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AGENDA

AS Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 06, 2021, 5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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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 – Tony Li
  - Vice-President of External Affairs, Senior – Angela Salomon
  - Vice-President of External Affairs, Junior – Jamal Tarrabain
  - Vice-President of Internal Affairs – Joseph Samuel
  - Vice-President of Academic Affairs – Pedram Akbari
    - and for Academic Coordinator – Adriyan Hrycyszyn
  - Vice-President of Finance – Kiera Liblik
  - Treasurer – Ciara Morrison
  - Communication Officer – Bahar Entezari
  - University Affairs Officer, Senior – William Khoury
  - University Affairs Officer, Junior – Aceel Hawa
  - Social Affairs Officer – Alison Ross
  - Athletics Officer (2) – Linda Archila and Darwin Jimal
  - Global Health Liaison, Senior – Jessica Ho
  - Global Health Liaison, Junior – Rebecca Ng
  - Student Initiatives and Research Officer – Zahra Haq
    - and for Student Interest Group Coordinator – Sloane Kowal
  - Wellness Officer – Avneesh Banghu
  - Equity Officer – Christine Moon
    - and for Student Representative to the Admissions Committee – Mary Foley
  - First Year President – Molly Cows
  - Second Year President – Jenn Campbell
  - Third Year Co-Presidents – Victoria Lee-Kim and Iku Nwosu
  - Fourth Year Co-Presidents – Josh Gnanasegaram and Rae Woodhouse
  - Past AS President – Danny Jomaa
  - Speaker of Council/Chief Electoral Officer – Marielle Balanaser
7. Agenda Items
  - University Affairs Officer, Senior:
    - Honorary President Introduction and Installation (Dr. Jenna Healey)

- Equity Officer, Senior:
  - AS Zoom Closed Captioning
  - Equity Subcommittee: Disability & Accessibility Subcommittee Mid-Year Report
  
- 8. Next meeting
- 9. Varia
- 10. Motion to end meeting

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## MEETING MINUTES

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### **1. Opening of the meeting**

- Meeting called to order at 5:33PM
- Members in attendance:
  - Marielle Balanaser
  - Tony Li
  - Zahra Haq
  - Joseph Samuel
  - Pedram Akbari
  - Jessica Ho
  - Avneesh Banghu
  - William Khoury
  - Christine Moon
  - Jenn Campbell
  - Alison Ross
  - Aceel Hawa
  - Iku Nwosu
  - Rebecca Ng
  - Linda Archila
  - Danny Jomaa
  - Victoria Lee-Kim
  - Rae Woodhouse
  - Joshua Gnanasegaram
  - Angela Salomon
  - Kiera Liblik
  - Ciara Morrison
  - Molly Cows
  - Bahar Entezari
  - Sloane Kowal
  - Mary Foley
  - Dr. Jenna Healey

### **2. Motion to start the meeting**

- Kiera Liblik, Angie Salomon

### **3. Motion to adopt agenda**

- Christine Moon, Alison Ross

### **4. Approving last meeting's minutes**

- Joseph Samuel, William Khoury

### **5. Question period**

### **6. Council Updates**

- **AS President – Tony Li**
  - Happy New Year!
  - We should all begin to think about the transition reports
  - We are currently in Winter elections

- Thank you to everyone involved in the Honorary President election process (major shoutout to William Khoury!)
- Accreditation process has begun
  1. Looking for one student for each subcommittee
- COVID vaccinations
  1. Work being done to integrate medical student in vaccine delivery– as of now, no medical students are involved in rollout
  2. Update on clerk vaccinations across the country:
    - a. UWO clerks to be vaccinated late March/early April
    - b. Some Ottawa sites already vaccinated
    - c. Dalhousie students on rotation in sites with vaccination are included
    - d. Toronto students have begun receiving vaccine
- MCC exams regulatory process
  1. Complaints have been expanded externally (Toronto Star)
- **Vice-President of External Affairs, Senior – Angela Salomon**
  - Vaccinations
    1. University of Ottawa clerks were recruited over the holidays to administer vaccines (only over the holidays – no longer happening)
  - OMSA council meeting
    1. President and president-elect attend all meetings as of this year – let Angie know if you'd like to attend!
    2. Call for position papers currently open –
    3. If you need money for events, event sponsorship events are due January 21<sup>st</sup>
    4. COVID curricular tracker is underway at the CFMS
    5. Student of the Season applications have opened for the OMSA
    6. Discussion of medical student involved in vaccine distribution
      - a. OMSA will be advocating for this
    7. We have extra funds this year from the OMA (COVID placed restrictions limiting spending this year)
      - a. Some of the money will go to student grant
      - b. Another portion will go to hiring an EDI consultant for the organization
  - CFMS update
    1. Annual review submissions are due in 2 days
    2. Director of global health application extended to January 10<sup>th</sup>
    3. Student Initiative grant available up to \$3000 – deadline February 9<sup>th</sup>
- **Vice-President of External Affairs, Junior – Jamal Tarrabain (absent)**
  - Refer to Angie's update above
- **Vice-President of Internal Affairs – Joseph Samuel**
  - Gathering nominations for awards for past terms
- **Vice-President of Academic Affairs – Pedram Akbari**

- Some of the initiatives for red zones (e.g. in person classes) are being pushed back or cancelled given the current COVID situation (still not completely out of the picture)
- Accreditation process has begun
  1. Began in January, led by Dr. Jones
  2. There are subcommittees with student representation to be filled soon
- Cohorts were selected – remained the same as previous term
- Clinical skills for first and second years to continue as planned
- Observerships are on hold
- Third years still schedules to start on the 18<sup>th</sup>
- Fourth years are on track to meet graduation requirements
- **Academic Coordinator – Adriyan Hrycshyn (absent, presented by Pedram)**
  - Starting to schedule rotating observerships – more details within the next few weeks
- **Vice-President of Finance – Kiera Liblik**
  - Getting together annual 2020 report to be submitted to SGPS
  - Just wrote out all class council checks
  - Soon will be opening up applications for spring funding for interest groups
  - Next year, we will still be receiving full student fees from the school
- **Treasurer – Ciara Morrison**
  - Doing reimbursements
- **Communication Officer – Bahar Entezari**
  - Will be putting out a graphic for the announcement of closed captions on Zoom – working with Christine
  - Moving forwards, meeting minutes will be posted to website after they have been approved by council (Twitter posts will still be going out one week after each meeting)
    1. This adds a layer of accountability, while still maintaining transparency with students being updated on social media
- **University Affairs Officer, Senior – William Houry**
  - Congratulations, Dr. Healey, on selection as Honorary President!
- **University Affairs Officer, Junior – Aceel Hawa**
  - Nothing to report!
- **Social Affairs Officer – Alison Ross**
  - Majority of clothing sale items have been distributed
    1. Went well overall
    2. Forty-four more orders need to be picked up – will be done after the lockdown
  - Did a COVID friendly Angel Tree gift drive before the holidays
  - Organizing a local ski trip – likely to occur after the provincial lockdown
    1. Please reach out if you have any ideas as to how this can be made COVID friendly
- **Athletics Officer (2) – Linda Archila and Darwin Jimal**

- Fate of intramurals and Med-Law games are to be determined
- Yoga is running, forms will be sent out soon
- Will be doing some SGL activities more frequently
  1. i.e. during 10 min breaks between classes
  2. Winning FSGL at activities will be a awarded a prize!
- **Global Health Liaison, Senior – Jessica Ho (absent)**
  - See Rebecca's notes below
- **Global Health Liaison, Junior – Rebecca Ng**
  - Had December all committee global health meeting
  - Letter in response to CFMS Director of Global Health resignation is still accepting signatures
  - Health Determinants course review is in progress
    1. Might be making a committee to discuss the source with Dr. Caturay
  - Health and Human Rights Conference on January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> – sign up still available
- **Student Initiatives and Research Officer – Zahra Haq**
  - Nothing to report!
- **Student Interest Group Coordinator – Sloane Kowal**
  - Interest Groups, please use your budget!
- **Wellness Officer – Avneesh Banghu**
  - Delivered wellness care packages to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> years in December
    1. Will be done the same for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> years soon
  - CFMS wellness challenges starts on January 18<sup>th</sup>
    1. Usually, Queen's Wellness Month would overlap with this challenge, but this year it will be occurring after the CFMS challenge
  - Future plans
    1. Coordinate pre-clerkship confidential
    2. Looking at ideas for Bell Let's Talk day
- **Equity Officer – Christine Moon**
  - The Equity Officers at QMed, QLaw, and QCommerce have been working on the conference on Indigenous reconciliation, with Queen's Native Students Association, to develop a four-panel series titled Indigenous Approaches to Modern Problems: Challenging Eurocentric Legal, Medical, and Business Systems
    1. Series is starting in February
    2. Please stay tuned to how you can get involved/attend
- **Student Representative to the Admissions Committee – Mary Foley (absent)**
  - Nothing to report!
- **First Year President – Molly Cows**
  - Class is working on a letter to address issues with HSF
  - Interview video is finished
  - We are starting to organize interview weekend
- **Second Year President – Jenn Campbell**
  - Class is in yellow zone – main concern is getting a symptomatic testing

1. Normally, the test is achieved through the COVID study in KGH but many students cannot pass the KGH screening due to travel limitations outside of Kingston
2. Miriam Maes and Laura Wells and been involved in figuring out testing
3. Most of class will get tested the Monday before clinical skills start on Tuesday
4. They cannot get rid of the testing
5. Testing centre should be able to get results back in time

*Speaker's list:*

- *Rae: you can be in the building, but on workplace isolation, to be able to enter KGH to get testing, as long as you haven't been outside of Kingston for longer than 14 days*
  - *Jen: Dr. Jones expressed this would not be an option for pre-clerks as they are not designated the essential worker status; will bring this up again to Dr. Jones in case anything has changed*
- *Pedram: For the testing that happens through the study at KGH, do you have to be involved in the research study?*
  - *Jen: no, you are able to get tested without participating in the study*
  - **Third Year Co-Presidents – Victoria Lee-Kim and Iku Nwosu**
    - We are finally starting clerkship in less than 2 weeks!
    - Specialty block reps have been hosting some talks with clerks to discuss pearls of wisdom
    - Face buttons for clerks are on route
  - **Fourth Year Co-Presidents – Josh Gnanasegaram and Rae Woodhouse**
    - CaRMS due February 8<sup>th</sup>
    - Mock interview prep is happening soon, first session next weekend
    - Finishing up last 5 weeks of clinical duties
    - Figuring out class gift, graduation
    - Josh: are there any updates in getting into the SBM?
      1. Tony: No updates as of now, discussions in progress
  - **Past AS President – Danny Jomaa**
    - Nothing to report!
  - **Speaker of Council/Chief Electoral Officer – Marielle Balanaser**
    - We are in midst of January elections
      1. Nomination period ends on Jan 11
      2. Info session was held today
      3. We are electing Equity Junior, 2024 Professional Reps and 2023 Curricular Reps
        - a. Please encourage people to run!
    - AS Schedule for the term has been sent out
      1. If there are any changes, you will be given as much notice as possible
      2. Will be sending out google calendar invites the week before each meeting
      3. Governance committee meeting and SGM date are also planned in the schedule

*Speaker's list:*

- *Angie: When can I put forward a motion that is inconsequential?*
  - *Marielle: either as an agenda item added during the meeting, or in varia*

**7. Agenda Items**

- University Affairs Officer, Senior:
  - Honorary President Introduction and Installation (Dr. Jenna Healey)
    - a. Thank you, council, in all your help and support in the selection of the honorary president
    - b. Congratulations, Dr. Healey – we are looking forward to working with you
      - a. Your work in History of Medicine has spoken to students
      - b. First honorary president to have been selected through council and an open student consultation process
    - c. We must now ratify Dr. Healey – require a 2/3 vote by councils
      - a. Proposed a motion to make Dr. Healey Honorary President (William Khoury, Tony Li) – motion passed!
    - d. Dr. Healey:
      - a. Thank you, everyone
      - b. I really appreciate this, it is quite the honor
      - c. This is my fourth year at Queen's and the thing that has continuously stuck me is the work of the AS Council – you are so dedicated, and amazing
      - d. I am happy to advocate on your behalf to faculty, and provide support/guidance throughout my term
- Equity Officer, Senior:
  - AS Zoom Closed Captioning
    - a. Pleased to announce that as of January, all AS events held on the AS account will be held with closed captioning
  - Equity Subcommittee: Disability & Accessibility Subcommittee Mid-Year Report
    - a. Welcome, to the members of the Disability & Accessibility Subcommittee
    - b. Mid-Year Report summary presented by Jordana Waserman (2021) and Abby Christie (2024)
      - a. Past events and advocacy
        - Hosted talks regarding disability studies, perception of disability medical students
        - Meetings with UGSM every 1-2 months focusing on improving access to accommodations from a policy perspective
      - b. Future plans:
        - Planning medically relevant ASL workshop
        - Organizing disability training sessions scheduled to happen next week

- Will continue to incorporate lecture on working with deaf and hard of hearing people in special senses lecture
- Refining a list of resources for students who are taking a leave of absence
- Creating accessibility guides for IG events, classroom, UGME events
- Speaker event being organizing re disability in Med Ed

c. Note: the Disability & Accessibility Subcommittee Mid-Year Report can be found attached below, after meeting minutes

**8. Next meeting**

- January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:30PM

**9. Varia**

- Angie: motion on behalf on Angie and Alison Ross that the chair recommend council members to turn on camera during meetings
  - Motion passed

**10. Motion to end meeting**

- Tony Li, Pedram Akbari