is welcome from the students. Pictures are welcome. Hopefully we will be able to bring in the printed copies before the next student council. There may be a portion where you could “ask the expert,” that would allow the students to ask someone questions.
- **Student Center Planning Committee** (Karen Seresun): Construction is on schedule. Will be done after March 19<sup>th</sup>. Stress relief day will be held on Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. You can sign up for free massages at [www.mysignup.com/ohsu\\_massage](http://www.mysignup.com/ohsu_massage). Wellness seminars by the student health staff on topics of sleep solution, stress management and yoga will be presented. Food, beverages and prizes will be provided for students. The Mug’O’Joe event will be at noon on Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Student Center. All students are welcome and lunch will be provided.
- **Intramurals** (Heather Ennis): Intramural registration for next season starts March 12<sup>th</sup> (next Monday).
- **March Wellness** (Joan Feraco): There will be 3 workshops in March: Yoga 101 held on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am; “Ask the Trainer” will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 5pm. This will be a great opportunity for students to ask any questions that they have about working out; and the American Heart Association walking groups train on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00-12:50pm starting April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **Library** (Judith Norton): TED MED- this is like ted talks but for those interested about medical topics. It will be a live streaming event. More information will be coming up on the library website. Reminder that there are free Inter-library loans (ILL) for students starting on April 10<sup>th</sup>. There is a cap of 10 requests per quarter. If you think you are going to go over

that amount, and you are doing your own original research, please talk to Judith Norton and she will try to work with you.

\*\*\*Next Meeting: Friday, April 13th, 2012\*\*\*, 12:00-1:00/1:30pm MRB 310