Alright, folks! My name is Catherine Pollack (or Cat, whichever you prefer), and I am one of your Communications Chairs for the 2015-2016 school year! Buckle your seatbelts, because it’s going to be a wild ride (jk, I promise I’m a safe driver... just ask my parents 😊). Anyway, please sit back and enjoy as you read the meeting minutes for this year! If you have any suggestions, questions, comments, concerns, or compliments, please feel free to reach out to me at ccp3qz@virginia.edu. And now, the moment you’ve all been waiting for...drumroll please... THE FIRST RODMAN SCHOLARS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!

Introductions/Icebreaker
If you could be an emoji, which would you be or make-up your own icebreaker (this just sorta happened...)

- Ben
  - Position: President
  - Major: Computer Science & Physics
  - Emoji: Cat in a pizza box (Ben clearly confused between an emoji and a sticker)
- Garrett
  - Position: Networking
  - Major: BME
  - Emoji: Face making a gasping expression
- Kathleen
  - Position: Service
  - Major: MechE
  - Doesn’t “do emojis”, so favorite animal is a giraffe
- Sam
  - Position: Entrepreneurship
  - Major: BME
  - Emoji: Dead skull
- Mike
  - Position: Social
  - Major: Computer Engineering
  - Changed icebreaker...answer is now “emu”
- Naveed
  - Position: Advising
  - Major: BME
  - Emoji: Eye rolling one
- Gage
  - Position: Service
  - Major: Physics & Engineering Science
  - Emoji: Frowning/Crying faces
- Cat/Catherine (whichever you have an easier time remembering)
  - Position: Communications
  - Major: BME & CogSci
  - Emoji: Either laughing and crying one or smirking
• Amy  
  o Position: “Just here to be here”  
  o Major: Engineering Science  
  o Emoji: Monkey with hands over eyes  
• Danial  
  o Major: Intended BME (Yay first year!)  
  o Emoji: Guy with nerdy glasses or sleeping  
• Joon  
  o Position: Social  
  o Major: BME  
  o No idea what is going on with emoji, but favorite is smiley  
• Divya  
  o Position: 2nd year rep who is ~surprisingly~ a second year (coincidence? I think not)  
  o Major: Computer Science  
  o Emoji: Tongue sticking out  
• Shota (hard t)  
  o Position: Third year rep  
  o Major: BME  
  o Doesn’t use emoji, but favorite up-and-coming fashion trend is sweater vests as tank tops (SVATT) (apparently, you will be embarrassed if you don’t know about it in November) [Looking back on these comments, SVATT has indeed taken over UVA society]  
• Naveen  
  o Position: Social  
  o Major: CS  
  o Likes emojis  
• Vijay  
  o Position: Academic  
  o Major: CS  
  o Hasn’t opened GroupMe 😘 but likes heart emoji, so that makes everything better 😊  
• Michael Calgi  
  o Major: Intended MechE or ChemE  
  o Doesn’t use emojis, but likes the really large grinning one since it hasn’t been said yet  
• Jeff  
  o Major: First year intended MechE or ChemE  
  o Favorite sticker is minion with football helmet  
• Ted  
  o Major: First year intended BME  
  o Favorite emoji is blushy smiley face since he is a self-proclaimed “sweetheart”  
• Matt  
  o First year undecided  
  o Favorite emoji: winky face (Joey says “racey”)  
• Utkarsha (apologies on spelling)  
  o Likes emoji with the halo
To the Agenda!

Presidents

Goals:

• “To be da best there eva was” (reference? To Pokemon? I think?)

Old Business:

• Cookout was “the bomb”

New Business
• Making committees instead of chairs doing all the work (YES! COME WORK WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND HANG OUT WITH MEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE)
  o First years can get “feet wet” with Rodman Council
• Historian documenting events and things like that. Have a camera
• First year rep elections next meeting but tons of ways to get involved HOORAY!
• Class bonding activities with benchmarks. 200 hours (I think this was a joke but idk)
• Taylor Swift won 4 VMAS—she is our unofficial motto (Dennis is official. There will be a test)

Communications

Goals

• Website (continue to improve upon preexisting structure)
• Newsletter (monthly highlights of activities within Rodman community—to be shared with current scholars and posted on website)

Old Business: Nada

New Business

• Website will be updated (hopefully by meeting)
• Question One: When can we select a committee (would like to start working on newsletter relatively soon-ish)
  o Timeframes available for people to meet in approximately a week
• Question Two: When should we publish each newsletter (i.e., publish September’s on September 30th/October 1st/mid-September, etc.)
  o Middle of the month (September 18th)
• Positions: Webmaster, article people, photographers

Entrepreneurship

• Feature Rodman for entrepreneurship for something
• Work with Communications (aw shucks) on groups that are formed or looking for other people to work (kinda like chat list but different). So like showcasing/yellow pages
• Collaborate with Networking to make contacts for people within field and want to mentor
  o Not large time commitment for mentors
• Innovation fund from local company. Don’t have to be conservative about spending
  o External from Elzey’s stuff

Social

• Need to do between-class bonding. Class reps working together to achieve common goal
• Underclassmen meet upperclassmen→using them for Newcomb swipes (abuse of power?)—jk we love our first years
• If have ideas, bring them to Naveen, Joon, or Mike
• Elzey sent out an email about Rodfest (October 9th?)
  o IT’S A PARTY. For Rodmans. At Elzey’s house. #turnup
Service

- Want to establish regular STEM outreach for Rodmans
  - For this semester, Rodman Seminar—test waters and see how it goes
    - Goal is to run independent Rodman program
    - Working on a Madison House application for funding
  - One service project per month (either within a class or between it)
  - One event partnered with another organization
    - Was talking about Professor potluck
  - Promote presence within engineering school
  - Making “Platform 9 ¾”→class project for class reps, website
    - “House” Points (can second years be Gryffindor?). COMPETITION
      - Will help increase role of class rep (YAY!)
      - House Transition
    - Elzey wants in! Fundraisers, looking for clients for first year class that will accumulate in a service project
  - Need committee members (FIRST YEARS)
    - Service liaisons (could also be class reps)

Research

- Catherine helps with finding funding for grants, construct application, navigate Undergraduate Center of Excellence (aka House of Money)
  - Emails when applications are due
  - SHE KNOWS EVERYTHING—contact her
- No committee members because very email based
- Super resource—email with questions. Knows how to network with people
- Good to start research early, but don’t feel pressured
  - Medial work at beginning, but PI will recognize and then recruit you
  - Will learn what chemicals are toxic
  - Some labs throw you in right away (like Physics)
  - The more you get in, the more you get out
- Party at Catherine’s house!! (If you’re in lab with her)
- Increase tangible benefits for being part of the program

Networking

- Revive the annual report—highlight stuff by current scholars and alumni
  - Amalgamation (good word!) of data, scholarships, projects, graduates, etc.
  - Mainly nice to nettwwwoorrrkk
  - Lots of opportunities to help out (graphics, data collection, talking with classmates, etc.)
- Host career panel with Rodman alumni
- Young alumni reception—speaker, catered (yay food!), in garden
- Planning, hosting, collection stories
- Trying to keep in contact with graduating fourth years (creating listserv)
Third Year Reps

- Assist other committee chairs (Awww <3)
- Organizing social events—motive other than just socializing
- Hiking with a purpose
- Third year GroupMe is semi successful. No rules
- Shota will have a party in Kellogg

Fourth Year Reps

- Party at John Hack’s house (yay first years for being social)
  - Now a burger chef → like a science
  - Looking for burger case checker
- Vineyard/brewery/wine tasting
- Lunch on the Lawn
- Camping/paintball for multiple classes

Second Year Reps

- Cool outdoor stuff to do (talk to Wilson about his RodSem)
- “Why did people invent indoors if they didn’t want them to stay indoors” — someone at the meeting
- Humpback Hike
- Bodo’s Night
- Communication between various reps

Advising

- Advisor/advisee set up went well, met people at BBQ
- Stay tuned for another event sometime after Elzey’s class
- Looking for an advising co-chair
  - DOTL stuff, panels, etc.
- Committee would be fantastic option for DOTL
- Listserv for advisors to send out suggested activities, etc. Bonding ideas

Academics

- RodSem sign-ups had technical difficulties followed by irate emails
- Flyers sent up during the semester
- Change process for suggesting RodSems
  - Personal suggestions vs. survey
  - Was going to use Craigslist butttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttt