

Meeting Minutes Jan 7th

1) Constitution Changes Update

- Asma D went over some constitution changes that she spoke with Asim about
- Changes were approved & will be presented to the General Body at the upcoming townhall

2) MSA Socials and Office Hours

- Weekly Wednesday social (5-7pm)
- Weekly Sister's social on Friday (after jumuah 2-4pm)
- Weekly Brother's social (Yo Bro!) on Friday evening
- some ppl think we're having too many socials i.e. Wed, and 2 on Fri
- would participation be a problem b/c of too many socials in one week?
- no, they appeal to different people during diff times of the year
- we might even get a variety of ppl show up that normally don't come to our events
- rules for attendance of exec :
 - 5 hours/week of office hours (Mon - Fri 12-1pm),
 - Wed 5-7pm (those who don't attend the office hours, must come to this)
 - Fri (optional, committee volunteers should take care of it, exec attendance optional)
- Asma D will make a doodle for who can make it for office hours
- if you aren't at a office hour, you must attend the social on Wed
- marketing: when we do Muslims on Campus we should also advertise for the socials
- Asma : Advertising and bookings for MSA social

3) Update on Islam Awareness Week

- Malcom x lec will be held as usual with SWJ on Thurs Jan 27 (now not part of IAW)
- shouldn't we address the need we have nowadays with Muslims being targeted? this is something to consider
- should we do the lecture with Hilel? is there a worth while dawah aspect here -- dispelling grievances between muslims and jews?
- suggestions for Sumaiya: working with Hilel seems like a worthy topic, just to dispel thoughts that muslims hate jews (vice versa)
- Lec 2: with Community Affairs, will contact Anton about this
- Dawah training workshop: Sr. Kathy won't be able to make it
- push workshop to end of Jan
- advertising should start on Mon Jan 11
- postering: prayer rooms, handout at Jumuah

4) Muslims on Campus - Townhall (Jan 20 Hart House music room)

- Asma D will send the powerpoint to Asma ali
- postering: Rifa and the TMV!!!
- we still need to look into this, since TMV will probably not go everywhere
- we need to get to the colleges!
- posters should be left in the msa office and all exec should pick them up and put them around
- Emmanuel college: shahina
- OISE: Asma ali
- NMC buildings: Anton
- Med Sci, Pharmacy prayer space: Sumaiya
- Anton will photocopy the small leaflet flyers for us
- Asma D needs to tell him how much

5) Update on RA

- Tajweed Halaqaa up and running soon

- updating year plan for next person coming in: dates will be revised, A Muslim's Guide (lost in hard drive, ??)
- Abdullah must give suggestions to the next RA coming
- Abdullah wants everyone to still keep in contact, drop him a line, say hi!
- Jumuah collections: Abdullah has to submit a combined record of everything to Sadia

6) WMSA

- discussion of proposal
- planning on contacting masajids
- there won't be an open islamic lecture at the beginning, so not to alienate the attendees
- location: find a place on campus, we are trying to get a gym, its hard to find a place near campus
- will there be an approval form/waiver for the high school kids
- Anton has to revise the proposal and send it to us
- planning on not segregating the event b/c of low attendance

9) Pro-Grad Fair

- we have: nursing, pharmacy, law....
- postering should start on Monday
- online stuff starts on Saturday
- Advertising: 9 days, will it be enough? posters should be in all faculties and colleges.
- target audience is 30, judging from previous years, this is based on what usually happens and hope
- audience and advertising should be based on need, eg. if 100 students are going into medicine next year and 30 are looking for advice and multiply this by the # of faculty's we have
- but its difficult to get ppl from each faculties or to even get more than one person from each faculty
- Nour has been trying to contact ppl from each faculty since November

10) Advertising for MSA events

- how many muslims do we have on campus? 3000 muslims !!!!!!!!!!!!! from 40 000 students on campus.
- We are the representative bodies of the muslims on campus!
- We should be having an audience of 300+ people at our events, based on the above numbers
- What are the types of advertising we are currently doing??
 - posters
 - MSA-L
 - Facebook
 - Twitter
 - Jumuah handouts
- What should we be doing?
 - Class announcements
 - Jumma announcements, loud and clear so the sisters at the back can hear
 - Varsity ads or articles
 - Media (CBC, the UofT radio, CP24)
 - Youtube (the msa can have a youtube channel and advertise events through it, more interesting than reading the msa-L)
 - advertising thru other campus groups
 - Handouts all over campus
 - table at sidney smith

- How many people do we need doing all of this?
 - an awesome team of 15 + people! = our committee JUST for advertising
- 1 week to complete and make the poster
- 2 weeks to distribute posters/flyers
- 1 week for students on campus to actually find out about the event and put it into their schedule
- Our goal: Every Muslim on campus should know about us, at least once during their 4 years!
- Form an advertising team!
- we have to get to the colleges
- "THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX"

12) Meeting Times

- we spend too much time on things that can be discussed over email
- other thoughts at the table
 - its important to have meetings
 - its good to have discussion for opinion
 - some discussions do go in circles, but what we should do is make them more efficient...how?
 - most ppl generally agree that meetings are important
- You must check email, being busy is not an excuse
- Suggestions
 - weekly meetings for admin
 - biweekly meetings for exec
- Next week: no exec meeting BUT we will have an admin meeting (exec are encouraged to come)
- Next next week: regular committee meeting
- after this we decide if we stick to this structure or not
- if people have concerns, they should convey them to the president

13) Maghrib Jamaat at Multi-Faith

- booked Multi-purpose room for Maghrib 5-5:30pm
- We should advertise this during Jumuah
- Advertise Maghrib prayer time at MFC multi-purpose room on the MSA-L

14) Online Minutes

- we discussed that we would post minutes on line in September, but we haven't yet

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm