



AGENDA

AS Council Meeting

Thursday, November 14, 2019, 6:00 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:
 - VP Academic Affairs:
 - Student Representation on Program Evaluation Committee
 - VP Internal Affairs:
 - Room Bookings

8. Next Meeting
9. Varia
10. Motion to end meeting

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Opening of the meeting**
 - Secoded by Liam.
2. **Motion to start the meeting**
 - Secoded by Shaun.
3. **Motion to adopt agenda**
 - Secoded by Liam.
4. **Approving last meeting's minutes**
 - Secoded by Liam.
5. **Question period**
 - None shared.
6. **Council updates**
 - **Vice-President of External Affairs, Senior – Carter McInnis**
 - The municipal day of action planning is in the works.
 - The district chair for the OMA is very receptive to collaboration on advocacy efforts with students. Carter has contact info.
 - Is Bill 138 something we want to get involved in advocating against?
 - This bill gives the Ministry of Health the ability to take back any billings that they perceived were “overbilled” by a physician, without due process or an appeals process.
 - The OMA is advocating against this bill.
 - Let Carter know if interested in supporting this effort (though not sure what that would look like – just testing the waters right now).
 - **Vice-President of External Affairs, Junior – Angie Salomon**
 - The Federal Day of Action will be in February. The topic is access to contraception. There is funding available for 1 travel award per school. Nov 30th is the deadline to apply.
 - Carter and Angie have been elected to the OMA!

- The OMA is piloting a mentorship program starting in January, with 2 students per school able to participate.
- The OMSA wellness retreat is changing this year to be more of an “adult camp”. There may be cabins, marshmallows, and show-shoeing (as well as more accessible programming). Should be at the end of February.
- Still pursuing a survey for OMSW preparation.

- **Vice-President of Internal Affairs – Hamza Wajid**
 - Starting to plan the annual mentorship trivia night, which should be early next semester. Feel free to share input.

- **Vice-President of Academic Affairs – Liam Dowling**
 - The Program Evaluation Committee had a meeting, with focus on the upcoming evaluation and accreditation in 2023. They’re planning a mock accreditation.
 - Ishita and Liam met with Dr. Sanfilippo to discuss HSF labs.
 - Elentra updates:
 - The calendar is now what shows up first on the home page! YAY!
 - Elentra reps are coming to classes to get feedback. A town hall is also coming up to continue discussion.
 - Try to be specific with feedback!
 - Still getting info from Dr. Gibson on changes to procedural skills.

- **Academic Coordinator – Ishita Aggarwal**
 - No updates.

- **Vice-President of Finance – Laura Mantella**
 - Class transfers: Each class receives \$4.25 per student who did not opt out of the class transfer fee, with the 4th years receiving the remainder of the funds.
 - 2023: \$425 (100 opt ins)
 - 2022: \$323 (76 opt ins)
 - 2021: \$301.75 (71 opt ins)
 - 2020: \$1024.5 (63 opt ins)

- **Treasurer – Kiera Liblik**
 - No updates.

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

- **University Affairs Officer, Senior – Shaun Lampen**
 - Faculties and Queen’s administration plan to slowly divest from fossil fuel securities/ financial assets over the course of 5 years (giving enough time to transition away from these).

- More info: <https://www.qbacc.org/divestment-information?fbclid=IwAR0IArnYc1i1iQiL9z3hOWwJpqm-9N0Wh0rXGIIdbpRCH7pDEbdwLKFG54s>
- SGPS will be voting next month on whether we support this.
- QBACC (Queen's Backing Action on Climate Change) people can come to speak to us/ the general student body. Do we want to arrange this?
 - Unanimous vote yes.
- How can we best represent the interests of our students? How should we seek input from the student body at large? Poll/ referendum?
 - We can also just solicit feedback from students and use that, as we were elected to vote on behalf of student body.
 - May also be easier to solicit specific feedback than engage whole student body in a vote at this time of year.
 - Can also split our 3 SGPS votes if there is more than one dominant opinion.
 - How does this affect student experience? May not have a significant impact in our faculty. May affect programs like chemical engineering, for example.
- **University Affairs Officer, Junior - William Khoury**
 - No updates.
- **Social Affairs Officer - Iku Nwosu**
 - Clothing should be on its way in 3 weeks! Volunteers welcome for sorting items.
 - Ski trip information has been posted, but lots of students are waiting on class schedules before committing. In a few weeks, we can open the remaining spots to non-QMed people.
- **Athletics Officer (2) – Noah Letofksy and Elizabeth McAuley**
 - Interfaculty dodgeball tournament happening Friday November 15, from 7:30-9:30 PM in ARC South, gym 4. Anyone is welcome to play/ watch/ help out with logistics.
 - Med Games sign-up went well and the coach bus was booked. Teams have to be made and released.
 - Hockey jerseys have come in and will be distributed soon.
 - Med Law games date was picked: Feb 28th.
- ~ **Snack Break** ~
- **Global Health Liaison, Senior – Cara Van Der Merwe**
 - Health and Human Rights Conference is happening Friday November 15 and is sold out!
 - Planning to do more tangible Day of Action programming (volunteering?), along with the political aspect of advocacy.

- **Global Health Liaison, Junior – Jessica Ho**
 - o Not present.

- **Student Initiatives and Research Officer – Elina Cook**
 - o The first scholar competency meeting is on Tuesday – welcoming any feedback about CARL and CE courses.
 - o Some conflict about whether MD students can apply to join the MD/PhD. A form online seems to say yes, but UGME apparently has been saying no and that they can't be funded. Will look into it.
 - What about a Master's option?
 - o Extended membership of exec council to not be just for MD/PhD students, but all those with graduate degrees.
 - o Should people be able to apply for interest groups (ex. sports medicine IG) after the deadline?
 - Why not wait until last year? Losing out on almost a year of programming.
 - Funding has already been allocated, but can also still run events even if there is no funding/ official "IG" title.
 - Should we be accepting applications at any time, or potentially just have an additional deadline in January?
 - Depends on what is feasible for SIRO/ SIGCO.

- **Student Interest Group Coordinator – Zahra Haq**
 - o Online interest group training and quiz will be released Friday November 15. Each exec will need to do this, as well as share their contact information.

- **Wellness Officer – Rachel Trites**
 - o Pre-clerkship confidential is happening in a week in the lantern lounge, and planning to discuss all kinds of wellness concerns.
 - o Nov 27th will be the mental health open mic night. Becky Haist (UGME councillor last year) will be there to offer support.
 - o Met with Dr. Fitzpatrick and currently putting together scenarios for the 2nd year wellness workshop coming up. Keynote talk will be about decision making, but still looking for someone to give that address.
 - o Revamping the student affairs website (career planning resources, academics, wellness).
 - o Please check out the "QMed help button" – it is just a bunch of resources and not meant to be intimidating.

- **Equity Officer – Ayla Raabis**
 - o Diversity committee met to discuss diversity in medical school admissions.
 - o Approached by members of first year class to discuss HSF but this is very new.

- **First Year President – Allen Champagne**
 - o Can we doing observerships outside of Queens?
 - Generally speaking, cannot do an official observership with someone who's not a Queen's faculty member (no Queen's insurance coverage), but a separate physician can choose to take you on regardless.
 - Ambiguity regarding international observerships.
 - o Can we play movies in SMB?
 - Controversy last year because of copyright issues, cost of running events (electricity, cleaning costs).
 - Lots of lectures halls are open around campus as well.
 - Also, the Screening Room rents out theaters.
 - o Golden stethoscope initiative has been started in first year: it gets passed each week to someone as a shout out for doing something great.
 - o Talked about moving class averages to an exam's learning event instead of gradebook (as a wellness initiative).

- **Second Year President – Victoria Lee-Kim**
 - o Finished Cardio/Resp!
 - o Have been doing clin skills prep for 1st year – 2nd years are encouraged to sign up.
 - o President's Round Table discussion took place.
 - 4A schedule should be coming out soon.
 - We were reminded to please fill out course evaluations.
 - Suggested keeping them up until after exam is done (but their counterpoint was that we'd evaluate the exam instead of the course). Also, brought up issue of 10+ emails about course evaluations. They will try to fix this.
 - o Still trying to contact Dr. Patterson.

- **Third Year Co-Presidents – Rae Woodhouse & Josh Gnanasegaram**
 - o Now 2 weeks into block 2!
 - o Reminder that class email goes out every 2 weeks.
 - o Reminder about observerships being for observing! Clerks have to achieve their competencies, get reference letters, etc. Let clerks answer questions (and don't show them up!). Consider how teaching time is distributed, and how clerks having observers with them all the time can be fatiguing.

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

- **Speaker of Council/Chief Electoral Officer – Anna Tyker**
 - o No updates.

- **AS President – Danny Jomaa**

- Planning more personalized (potentially shorter) clerkship stream for the Department of National Defense students. Reflects that they are all going into family medicine and don't need as much elective time.
- Meet with UGME to discuss alcohol policy. Another meeting with social reps on Monday to discuss impact to events.
- Still pursuing discussion around diversity in admission.
- Qmed.ca website updates are ongoing with Shikha.
- Gym is all set up – just need a lock and for liability paperwork to be circulated.
- Holiday cards being sent out to faculty soon.
- Please come to the AS Council potluck ☺
- The AS and individual class councils can all apply for SGPS grants.
- Cleaning schedule being changed potentially to increase accountability and equal participation.
- In touch with UGME about a holiday drive (toy/ clothing drive likely)

7. Agenda Items:

- VP Academic Affairs:
 - Can add another student for the Program Evaluation Committee. Potentially interested in a student in clerkship, but also interested in consistency of attendance (two-year term).
 - Important to consult with students in clerkship regardless of who is put on the committee.
- VP Internal Affairs:
 - Room bookings: the official rule is to book it and then use it.
 - Can make an overall “best practices” guideline, and run it by Dr. Sanfilippo/ the UGME for additional accountability. Do not need strict enforcement but want to get everyone on the same page.
 - Also discussing the idea of having individual booking accounts.
 - Please share thoughts to Hamza in writing so it's an official record, to bring issues out of exclusively the “word of mouth.”
 - What about students outside of QMed using study rooms?
 - There are 3 rooms on the 3rd floor that rehab students are able to book. Can these 3 rooms be moved to the basement potentially?

8. Next Meeting

- Wednesday November 27.

9. Varia

- Nothing.

10. Motion to end meeting

- Seconded by Allen.