



AGENDA
AS Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 17th, 2021, 5:30 PM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom ([link](#))

1. Opening of the meeting
 - Meeting called to open at 5:35PM
2. Motion to start the meeting
 - Sloane, Bryan
3. Motion to adopt agenda
 - Jessica, Ciara
4. Approving last meeting's minutes
 - Approved. Ciara, Jamal
5. Question period
6. Council Updates
 - AS President – Bryan Wong
 - Vice-President of External Affairs, Senior – Jamal Tarrabain
 - Vice-President of External Affairs, Junior – Amelia Boughn
 - Vice-President of Internal Affairs – Chloe DesRoche
 - Vice-President of Academic Affairs – Peter Lee
 - And for Academic Coordinator – Cameron Sartor
 - Vice-President of Finance – Ciara Morrison
 - Treasurer – Annie Kang
 - Communication Officer – Jamie Zucker
 - University Affairs Officer, Senior – Aceel Hawa
 - University Affairs Officer, Junior – Kobi Pollard
 - Social Affairs Officer (2) – Dileas MacGowan and Sabina Shah
 - Athletics Officer (2) – Christine Cash and Bahar Entezari
 - Global Health Liaison, Senior – Rebecca Ng
 - Global Health Liaison, Junior – Candice Martin
 - Student Initiatives and Research Officer – Sloane Kowal
 - And for Student Interest Group Coordinator – Emma Amaral
 - Wellness Officer – Isis Lunsky
 - Equity Officer, Senior – Duva Karunakaran
 - Student Representative to the Admissions Committee Sr. – Mary Foley
 - And for Student Representative to the Admissions Committee Jr. – Owen Kolasky
 - First Year President – Imran Syed
 - Second Year President – Molly Cows
 - Third Year Co-Presidents – Jessica Caterini and Tony Li
 - Fourth Year Co-Presidents – Victoria Lee-Kim and Iku Nwosu

- Speaker of Council/Chief Electoral Officer – Mike Arnason
- 7. Agenda Items
 - Texas Hold'em Interest Group Application Appeal
 - Bryan Wong, AS President
 - SMB Eating Spaces Discussion
 - Bryan Wong, AS President
- 8. Next meeting
- 9. Varia
- 10. Motion to end meeting



MINUTES

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- N/A

6. Council Updates

- AS President – Bryan Wong
 - KFL&A Public Health is looking for help with mobile vaccine clinics!

1. Asked for help from medical students – ideally volunteers can attend about 8-10 shifts
 - COVID cases have been increasing in QMed community
 1. UGME has been remaining flexible with our curriculum; be prepared for possible changes in coming months as public health makes new decisions
- Vice-President of External Affairs, Senior – Jamal Tarrabain
 - No updates for this week!
- Vice-President of External Affairs, Junior – Amelia Boughn
 - Attended a training session with the OMSA council
- Vice-President of Internal Affairs – Chloe DesRoche
 - Received an email from Dr. Sanfilippo regarding the opening of eating spaces in SMB
 1. Queen's University has approved us to eat in the building without physical distancing and without masks given we are all vaccinated and can give proof of vaccination
 2. We must come up with a proposed plan for this to move forward
- Vice-President of Academic Affairs – Peter Lee; & Academic Coordinator – Cameron Sartor
 - Has been a recent proposal from members of CFMS to cap the percent and number of weeks of visiting electives
 - Concern about student feedback not being taken up as urgently as it should be by the UGME – this will be brought up at the next curricular meeting
 - Concerns raised about policies regarding students deferring exams when sick
 1. UGME has make-up dates in January, March and July – this will be better communicated in the future to students
- Vice-President of Finance – Ciara Morrison
 - Emails regarding funding have been sent to Interest Groups
- Treasurer – Annie Kang
- Communication Officer – Jamie Zucker
 - Updating the profiles of new and returning AS members as well as Class Council lists on the AS Website
 - Attended a meeting with Devin Monroe from the Elentra operating team – open to feedback for improving the website and system!
 - Payments for AS Ski Trip will be made available on the AS Website in the coming weeks!
- University Affairs Officer, Senior – Aceel Hawa
 - SGPS meeting last week - no major reports
- University Affairs Officer, Junior – Kobi Pollard
 - First health IPR event will be in January - it will be a general social event
- Social Affairs Officer (2) – Dileas MacGowan and Sabina Shah
 - Working on ski trip

- Processing clothing sale orders and making delivery can be made possible soon
- Athletics Officer (2) – Christine Cash and Bahar Entezari
 - Med Games has been moved to 13th-15th of May
 - 2024s had a big win in soccer last night over the 2025s!
 - We can now book space for indoor activities as long as new restrictions do not change this
- Global Health Liaison, Senior – Rebecca Ng
 - HHRC theme: Refugee and Migrant health
 1. Looking for speakers in this field or profs with expertise – please send suggestions!
 2. Applying for different grants and extra funding through UGME
- Global Health Liaison, Junior – Candice Martin
 - No updates for this week!
- Student Initiatives and Research Officer – Sloane Kowal
 - Working with IGs to transition with Emma
 1. Helping them to navigate through virtual challenges
 - Updating documents for interest groups that are running this year and those that will not continue
 - Working on interest group training and gathering resources for this – this will be recorded soon!
- Student Interest Group Coordinator – Emma Amaral
 - Interest groups are starting to schedule events – most are on Zoom and are doing well!
 - Training will be out this weekend
- Wellness Officer – Isis Lunsky
 - N/A
- Equity Officer, Senior – Duva Karunakaran
 - Next week is equity training for the AS council
 1. All members must complete training to continue in their position
 - a. This will be on Tuesday (23rd) and Thursday (25th) next week from 7-8PM – you only have to attend one, no prep required
 - b. If you cannot make it, just reach out!
 - c. For 2024s who completed the O-week training, you will not have to attend
- Student Representative to the Admissions Committee Sr. – Mary Foley
 - Looking for people to sign up for MMI review as well as panel interview for MD/PhD stream
- Student Representative to the Admissions Committee Jr. – Owen Kolasky
 - No updates for this week!
- First Year President – Imran Syed
 - First town hall with Dr. Sanfilippo this week
 1. Questions about what we can do for events moving forward
 - Talking to reps about adhering to the accessibility policy
 - Getting started on the interview video & interview weekend preparation

1. Bulk of shooting should happen soon – actors have been notified
 2. We have been notified of dates for the interview weekend; working on coordinating events for this
 - Trampoline event coming up for the 2025s
 - Course reps are being selected
 1. Working on getting an FPP rep
 2. Wellness rep positions have been filled
 - Collaboration with Patagonia is on the way – will be reaching out to the class very soon with the order and payment portal!
 - Second Year President – Molly Cows
 - 2024s just finished their cardio block last week
 1. Awaiting results and recovering!
 - Have made progress in IPE events – UGME is planning a meeting with different groups
 1. Still figuring out what this will be and what the agenda will look like as well as how they will direct this conversation
 - Third Year Co-Presidents – Jessica Caterini and Tony Li
 - Clerkship is starting soon!
 - Getting ready for rotations – send good vibes!
 1. Sunday funday emails will be biweekly
 - COVID cases are increasing in Kingston and QMed
 1. UGME made precautionary measure to move this upcoming week to virtual – this includes the White Coat Ceremony
 - Feel free to reach out with any questions about Observerships!
 - Fourth Year Co-Presidents – Victoria Lee-Kim and Iku Nwosu
 - 2022s are on week 6 of electives
 1. Navigating issues regarding communication with UGME and electives
 - Working through financial talks – spoken to by insurance and financial advisor companies
 - Working through CARMS applications due in the coming months!
 - Speaker of Council/Chief Electoral Officer – Mike Arnason
 - Elections have concluded for a while
 - Final meetings for this semester will be December 1st and 15th
7. Agenda Items
- Texas Hold'em Interest Group Application Appeal - Bryan Wong, AS President
 - ASIG committee meeting on Wednesday October 27th - occurs every semester to approve new Interest Groups and approve funding for new and existing groups for the fall semester
 - a. Many applications for new Interest Groups – the committee decides which applications will be approved
 - Texas Hold'em Interest Group was not approved during this meeting
 - a. Purpose of Proposed Group: The Texas Hold'em Interest Group exists to allow students from the School of Medicine who already play or would like to learn about Texas Hold'em the opportunity to

organize poker theory tutorial sessions as well as tournaments and cash games.

b. Application Feedback & Appeal: [click here](#)

Speaker's List:

- Ciara: I am wondering why they are so interested in becoming an interest group, aside from funding, considering that they can organize this type of activity without being an official group. Besides the funding and putting it on your CV, are there any benefits of becoming an interest group?
 - o Sloane: Some benefits of being an interest group: Can put on CV, your name gets posted too website, you can apply for funding, you have the ability to book rooms dependent on the COVID situation, and you can post on AS calendar.
- Sloane: One group member wanted to express concerns about gambling and the implications of addiction. Most of our discussion at the ASIG meeting was based on policies for interest groups and policies under the AS constitution - there is another policy from the 2018 ASIG policies that states that IGs cannot be approved if they are gambling or alcohol related.
 - o Iku: Is there a rule that says they cannot exist? As Sloane mentioned, there is a policy in place that says it cannot be gambling related. Therefore, it seems like it does not matter what we think as it goes against a policy that is in place.
- Duva: Regardless of existing rules and policy, the club presents obstacles to students joining through an equity lens. Many cultures and religions have barriers towards gambling. While there are refuting points to this, but the real argument they have is whether this is a gambling group. If there is this much discussion to decide if it is gambling or not and we are worried about the AS condoning a club that presents so many barriers, I see this as something that shouldn't be given official designation. We are not stopping students from engaging in this activity, it is just not something that the AS should have their name on.
- Owen: I am a neutral party in this. There seems to be a conflict of interest in that this individual supported themselves with semi-professional poker. They may be introducing others into this who may play for money on the side and monetize the activity for themselves. It takes away from the idea of an altruistic and beneficial interest group.
- Tony: The approach of initial application and appeal are concerning – would feel differently if the appeal was written differently. There is ambiguity in whether there will be gambling or currency involved. They compare gambling and investing which are inherently different. The policy posted by Bryan is quite clear
- **Taken to a vote: passes in favour of upholding the decision of ASIG to deny interest group status to the Texas Hold'em Interest Group**
- SMB Eating Spaces Discussion - Bryan Wong, AS President
 - Received an email from Dr. Sanfilippo that was forward from the Faculty of Queen's letting the Medical School know that we can now identify

- spaces in the building for students to eat without physical distancing as long as there proof of vaccination status and there is a sign-in sheet.
 - a. To create an eating space, we must coordinate who is checking vaccination status and a sign-up schedule
- Later met with Dr. Sanfilippo to discuss ideas:
 - a. To have atrium and corridor open during lunch hour
 - b. To have the study rooms open for eating
- Dr. Sanfilippo said to provide ideas and suggestions to make this better via email
 - a. It is likely unrealistic to have a student volunteer to monitor at all times – the student responsible for booking the room must make sure it is clean and ensure the vaccination status of all group members

Speaker's List:

- Molly: This is something that we should push. In hospital, staff have a designated lunch room. We are adults and will be entering clerkship soon – we do not need a lunch monitor. In terms of mess, using the booking system will allow us to see who was in the room last if there is ever a serious mess. If we are given this privilege, people should and will treat it respectfully.
- Mary: Why do they want to check vaccination status if we must be vaccinated to be a student at Queen's?
 - o Bryan: We asked this question as well – it is more of a formality because public health says so. SMB is open to everyone, though others are not supposed to be eating there.
- Imran: We are adults and we can clean up after ourselves. As well, if FOB access can be involved, we could allow access to rooms only for med students, especially for rooms with the kitchen and microwave.
 - o Bryan: We did not ask directly about the microwaves. Since the school is open for eating, this will be an important next step.
- Candice: Can FOBs track who is going in and out of rooms? If so, we can ensure they are Queen's students and we can track this. We can make a Google doc then as a sign-in sheet. A similar idea can be used for the kitchenette. As well, cleaning supplies must be stocked for us to wipe down tables and doorknobs.
 - o Bryan: With regard to FOBs, I'm not sure if they would be able to use them to track who is going in and out. The school said there has been no progress with FOB access. The focus right now is on opening room even before FOB access. Cleaning supplies must be readily available so we are not bringing our own.
- Iku: It is best not to compare hospital policy to Queen's policy when debating with UGME as they are controlled by different policies – it is hard to advocate in this way. AS used to clean facilities – we had a cleaning day once a month for the kitchenette and facilities. I think the strongest argument should be trying to move back to what access was once like.
- Chloe: If people are ok with what we suggested in terms of using the study rooms or if there is a strong desire from the AS to also have us to advocate in

this proposal to open up general eating areas, this will be a strong argument to present to the UGME. In light of the current COVID situation, this opportunity also may change with new restrictions.

- Mary: Advocating for the atrium and eating rooms would be great as study rooms have been getting full. The atrium is a large space that could mitigate the discomfort associated with eating in small study rooms often with other people.

8. Next meeting

- December 1st, 2021

9. Varia

- None

10. Motion to end meeting

- Meeting closed at 6:40PM
- Imran, Chloe