

OMSA Council Meeting #8 April 25, 9AM - 12PM EST



Present via teleconference: Sharon Yeung (President), Saara Punjani (VP Comms), Rae Woodhouse (VP Finance), Jessica Scott (VP Advocacy), Courtney Leach (VP Student Affairs), Michael Scaffidi (VP Education), Angie Soloman (Queen's), Jamal Tarrabain (Queen's), Kristina Yau (Ottawa), Alexandra Finstad (Ottawa), Sinthu Senthillmohan (UofT), Justin Lin (UofT), Devon Wilton (McMaster), Francis Lao (McMaster), Angela Fan (Western), Shauna Peng (Western), Chelsea Rehak (NOSM), Rylee Mose (NOSM)

Guests: Ayushi Bhatt (Western), Abby Ross (Ottawa)

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Adoption of the Agenda

- 1.1. Motion to Start the Meeting
 - Mover: Angie Soloman
 - Seconder: Francis Lao
- 1.2. Motion to Adopt the Agenda
 - Mover: Sinthu
 - Seconder: Rae Woodhouse
- 1.3. Motion to Approve Last Meeting's Minutes
 - Mover: Angie Soloman
 - Seconder: Kristina Yau

2. Question Period

3. Motions

- 3.1. Motion to Amend the 2020-2021 OMSA Budget - *VP Finance*
 - Please find the motion [here](#).
 - We have \$3,000 in surplus from the OMSA Day of Action budget line since the OMA paid for an expense for DoA that we had not anticipated. This money can now go to other purposes. We will make a \$500 donation in memory of the student at NOSM who passed away. The remainder of the money will go to support

unmatched grads (with gift cards). Anything left over at the end of this will go towards paying for an external review of OMSA's internal policies and practices.

- Mover: Rae Woodhouse
- Seconder: Courtney Leach
- Motion passes unanimously.

3.2. Re-allocate funding from OSMERC 2021 to MSERG 2021 - *VP Education*

- Please find the motion [here](#).
- MD Financial funding fell through for MSERG 2021 - we had proposed a sponsorship package to them that they did not accept. We only have one \$5,000 award that is currently not covered. So we will temporarily borrow money from OSMERC 2021 to support MSERG 2021. OSMERC has \$12,000 left over that would have been transferred to next year, but instead we will be redistributing it within the Education Portfolio. This won't have bearing on next year's OSMERC funding. We will also try to identify other sources of funding in the interim.
- Mover: Michael Scaffidi
- Seconder: Rae Woodhouse
- Motion passes unanimously.

3.3. Motion to pass the position paper entitled, "Best Practices for Preceptors of Medical Students on Clinical Rotations" - *VP Education*

- Please find the motion [here](#).
- The paper's authors have asked to pass this paper at the next meeting to allow more time to work on it.
- This was initially meant as a CFMS collaboration, but is now only an OMSA paper. There is no real documentation for preceptors in terms of best practices and certainly none from a student perspective. The paper talks about a number of recommendations (effective feedback, dedicated teaching, sufficient orientation, safe learning environment). This is a paper by students for preceptors with a new perspective.

- The plan is to pass this at OMSA AGM and also at CFMS, and then to disseminate this broadly across the country.

3.4. Motion to Create a Mental Health Anonymous Portal - *VP Education*

- Please find the motion [here](#).
- The Mental Health Subcommittee did a qualitative study over the last several years that looked at mental health trends among med students. One recommendation from this study is to establish an anonymous portal that would help us identify specific mental health issues that we can advocate around and also provide us with data to support these trends and future advocacy work. The portal is anonymous, so no identifiable information is submitted. Will allow students to reach out to OMSA.
- What would happen if a student expresses acute mental health concerns?
 - May have a flagging system, where someone can periodically review the data entry and identify any flags. We will also include a disclaimer: if you have any acute mental health concerns, please reach out to a healthcare professional.
- Another concern is that, especially with the current wording of the motion, this may seem like we are using people's difficult stories for the progression of our goals. This may seem exploitive. Rather than for people to share their experiences, perhaps the portal can focus on students sharing their feedback and what they think is missing in their medical school.
- Lastly, this portal may have some overlap with the Student Affairs Perspectives in Medicine initiative, where students are able to share their stories related to medical school with a focus on wellness.
- VP Education agrees with the feedback and will flesh out answers to these questions more with the Mental Health subcommittee. He will also discuss with VP Student Affairs regarding the overlap with Perspectives in Medicine. The motion will be deferred for now until the AGM, where it will be re-presented with additional supporting documents.

4. Discussion Items

4.1. Leadership Summit + AGM - *President*

- Ushma, Zach and Sharon have been working on preparing the Leadership Summit and AGM. Please find a tentative agenda and more information on the roles of OMSA VPs at the Leadership Summit and AGM [here](#). Theme: Leadership in Times of Crisis. Keynote speaker: Dr. Eileen DeVilla. Workshop speakers: Dr. Arya, Dr. Dosani, Dr. Chila Johnson, CFMS HEART.
- VPs will be responsible for leading their respective Strategic Direction Workshops, where OMSA members can provide direct feedback to the VP Portfolios to provide data with what to focus on for coming years. VPs will be split into different breakout rooms and have members rotate through each of the rooms.
- OMSA VPs will also be responsible for creating their exec reports, an outline of what your portfolio has achieved throughout the year, up to 10 minutes in length. We will provide a template with strategic goals that you can base your presentation on.

4.2. 2021-2022 Draft Budget Review - *VP Finance*

- Motion to go in camera
 - Mover: Rae Woodhouse
 - Seconder: Angie Soloman
- Motion to come out of camera:
 - Mover: Rae Woodhouse
 - Seconder: Sharon Yeung

5. **Varia**

6. **Next Meeting**

6.1. OMSA Leadership Summit & AGM - May 15th and 16th, 2021

7. **Meeting Closure**

7.1. Motion to end the meeting

- Mover: Sharon Yeung
- Seconder: Saara Punjani