



AGENDA

AS Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 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 – 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, Senior – Christine Moon
 - and for Student Representative to the Admissions Committee – Mary Foley
 - Equity Officer, Junior - Duva Karunakaran
 - 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

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

MEETING MINUTES

1. Opening of the meeting

- Meeting called to order at 5:32PM
- Members in attendance
 - Aceel Hawa
 - Adriyan Hrycyshyn
 - Alison Ross
 - Angie Salomon
 - Avneesh Bhangu
 - Bahar Entezari
 - Christine Moon
 - Duva Karunakaran
 - Jamal Tarrabain
 - Jenn Campbell
 - Jessica Ho
 - Joseph Samuel
 - Josh Gnanasegaram
 - Kiera Liblik
 - Linda Archila
 - Marielle Balanaser
 - Molly Cows
 - Pedram Akbari
 - Rae Woodhouse
 - Rebecca Ng
 - Sloane Kowal
 - Tony Li
 - Victoria Lee-Kim
 - William Khoury
 - Zahra Haq

2. Motion to start the meeting

- Jenn, Kiera

3. Motion to adopt agenda

- Linda, Zahra

4. Approving last meeting's minutes

- Linda, Jenn

5. Question period

- None

6. Council Updates

- **AS President – Tony Li**
 - CFMS update

1. Had a discussion around visiting electives; big area of concern especially at Queen's given that we are a smaller site; there are ramifications for all years in terms of placements being available
2. All deans initially had planned to have a similar approach; the main issue right now is that the main importers of electives are not currently able to offer electives – decision is being delayed; CFMS is trying to push a decision to come sooner; a lot more discussions to be had
3. CFMS SGM dates: April 16th-18th
 - a. Target date for a lot of CFMS anti-racism work
4. A student at Queen's has been selected for a CFMS award
- Panel for first year medical students
 1. Purpose is to discuss pandemic-related concerns in medical education
 2. Facilitated panel hosted by Dr. Philpott
- Final AS elections are coming up soon
 1. People may be reaching out with questions regarding election procedures and specific roles
- **Vice-President of External Affairs, Senior – Angela Salomon**
 - OMSA updates
 1. Med Ed research funding opportunities available
 2. Grant writing workshop on March 16th
 3. OMSA has had surplus funds → \$15,000 will be used for COVID19 summer studentships (either \$2,500 for part-time work, or \$5,000 for full-time work) – meant to alleviate financial stress due to COVID
 4. Article published in Global Mail by some residents regarding the morality of the 16h shift for residents; discussed similar concepts relating to clerks; more conversations to be had on this subject to determine where the OMSA falls in terms of advocacy work
 5. Paid sick-leave bill *not* passed by ON gov recently – lots of opportunities to contact MPs; will be organizing some mass advocacy work soon
- **Vice-President of External Affairs, Junior – Jamal Tarrabain**
 - OMA insurance talk
 1. Another talk will be held this semester at the end of March (similar to the one that happened last semester in the fall)
 - CFMS updates
 1. The current BoD will be vacating their roles earlier this year; upon election of new board, the current board will immediately resign
 2. March 5th → facilitated discussion will be had regarding EDI initiatives

Speaker's list

- *Jessica: the past president usually plays a big role in the transition – do you know how this will play out this year with the early BoD resignation?*

- *Jamal: unsure yet; will likely be discussed on Friday; it seems as though the current board will play a role in helping with the transition*
- **Vice-President of Internal Affairs – Joseph Samuel**
 - Nothing to report
- **Vice-President of Academic Affairs – Pedram Akbari**
 - Last curriculum committee meeting
 1. Had a PH official come in to talk to the committee; told that the UGME should plan to go ahead with classes as normal, however, there should be a back-up plan in place
 2. Will likely have some sort of documentation of vaccination requirements to attend classes/clinical skills/exams...
 3. Visiting students – vaccine roll-out will be different across jurisdiction thinking of offering vaccination to anyone visiting Queen's
 - UGME is looking for make-up dates for students that have missed any learning events
 1. 1st to 2nd week of June (not finalized)
 - Observership update
 1. Waiting for the hospitals to give us the green light
 2. Motion passed to allow first year students and second year students with few observerships to get a 2-week heads up on observerships
 - Prosecution course
 1. Limited by Queen's restrictions; once this is lifted, students will be able to gather over the summer time; no set schedule
 - Procedural skills and OSCEs
 1. Booked!
 2. OSCE's:
 - a. History (online): 3 sessions per class
 - b. Physical (in person): 3 sessions per class
 3. Grades will be adjusted for those with tests earlier than others

Speaker's list

- *Angie: what is the pre-clerk observership requirement?*
 - *Pedram: 6 observerships*
- *Avneesh: will the rotating observerships happen this summer?*
 - *Pedram: rotating observerships will happen*
 - *Adriyan: they are booked for a 6-week period in the summer (June to mid-July); thinking of expanding the program to accommodate for the 2023s and 2024s*
- **Academic Coordinator – Adriyan Hrycyshyn**
 - Nothing to report (see above note)
- **Vice-President of Finance – Kiera Liblik**
 - MMIs are done! Panels will be sent out soon after marking
 - Another round of funding applications will go out soon
- **Treasurer – Ciara Morrison**
 - Processing reimbursements
- **Communication Officer – Bahar Entezari**
 - Nothing to report

- **University Affairs Officer, Senior – William Khoury**
 - Planning potential Med-Law games
 - Sent out a poll to gauge interest
 - Hopefully we will get some form of the games running this year!
- **University Affairs Officer, Junior – Aceel Hawa**
 - Nothing to report
- **Social Affairs Officer – Alison Ross**
 - Shout out to the first years that worked on the interview video!
- **Athletics Officer (2) – Linda Archila and Darwin Jimal**
 - Doing a jersey sale (normally for med games in the Fall, but offering them now this semester)
 - Planning some virtual QRS events
- **Global Health Liaison, Senior – Jessica Ho**
 - Had a GH liaison facilitated discussion on March 2nd
 - Didn't talk much about the next steps of the CFMS, but hopefully we will hear more from Jamal's meeting on Friday
- **Global Health Liaison, Junior – Rebecca Ng**
 - Nothing to report
- **Student Initiatives and Research Officer – Zahra Haq**
 - Research Task Force created the summer studentship review
 1. Meeting up with a mentor, OR
 2. Drop in session on Friday
 - Double booking of events has been of concern recently; motion to add an agenda item to discuss non-interest group event booking
 1. Zahra, Kiera
 - Policy changes to be made to SIRO and SGCO roles
 1. Improving accessibility at IG events and codifying it in the IG statement
- **Student Interest Group Coordinator – Sloane Kowal**
 - Lots of events on-going
 - Lots of work to come over the break (see Zahra's report)
- **Wellness Officer – Avneesh Banghu**
 - Still in the midst of Wellness Month
 - Will start the first ever formalized peer support training at Queen's soon – sign up if you are interested!
- **Equity Officer, Senior – Christine Moon**
 - QMed team up with QLaw and Queen's Commerce to hold events on Indigenous issues
 1. First one happened on Saturday regarding indigenous healing
 2. Next one is in indigeneity in law and commerce this Saturday
- **Equity Officer, Junior - Duva Karunakaran**
 - Sexual Assault bystander Training ran smoothly if you attended and have feedback, please let us know
- **First Year President – Molly Cows**
 - Interview video is out!
 - Waiting to get hands on medical badges

- **Second Year President – Jenn Campbell**
 - Got COVID-testing changed
 1. Initially, 2nd years were being asked to come back on March 18th (March break cut early)
 2. Solution: asymptomatic students to QMed who have travelled should get testing – can be done at the Wellness Centre
 3. Daily screening will be same-day (same as first years)
 - Dr. San Filippo will have a town hall with 2nd years on Friday
 - Still waiting to hear back from observerships
- **Third Year Co-Presidents – Victoria Lee-Kim and Iku Nwosu**
 - Talking with C2022 presidents on Saturday regarding visiting electives
 - Discussing with administration issues surrounding N95 supply to clerks
 - Talking to Dr. Moffatt; she mentioned that the entire MEDSVC team has been working very hard since March; would be nice to organize some sort of student recognition for the team – let your class presidents know if you have any ideas for this

Speaker's list

- *Pedram: had a similar discussion regarding MEDSVC appreciation; their portfolio expanded to include all of HSF (not only Medicine); some form of appreciation would be a great idea!*
 - **Fourth Year Co-Presidents – Josh Gnanasegaram and Rae Woodhouse**
 - Bene hearing back from CaRMS about interviews
 - Have sent out a number of emails on AS council to plan graduation-related awards and other logistics
 - UGME has allowed 4th years to use campus rooms for CaRMS interviews (March 8th to 28th)
 - **Past AS President – Danny Jomaa (absent)**
 - **Speaker of Council/Chief Electoral Officer – Marielle Balanaser**
 - It is appreciated when members give a heads-up as to when they will be late or absent
 - Calendar for the rest of the semester
 1. March 24th – next AS meeting
 2. Governance committee meeting will be sometime in the week of the 22nd
 3. April is a busy month – lots of elections ongoing and simultaneous
 4. Marielle will be posting updates and timelines on Facebook
 5. 2023 and AS Council members will be elected by the SGM
 6. 2024 council will be elected by 23th of April
 7. SGM scheduled for April 21st
 - a. Governance committee will have motions in and available by April 6th
 - b. All motions due Monday, the 19th of April
 8. Feel free to direct elections-related questions to myself (Marielle)
 9. Will be making a graphic regarding elections processes to be shared with QMed students at large

7. Agenda Items

- SIRO
 - Discussion surrounding overlap between IG and AS events
 - a. There is generally no overlap allowed between AS events
 - b. Some AS events overlap IG events; to avoid this we were thinking of having AS events go through a centralized process similar to that of IG events to prevent overlap between the two
 - c. Thinking of also including class councils in the IG policy of booking events; interested in hearing class council presidents' thoughts on this

Speaker's list

- *Kiera: this policy change makes sense; it is especially important for IG groups that are hosting larger events with speakers that need to be booked, and would appreciate a notice in the planning of AS events*
- *Molly: wondering what type of class council events would need to be booked through this centralized process?*
 - *Zahra: not council meetings, but rather events planned for the class members (i.e. social events)*
 - *Molly: social reps are having difficulty with avoiding double-bookings with the AS calendar as is – will bring this discussion to the class council and bring an update back soon*
- *Josh: would this apply to events hosted by fourth years?*
 - *Zahra: this policy would likely not apply to clerks; we recognize the clerks have a busy schedule and this may not be feasible*
 - *Sloane: It would be nice to know when the clerk's events are happening just to stay in the loop*
- *Tony: there has been an increase in events with school being shifted online; concern with having class councils going through the same booking process as AS/IG events because the events are quite different in nature and may be more spurious among class councils; there could be a "best practices" expectation to share planned class council events just to keep the AS and IGs in the loop*
- *Angie: would be in favor of putting class council events within the AS calendar*
- *Zahra: thank you for all the input; if the presidents could please bring this up to your class councils, that would be greatly appreciated!*

8. Next meeting

- March 24th, 5:30PM

9. Varia

- None

10. Motion to end meeting

- Angie, Pedram
- Meeting ended at 6:26PM