MUDS Minutes

Monday 24 July, 4.30pm- The Atrium

Agenda

1. Matter file
2. Policy for next year
3. Events- regressive debate, tournament, 8 debates
4. Womens
5. Worlds Adjs
6. MacFest
7. Portfolios

**Matter file**

Anna: usually rely on Lachlan updating it.

Mark: we don’t have permission to use it. I think Lachlan is uncomfortable in us using it.

Steph: we can rely on the current printed copies that we still have. Will need to brush up on our own general knowledge

**Policy for next year**

Anna: Mark said he wanted a mechanism for passing on ideas to new exec. I said that that is what handover for but that did not seem to address his intentions

Mark: we make decisions for certain reasons and whilst those decisions can be found the reasons are often lost. Handover docs don’t cover that as individuals simply outline portfolio requirements

Steph: often most contentious stuff doesn’t belong to a portfolio but exec as a whole

Mark: I want a document that is 1 or 2 pages with recommendations that we do as we go.

Steph: in the end it would serve the form of a memo?

Mark: yes but better to do it as we go. Should adopt this as a society in the future.

Anna: I think this should be passed later in the year.

Steph: we can approve it

Action item MARK- draft memo of recommendations (before Australs?)

**Events**

End of semester tournament idea which has been pushed later

Regressive debate

8 debates

Mark: I can’t get rooms in the first three weeks of next semester. Could only run it later in the semester. We could do a regressive debate on the first Wednesday back at uni with more experienced debaters?

Anna: I would like the tournaments to happen as we envisage them so it is necessary to have a time frame and work towards that.

Steph: I think that working out a barebone schedule and date (official weekend) within next week or two would be good

Mark: it would have to be in second term

Action item: Mark/Steph/Nigel to think about dates

**Womens**

Anna: as it stands, we didn’t actually just pass a trial policy for women’s. I suggest that it would be the same for Australs

Mark: I think old policy is better because we don’t have a limited number of teams

Anna: even if we don’t have same number of teams we may still have problems when numbers of debaters and adjs don’t match up.

Steph: we should use trials to form a pool of debaters and if it gets to the point that an adjudicator drops out unexpectedly then we adjust the teams

Nicola: then we have the same problems as we did at Easters of teams being changed

Anna: there is no way that we can guarantee that people will not drop out

Mark: I’m happy for it to work as either the new or old procedure. I think old would be better

Steph: Women’s has always operated as a mini and several people have already made arrangements to debate together

Mark: I will adjust the old policy and send it around

Action item MARK: review old selection policy

*Anna: I propose that we do not subsidise Womens*

*Mark seconds*

*All in favour*

*Passes unanimously*

**Worlds Adjs**

Anna: Need to tentatively put forward a name and list experience for an adj spot. The tournament can then take it away if the candidate is not comparable. We may need to arbitrarily submit candidates

Mark: I recommend trial by resume

Ryan: People likely to get adj spots are likely to get debating spots

Anna: Problem is that it is too far in advance. We should select someone and have spot reserved then can change it later

Mark: I am happy to put my name down

Steph: think we need to send resume of best adj experience, such as Anna or nicola as they are more likely to secure a spot. Then do adj trials normally.

Ryan: adj may need to sacrifice their debating spot

Steph: I am broadly in favour of getting an adj spot. Doubt we will get a second team.

Mark: I prefer trial by resume.

Nicola: we can decide on actual trial policy later

**Misc**

Action item: MARK POI

**MacFest**

Nandini: registered us for MacFest. Unable to hold demo debates but will be able to get room on the Monday night so can hold first internals on first week back. Will be a fun and sociable internals.

Anna: do you want to have the regressive demo debate then?

Nandini: I think so

Anna: how are you going with promotional material stuff?

Nandini: need to discuss that with each other. Very difficult to do marketing- often want to do too much. May need to consider how we do marketing in the future.

**Other portfolio things**

Schools/Women’s/Marketing

Nandini: schools- many registrations are coming through, getting interest from schools not on our mailing list which is good. Looks like it will be bigger. Concerned that we won’t have enough adjudicators.

Ryan: could we do a split schedule?

Anna: we are

Nigel: we should put up a sign up sheet

Nandini: I will get onto that

ACTION ITEM NANDINI: sign up sheet for adjs

I really want to push Women’s as part of marketing. Last year we talked more about camp and not as much about upcoming tournaments.

Action item: think about soap box

Camp

Anna: camp: rego form is up but need to push it. Need to focus on marketing.

Nigel: maybe we should have separate form for mentors

Anna: had problems with people not filling out second form last year

Finance and Comps

Nigel: we don’t have people sponsoring us for finance. Autumn round robin we were $60 in surplus. Good turnout.

Anna: you did a god job. Only improvement is more notice. Sounds like it would be beneficial to have timelines to work towards.

Action item: nigel to meet with mark. Decide what avenues they want to pursue. Set timeline.

Nigel: I applied for points for easters for GLP but they didn’t feel that it was cross cultural enough.

Lachlan: do we go to GLP to get people to join MUDS?

Nigel: they send out a newsletter

Anna: a few people came to camp after finding out about MUDS through GLP.

Nigel: I suggested to GLP that an intro to debating be a GLP colloquia. They said they only assess the program once a year. Will have to get back to us.

Anna: that is really cool

Action item Nandini: email fonts

Lachlan: in future can we put out of list of places to stay for minis to help people get organised? Will encourage more younger people to go.

Nicola: will send out a newsletter this week, email me of anything to include.