

## **AAPS-UK memorandum**

**to:** AAPS-UK Executive Committee

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**subject:** Minutes: Student Body Meeting on 1/23/01

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A meeting with the student body was held on 1/24/01 at 4 pm.

### **Members of the Executive Committee present:**

Josh Ayers, Chair

Bethel Sharma, Vice-Chair

Josh Ring, Treasurer

Chandra Patel, Historian

Christina Charriez, Secretary

Scott Webb, Past-Chair

**Graduate student room "Bullpen" update:** Dr. Blouin is currently trying to find money for computers. The bullpen is being refurbished for next year's incoming students (there will be ten desks; the copier and refrigerators will be removed). The Chair would like to ask for another computer to be added to the room and proposed each student have access to hard drive space and email capabilities. Phil Empey suggested that allocation of space on the pharmacy network be provided to first year students for the above purposes similar to the server network he established for the pharmacy residency program. The Past-Chair suggested that a meeting be set up to instruct first year students on how to set up email accounts.

**Update from the Chair:** The Chair updated the student body regarding his meeting with Dr. Anderson. An increase in the base stipend to competitive levels with that of the department of pharmacology in the college of medicine is being considered. This may occur in gradual installments, but it is unknown at this time when such a change will be made.

A new proposal for funding to send first and second year students to regional or national meetings without presenting a poster is being addressed. This may also include funds for senior students presenting posters at a second meeting. Currently all students who present posters are eligible for funding and are more likely to receive funding for trips in the fall semester.

The possibility of designing a hard copy booklet is being discussed with Dr. Anderson that would contain graduate student information similar to that of the web site plus photographs for faculty and incoming student use. The division may be able to share in the cost.

**Recruiting:** Dr. Bummer will be selecting current students to participate in pharmaceutical science graduate program candidate activities. The Chair would like to obtain funding to promote recruitment by senior students in our program. This would involve students returning to their undergraduate institution to illustrate the opportunities gained by studying in our program.

**AAPS news and proposals:** The chair along with several other committee members and students have expressed an interest in forming a co-ed intramural B-league sports team. Suggestions included flag football, soccer, volleyball, and softball.

In addition, the Chair would like AAPS to organize one or two activities this semester and submit a budget. Another event that will require funding is the next post-graduate conference, which is tentatively scheduled for the spring of 2002. The Chair would like to see the addition of a keynote speaker from industry to complement the group of alumni speakers who participate in this event.

The Past-Chair was approached by Kentucky American Water Company, who is seeking judges for the local science fair. The Chair will be instrumental in organizing this activity for those who are interested.

The Chair has proposed a monthly breakfast and information session entitled "Bullpen Brunch." In addition, regular meetings will be held with the student body twice during the fall and spring semesters and once during the summer.

The chair announced the officers of the executive committee to those in attendance. Lisa Middleton has been appointed to the position of MCIP representative. Furthermore, anyone who is interested in becoming involved with any of the faculty counsels in the future may see the Chair for information.

Fundraising was discussed. Several individuals expressed an interest in purchasing and selling sweatshirts. Heath Jennings suggested a raffle for local companies in order to win a spot on the back of the sweatshirts for advertisement.

Web site updates: The committee would like to request that each graduate student submits an update using the AAPS-UK provided template. For now, this does not need to consist of publications, posters and research interests. Instead, the committee asks that each student begin his or her biographical sketch by completing the demographic fields: name, email address, lab phone number, advisor, AGS, previous institutions of study, and hometown. Any other pertinent information including useful links are welcome.

**The following are activities on the current to do list:**

- Set up of pharmacy network space for first year students and instruction on the use of the system.
- Plan the first "Bullpen Brunch" to be held on a Wednesday at 8 or 8:15 am.
- It is time to renew AAPS national membership dues. Those who are interested can contact the Past-Chair on this matter.