February Council Meeting Minutes

1. Announcements
   ● Scholarships are now open to everyone
     ○ They close March 10th at 11:59pm
   ● Looking for scholarship graders - $50 Stipend
   ● Executive elections are coming up
     ○ Nomination form opens this Saturday March 2nd and close March 16th 2024

2. President’s Report
   A. February Recap
      ● Coffee with the Dean was today February 29th at 11am
      ● New tunnel mural painting coming soon!
      ● Research mixer night was earlier this month
        ○ Overall heard positive feedback

   B. Plans for March
      ● Scholarships
      ● Executive elections
      ● Transition reports

3. Vice-Presidents Reports
   I. External
      A. February Recap
         ● January blog post went up
         ● Merch is live on the SciSoc website
           ○ Have classic and winter themed designs!
         ● Working on plans for Career Night
           ○ Happening March 21st - Location TBD
           ○ Have 4 panelists so far from Biology, Physics, Math & Statistics, and Computer Science
II. Internal
   A. February Recap
      ● Met with elections officers to plan executive elections timeline
      ● Nominations open this Saturday
         ○ If you want to enter - please garner 10 signatures and keep an eye out on our social media accounts
      ● Tentative voting days - March 28th/29th
      ● Reach out to Nicole or Elections Officer if you’re interested in running
         ○ This is open to all current peripheral executives

III. Academic
   A. December and January Recap
      ● Scholarships open and are receiving applications
         ○ They close and grading starts on March 10th
         ○ Grading ends April 10th
         ○ Still looking for 5-10 additional graders
            ■ Message James if you want to apply!

IV. Communications
   A. February Recap
      ● Winter semesters giveaways have been going well (every Monday)
         ○ So far items like School supplies, Sports tickets, and Science Winter Formal have been given away!
      ● Working on organizing blood drive with Canadian Blood Services
         ○ Working with Canadian Blood Services to organize a blood drive in collaboration with SciSoc

V. Operations
   A. February Recap
      ● Facilitated payments for Science Winter Formal to Venue, Photographers, Decor, 360 Booth and more
      ● First Month of office hours has elapsed since last week, office hours giveaway winner will be announced by monday
      ● With low sponsorships this year, science winter formal went nearly $7,000 over the allotted budget. To accommodate, the science community fund (SCF) will be cut since it is already under budget cuts by ODS.
      ● With excess funds we will be okay, however we will need to reconstruct the
budget for upcoming years to account for low sponsorships due to budget cuts in the university and increasing prices of venues for Science Winter Formal.

VI. Programming
A. February Events Recap
   ● Valentine’s Day photoshoot
   ● SWF
   ● Team Bonding @ Lvl One
   ● Stem cell swabbing

B. Upcoming March Events
   ● Trivia Night w/ Dep Societies @ Ollie’s - March 20th
   ● Blood Drive - Date TBD
   ● Pi Day Bake Sale - March 14th

VII. Wellness
A. Event Updates
   ● Filled out room bookings and risk management forms for the recurring and one-time events.
     ○ (This has been an ongoing process as they changed the policies for this term).
   ● Re-started up recurring events such as running, book club, art therapy and meditation.
   ● Also had the valentines event and the Neuroscience + Health Science Departmental Events on February 28th.
   ● As well as began more detailed planning for other one time events happening in March
     ● such as rock climbing, skating, other books undercover event,
   ● Computer Science + Data Science Departmental Event

B. Other General Information
   ● Advertisement:
     ○ Promotion of events via Instagram posts and posters on the SciSoc Instagram account
     ○ Also continued using Instagram story pools to better plan for tools needed in certain events
• Meetings
  ○ The Wellness team returned to weekly meetings

4. Other Reports
• Nothing to report

5. Motions:
  a. Motion to Approve 2024 Writ of Election
     Approved (No objection, no abstentions)

Other business:
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