



AGENDA

AS Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 5:30 PM

CSC 200, New Medical Building, 15 Arch St, Kingston, ON

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Motion to start the meeting
3. Motion to adopt agenda
4. Approving last meeting's minutes
5. Question period
6. Council updates
 - Vice-President of External Affairs, Senior – Carter McInnis
 - Vice-President of External Affairs, Junior – Angie Salomon
 - Vice-President of Internal Affairs – Hamza Wajid
 - Vice-President of Academic Affairs – Liam Dowling
 - and for Academic Coordinator – Ishita Aggarwal
 - Vice-President of Finance – Laura Mantella
 - Treasurer – Kiera Liblik
 - Communication Officer – Shikha Patel
 - University Affairs Officer, Senior – Shaun Lampen
 - University Affairs Officer, Junior - William Khoury
 - Social Affairs Officer - Iku Nwosu
 - Athletics Officer (2) – Noah Letofksy and Elizabeth McAuley
 - ~ **Snack Break** ~
 - Global Health Liaison, Senior – Cara Van Der Merwe
 - Global Health Liaison, Junior – Jessica Ho
 - Student Initiatives and Research Officer – Elina Cook
 - and for Student Interest Group Coordinator – Zahra Haq
 - Wellness Officer – Rachel Trites
 - Equity Officer – Ayla Raabis
 - First Year President – Allen Champagne
 - Second Year President – Victoria Lee-Kim
 - Third Year Co-Presidents – Rae Woodhouse & Josh Gnanasegaram
 - Fourth Year Co-Presidents – Cale Templeton & Julia Milden
 - Speaker of Council/Chief Electoral Officer – Anna Tyker
 - AS President – Danny Jomaa
7. Agenda Items:
 - Athletics Officers
 - Timing of MedLaw Games
 - VP Finance
 - Council spending check-in

- Changes to how class average is posted
- 8. Next Meeting
- 9. Varia
- 10. Motion to end meeting

MEETING MINUTES

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Motion to start the meeting
 - Seconded by Rachel.
3. Motion to adopt agenda
 - Seconded by Rachel.
4. Approving last meeting's minutes
 - Seconded by Victoria.
5. Question period
 - None.
6. Council updates
 - Vice-President of External Affairs, Senior – Carter McInnis
 - See Facebook group to see various OMSA updates, such as a call for research papers, abstracts for the OSMERC (medical education conference) and other campaigns.
 - Wellness retreat will be the weekend of Feb 28-29 (a week before March break).
 - Vice-President of External Affairs, Junior – Angie Salomon
 - OMSW survey has been released!
 - Feb 3rd OMA insurance talk.
 - Feb 4th Canadian Armed Forces talk.
 - Vice-President of Internal Affairs – Hamza Wajid
 - Mentorship trivia night happening on Feb 11.
 - There is a budget for “structural building things” – message if you have ideas about what to use this for.
 - Not sure if it can be for repairs (ex. the blinds in the study room).
 - Will look into whether a coffee machine is a possibility.
 - Vice-President of Academic Affairs – Liam Dowling

- Teaching and Learning Committee met recently.
- Will be seeking feedback about removing class averages away from gradebook.

- **Academic Coordinator – Ishita Aggarwal**
 - Made class announcement about rotating observerships.
 - Survey for students to indicate their interest/ specialty preferences is due Friday.
 - Will start contacting faculties next week.

- **Vice-President of Finance – Laura Mantella**
 - We are underspending! Remind people to use their money.
 - ASIG updates are due Friday, new applications were due Jan 4.
 - Admissions team is organizing the interview weekends.

- **Treasurer – Kiera Liblik**
 - Lots of reimbursements were submitted at the end of the year.

- **Communication Officer – Shikha Patel**
 - No updates.

- **University Affairs Officer, Senior – Shaun Lampen**
 - SGPS voted to support QBAC in favour of divestment.
 - Apparently, we are technically entitled to a reading week in October.
 - Is this a loophole? No real reason for it.

- **University Affairs Officer, Junior - William Khoury**
 - No updates.

- **Social Affairs Officer - Iku Nwosu**
 - Clothing sale is almost over – just distributing the final items.
 - Leather jacket sales are being planned. Trying to plan 2 try-on dates in February if possible.
 - Will try to look for a different ski trip organizer/ travel agent next year (this year was a bit disorganized).

- **Athletics Officer (2) – Noah Letofksy and Elizabeth McAuley**
 - MedGames went smoothly! Travel reimbursements are currently ongoing.
 - MedLaw games are planned and promotions will start soon.
 - Trying to figure out when to plan the MedLaw mingler.

- ~ **Snack Break** ~

- **Global Health Liaison, Senior – Cara Van Der Merwe**

- Meeting tomorrow to help plan a peer group with medical students in Rwanda.
 - Possibility of organizing an exchange with their institution in the future.
- Planning more events - have had 3 already this year.
- **Global Health Liaison, Junior – Jessica Ho**
 - Not present.
- **Student Initiatives and Research Officer – Elina Cook**
 - Planning to open new group applications for the new year, not yet sure when.
 - Medical Student Scholar Certificate is on Jan 20th.
- **Student Interest Group Coordinator – Zahra Haq**
 - Releasing midterm interest group check-ins soon.
 - Still making sure everyone has done their training.
- **Wellness Officer – Rachel Trites**
 - Wellness Month starts Monday. See Facebook group to see the schedule of events – some of them have sign-ups.
 - Bake sale and Super Smash Bros tournament planned to fundraise for the Porcupine Health Unit.
 - Planning to coordinate sale of yellow ribbons with UOttawa.
 - Please encourage people to come out to events and/or participate in the CFMS National Wellness Challenge (prizes available!).
 - Some overlap with Queen's wellness events.
 - Separate google form to fill out to be eligible for prize draws.
- **Equity Officer – Ayla Raabis**
 - Called SGPS equity commissioner and got lots of input about what resources are available to run initiatives. Highly recommend reaching out to SGPS leaders with portfolios similar to yours.
 - Looking into bystander intervention training (for harassment, etc.) offered by the Human Rights Office – will try to plan it for social wellness week.
- **First Year President – Allen Champagne**
 - Not present.
- **Second Year President – Victoria Lee-Kim**
 - Electing clerkship reps currently.
 - Graduate Peer Support Centre hoping to pass out wellness packages to ensure outreach to all programs (med, law, etc.).
- **Third Year Co-Presidents – Rae Woodhouse & Josh Gnanasegaram**

- Working with 2020s to put together a guide of each block (hopefully in time for the 2022s).
- 2021's athletics rep is trying to put together a team for BEWICs sports tournament this weekend. Come support!
- Feel free to reach out to 2021s about stream selections and other clerkship-related things.

- **Fourth Year Co-Presidents – Cale Templeton & Julia Milden**
 - Not present.

- **Speaker of Council/Chief Electoral Officer – Anna Tyker**
 - Running elections for 1st year professionalism rep and 2nd year clerkship reps – please vote!
 - People who want information about election roles can look at the qmed.ca website.

- **AS President – Danny Jomaa**
 - Received yellow ribbons and planning fundraising for the Porcupine Health Unit – trying to focus on community building activities.
 - Class presidents, please ensure waivers for the KGH gym are received
 - Planning to starting having exec meetings with the president and VPs
 - Maybe want to add responsibility for the execs or change the organization of the AS to reflect the current system.
 - Should be an opportunity to talk about any issue in more depth.
 - Everyone is welcome to come.
 - CFMS President Victor is coming to Queen's next Tuesday at 5:30 in 021. It is an opportunity to hear about CFMS updates and ask questions. Trying to have refreshments. Please come!

7. Agenda Items:

- ~~– Athletics Officers~~
 - ~~○ Timing of MedLaw Games~~
- VP Finance
 - Council spending check-in
- Changes to how class average is posted
 - Talking about removing class averages from gradebook was first brought up in a UGME-run wellness session. In discussions at Student Assessments Committee, student support was listed as 70% of 1st year students in support and 2nd years being indifferent.
 - Some concerns about whether smaller assessments such as RATs should have the same rule.
 - Interested in a toggle function in Elentra – but this seems unlikely (based on discussions at the faculty retreat).
 - 2nd year class feedback has been that they want averages back. Waiting for UGME to put averages in learning events is unreliable.

- From a wellness perspective, sometimes class averages can help (ex. if an assessment had a lower average). Also, by 2nd year we have done so many assessments that getting grades back may be less stressful, relatively speaking.
- Not all 1st year students feel the same way – this might have been a more vocal minority.
- Assessments in clerkship will compare you to your classmates – perhaps there is value in getting used to that!
- Thought about polling both years, but would've involved delaying the discussion → This might be a good plan going forward.
- If the current process will not be changed, maybe averages can be posted in the learning event of the assessment itself, not the review session.
- Will reach out to the Student Assessments Committee to say that the plan hasn't been carried out quite as envisioned (with averages being consistently posted to learning events) and that we're hoping to run an anonymous poll of students.

8. **Next Meeting:** Jan 29

9. **Varia**

10. **Motion to end meeting**

- Seconded by Hamza.