

Student Surgical Society of the Austin – Minutes

15th of October 2007 6pm - 7:30-pm

Apologies:

1. Ying
2. Efrant
3. Stephanie
4. Ruben

In Attendance:

1. Mali
2. Kevin
3. Alison
4. Angel
5. Arun
6. Adam
7. Ben
8. Suddy
9. Jack
10. Kenny
11. Halina
12. Pamela
13. Carnjini

Meeting:

1. Constitution:

- The constitution is complete; changes can be made in future if needed.
- Excerpt to go on website
- Thanks Adam for doing most of the arduous work!

2. Calendar of Events:

- We will start using the calendar of events in Yahoogroups to prevent double booking of dates for SSSA events.
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sssaa/>
- Mali to meet with AMSS president (Christine Mandrawa) to prevent clashes with their events.
- A Calendar of events will be placed on the SSSA notice-board by Mali to publicize SSSA events

3. Funding:

- Still awaiting funding from Melbourne University
- Julie Miller is trying to organize emergency money- approx \$250, from Prof Christophi in the mean time
- We will aim to get future events sponsored.

- In future, sub committees are to advise Alison and Ruben of upcoming events so that sponsorship money can be organized.

4. Sponsorship:

- Ruben has been in contact with tyco who are only willing to provide material for suturing tute.
- Julie Miller has provided contacts of 3 potential sponsors to Kevin. This will be forwarded to Ruben to follow up.

5. Mentoring subcommittee update:

- Welcome Suddy to the committee and mentoring subcommittee!
- Ben has also teamed up with mentoring subcommittee.
- Survey developed by Adam, Ying and Efrant.
 - This will be forwarded to the surgeons through means of email and handing out at grand rounds. (Mali and Kevin to check with Prof)
 - Forms can be returned to the SSSA in Julie Miller's office.
 - Spare forms will be left on the SSSA notice-board in the common room.
- Mentoring interest forms:
 - will forward to surgeons next semester, hopefully after a good response from the survey.
 - The mentoring scheme will be mainly student initiated
 - Need to sort out how to match student with which surgeon
 - Adam to redraft form.

6. Careers subcommittee update:

- Talk on the 26th of November, plan for the evening:
 - 5:00 - 5:15 pm: Refreshments
 - 5:15 - 5:30: Efrant and Carjini to present
 - 5:30 - 6:30: 4 guest speakers to present 15 minutes each
 - 6:30 - 6:45: question time
- Total to \$150 can be used on the night:
 - 20 x \$5= \$100 pizzas from dominos (Suddy to organize)
 - \$20 for drinks, cups and serviettes
 - \$30 for presents
- Other clinical schools can also attend, but education tutorials are for Austin students only
- Subspecialty talks will begin next year as a series of events

7. Education subcommittee update:

- A series of lectures have been organized:

Venue: Austin clinical school's lecture theatre on level 4

Time: 5-6 pm

Dates and topics:

Wednesday	24 th of Oct	Mr Fink	Management of gallstone disease
Wednesday	31 st of Oct	Mr Sweeney	Gastrectomy
Wednesday	7 th of Nov	Mr Wiley	Colectomy and the surgical long case
Thursday	15 th of Nov	Mr Muralidharan	Appendicitis and Hernia

- Thanks to the subcommittee for a great effort with the “Surgical Instruments” tute from Ann Parker (Scrub Nurse Educator)
- Ann Parker’s notes to be uploaded onto SSSA website.

8. Suggestions for future events:

- To develop a feedback form to be collected on the day/night of the event.
- An emailing list can be developed from those attending events so that updates on future events can be sent out to them.
- A mailing list can also go on the SSSA notice-board so that interested students can get updates and emails sent directly to their accounts.

9. Website update:

- Website is still under construction.
- Things to put on website include: constitution, calendar of events, contact details, and also Ann Parker’s notes.

10. VIFM (Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine)

- Jack has emailed VIFM- awaiting response
- Propose that 2 students can go per fortnight.
- Jack will put together some form of education/ counseling material for students to receive prior to going.
- Might use SSSA notice-board to sign up.

Next meeting proposed: 6pm Monday the 29th of October. Last meeting for the year.