Extended Health and Dental Plan Committee Meeting

Date: February 18th, 2015  Time: 11:00 am – 12:30 pm  Venue: SUB 224

Present:
Voting Members: Colúm Connolly (phone), Steven Pi, Christopher Roach, Tanner Bokor

Non-Voting Members: Ahmed Mitraoui, Daniel Levangie

Regrets: Sophia Haque, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Keith Hester

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:06 am.

2. Approval of the Agenda

BIRT the agenda is adopted as presented.

Moved: Tanner; Seconded: Steven
PASSES (3 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions)

3. Term 2 Bursary Fund Applications Approval – Motion

- The Plan Coordinator presented to the Committee the calculated unmet-need of all students who applied to the Plan Bursary based on the Plan’s internal formula.
- A member of the Committee asked a clarifying question around what “unmet need” was – the Chair responded that this value looks at a student’s level of assets and their projected incurred debt over the academic year. A negative number indicates the student will need more money to meet their financial need while a positive number mean a student is calculated to have excess money for the year.
- BIRT the Extended Health and Dental Plan Committee allocated a full bursary to all individuals whose financial need, as calculated through the Plan’s internal formula, was more than +$4,000 (living away from parent’s home) and +$2,000 (living at parent’s home).

Moved: Tanner; Seconded: Steven
PASSED (4 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions)

4. EH&DP Commissioner Update – Information

- The Chair asked for and update on the hiring process thus far.
- The AMS Executive Director (ED) reported that the position has not yet been posted however they are ready to do so now.
- The ED asked the Committee which they would prefer – hiring someone right now and for the majority of the summer or a student just for the summer. The Committee agreed the former option was the best.
- The Chair added that as the plan had more than enough money in the reserve fund, they could easily extend the position longer if needed.

5. **EH&DP Survey – Update**
- The Chair informed the Committee that StudentCare (SC) has collected approximately 370 student responses to the online survey. While this is enough to infer statistically significant data, a large number of these responses came in after a recent GSS push to get students to fill out the survey. As there might be an over presentation of graduate students in the survey, the Chair asked the AMS if they wanted to have one final push to get their members to fill out the survey.
- The AMS President stated that the AMS would like another chance to send out the information to get more students to fill out the survey.
- The Chair noted that the only concern was to ensure that StudentCare had enough time to compile the results from the survey and present it to the committee to they would be able to advise them on potential changes to the plan.
- A member of the Committee suggested they aim to close the survey by the end of the first week of March assuming SC had no concerns with this – the Committee agreed.
- The Chair said they would follow up with SC to coordinate this.

6. **3rd and 4th Year Medical Student Proposal – Presentation**
- A member of the Committee presented their proposal of how to best solve the re-occurring issue with 3rd and 4th year medical students and the EH&DP. This plan involved addressing two issues: 1) lack of awareness and 2) a universal mechanism by which to collect fees.
- The Committee expressed agreement with the proposed plan.

7. **Extended Health and Dental Plan Office – Discussion**
- The Chair asked the Committee how it would prefer the plan office branding itself – as the “AMS/GSS Extended Health and Dental Plan Office” or “Extended Health and Dental Plan Office”. The Committee unanimously preferred the former option.
- The Chair reported that based on the current design parameters of the New Sub, the former option would be a challenge as the signs are too small. The Chair asked the AMS President if it would be possible to make an exception for this – it was replied that this shouldn’t be an issue and they will follow up with AMS Communications on this.

BIRT the committee meeting be adjourned.

Moved: Tanner; Seconded: Colún
PASSES (4 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions)

The meeting adjourns at 11:31 am.