



AGENDA

AS Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022, 5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom ([link](#))

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
 - 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 Lunskey
 - Equity Officer, Senior – Duva Karunakaran
 - Equity Officer, Junior – Samriddhi Mishra
 - 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
 - Motion to endorse the CFMS letter to Dr. Sanfilippo objecting to the AFMC's decision to put the CaRMS match out to tender
 - Bryan Wong, AS President
8. Next meeting
9. Varia
10. Motion to end meeting



MINUTES
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1. Opening of the meeting

- Meeting called to order at 5:35PM
- Members in attendance
 - Bryan Wong
 - Amelia Boughn
 - Chloe DesRoche
 - Cameron Sartor
 - Jamie Zucker
 - Aceel Hawa
 - Dileas MacGowan
 - Sabina Shah
 - Christine Cash
 - Bahar Entezari
 - Rebecca Ng
 - Sloane Kowal
 - Emma Amaral
 - Duva Karunakaran
 - Molly Cows
 - Tony Li
 - Jessica Caterini
 - Victoria Lee-Kim
 - Mike Arnason

2. Motion to start the meeting

- Sloane, Rebecca

3. Motion to adopt agenda

- Bahar, Molly

4. Approving last meeting's minutes

- Bryan, Rebecca

5. Question period

- N/A

6. Council Updates

- **AS President – Bryan Wong**
 - ISA continues to be worked on – should be done as soon as possible
 1. Thank you to everyone who submitted a narrative comment!

- Recent expansion in medical education – Ontario government announced that a new Medical School will be established at Ryerson along with an expansion Queen's

1. Call for Queen's to possibly increase entry by 20 seats

Speaker's List

- Sloane: Will they be adding seats to other postgraduate seats or only medical seats?
 - o Bryan: I am not entirely sure, but I believe it will be for other postgraduate programs as well.
- **Vice-President of External Affairs, Senior – Jamal Tarrabain**
 - N/A
- **Vice-President of External Affairs, Junior – Amelia Boughn**
 - No major updates this week!
- **Vice-President of Internal Affairs – Chloe DesRoche**
 - Kitchenette updates – volunteers from the AS Council and class councils are needed to fulfill cleaning responsibilities!
 1. Please sign up on the document here: [sign-up sheet](#)
 - Fourth-year awards are being arranged for their class
 1. The AS award is open for nomination for the whole QMed body
 2. Other AS non-athletic awards will have forms be sent out soon
- **Vice-President of Academic Affairs – Peter Lee**
 - N/A
- **And for Academic Coordinator – Cameron Sartor**
 - Given the go ahead to reach out to departments for rotating observerships – more information to come regrading capacity and dates

Speaker's List

- Sloane: Will the rotating observerships be available for first years only or for first and second years?
 - o Cam: They should be open to both years.
- Chloe: What was the anticipated date for the sign-up sheet to be out?
 - o Cam: The date for the sign-up sheet depends on how fast the departments get back to me – I will give updates as they come.
- **Vice-President of Finance – Ciara Morrison**
 - N/A
- **Treasurer – Annie Kang**
 - N/A
- **Communication Officer – Jamie Zucker**
 - If there are any changes you would like to see on the AS website, please reach out!
- **University Affairs Officer, Senior – Aceel Hawa**
 - Google form created for recommendations for the AS Honorary President
 1. Please see the Queen's Medicine Facebook group to fill out the form!

Speaker's List

- Bryan: Just so everyone has an idea, who are some past AS Honorary Presidents?
 - o Aceel: I do not have a current list on me but will get one soon!
- **University Affairs Officer, Junior – Kobi Pollard**
 - N/A
- **Social Affairs Officer (2) – Dileas MacGowan and Sabina Shah**
 - Looking into some venues for the end-of-year AS formal event – updates to come!
- **Athletics Officer (2) – Christine Cash and Bahar Entezari**
 - MedGames are coming up in the near future
 1. Hotels and buses to be organized soon – stay tuned for sign-up sheets in the near future!
 - Yoga will not be happening this term due to low interest
 1. We will have next year's Athletics Officers reach out to possibly start this again next term
- **Global Health Liaison, Senior – Rebecca Ng**
 - Looking at applications for CFMS winter Global Health committees
- **Global Health Liaison, Junior – Candice Martin**
 - N/A
- **Student Initiatives and Research Officer – Sloane Kowal**
 - Email distributed to all interest groups regarding confirmation for in-person events – they are officially on!
 1. Book SOMB rooms in advance – please follow rules about eating and drinking!
- **Student Interest Group Coordinator – Emma Amaral**
 - No major updates for this week!
- **Wellness Officer – Isis Lunsky**
 - N/A
- **Equity Officer, Senior – Duva Karunakaran**
 - Currently organizing anti-oppression training – times to be booked in the near future!
- **Equity Officer, Junior – Samriddhi Mishra**
 - N/A
- **Student Representative to the Admissions Committee Sr. – Mary Foley**
 - Panel interviews are taking place next weekend!
 - Decision to increase the Queen's medicine class size must be made by May 10th
- **Student Representative to the Admissions Committee Jr. – Owen Kolasky**
 - N/A
- **First Year President – Imran Syed**
 - First week of in-person class!
 - Our class council is hoping to meet tomorrow to discuss:
 1. Collaboration with second year class to do an interview weekend
 2. Patagonia was delayed once again – we will have more updates soon
 3. Planning Orientation week for the 2026s in September

- **Second Year President – Molly Cows**
 - No major updates for this week!
- **Third Year Co-Presidents – Jessica Caterini and Tony Li**
 - Third years are almost done block four!
- **Fourth Year Co-Presidents – Victoria Lee-Kim and Iku Nwosu**
 - Fourth year class finished CaRMS on Sunday – now we wait!
 - Graduation date is set for May 27th
 1. Working on special events for the celebration
- **Speaker of Council/Chief Electoral Officer – Mike Arnason**
 - Spring General Meeting is set for Wednesday April 20th at 5:30PM
 1. This is your chance to make changes to the AS Constitution
 2. Please reach out to speaker@qmed.ca if you have any changes
 - New round of elections coming soon – updates on the nomination period to come!

Speaker's List

- Chloe: Is there a plan whether the SGM will be online or in-person?
 - o Mike: Bryan and I will discuss this for all of our meetings to come.

7. Agenda Items

- **Motion to endorse the CFMS letter to Dr. Sanfilippo objecting to the AFMC's decision to put the CaRMS match out to tender – Bryan Wong, AS President**
 - See background documents here:
 - a. [A message from the Resident Doctors of Canada](#)
 - b. [CaRMS Information Sheet](#)
 - Today's discussion: vote on the motion to endorse the CFMS letter to Dr. Sanfilippo to object this decision and how we can go about doing so

Speaker's List

- Christine: You mentioned that the Deans will be voting on this – is this a vote that has the potential to change the outcome?
 - o Bryan: I do not believe they are voting – I believe there are meeting to decide on how they can sway the decision to put CaRMS out to tender?
- Christine: One of the points raised was whether it actually is federal law to put CaRMS to tender – is there any confirmation of this?
 - o Bryan: This was brought to the AFMC's attention; however, I am not sure what they did with this information.
- Victoria: Is there a timeline for this?
 - o Bryan: If this were to happen, I believe it would start affecting the match for the class of 2026.
- Chloe: It seems as though, if it is indeed federal law, it requires the involvement of a lawyer. Additionally, what is the AFMC's motivation to put CaRMS to tender?
 - o Bryan: After discussing this with Dr. Sanfilippo, we concluded that there is no clear motivation. It is possible that is being influenced by the apparent federal law or possibly by anyone with corporate stakes in CaRMS.

- Imran: Have problems like this ever been brought up before in the history of CaRMS?
 - o Bryan: We don't believe that any change of this scale has been made to CaRMS previously and to our knowledge it has never been put out to tender before.
- Rebecca: Regarding the federal law aspect of this, I am not sure if there is any use of the actual term "federal law". It seems as though if other law consultants have come to different conclusions, there should be some concerns. Thank you to Bryan for bringing this forward and explaining it in a very approachable way!
- Victoria: As someone who has gone through the CaRMS process, I would not want there to be a possibility that this process is bought out by a private/American company. A major advantage of the current system is the privacy of where and when you apply to certain programs. The match in Canada is very transparent – I am not sure how many of these advantages would transfer over if this were to be bought.
- Bryan: if CaRMS is put out to tender, CaRMS itself can put out a bid to buy itself – if this were to happen, it would likely win unless there is a program that is very much willing to pay a lot, suggesting they might do so with the best intentions.
 - Thank you everyone for the great discussion – it is great to see that everyone cares so heavily for the future generations of QMed!

- **POLL RESULTS**

- Unanimous IN FAVOUR of endorsing the letter

8. Next meeting

- Wednesday April 6th at 5:30PM

9. Varia

- None

10. Motion to end meeting

- Bahar, Molly
- Meeting closed at 6:32PM