

**OMSA Council Meeting #6**  
**February 26, 2022 10:00 - 16:00 EST**  
[Zoom](#)



**Present via teleconference:** Ushma Purohit (President), Angie Salomon (President-Elect), Mahdi Zeghal (VP Communications), Zack Chuang (VP Finance), Leah Bennett (VP Student Affairs), AJ Ghasroddashti (Proxy - VP Education), Sinthu Senthilmohan (VP Advocacy), Devon Wilton (McMaster), Mike Darcy (McMaster), Abby Ross (Ottawa), Kristina Yau (Ottawa), Shauna Peng (Western), Ayushi Bhatt (Western), Aidan Goertzen (NOSM), Rylee Mose (NOSM), Amelia Boughn (Queens), Jamal Tarrabain (Queen's), Victoria Turnbull (CFMS - ORD)

**Guests:** Mr. Allan O'Dette (OMA CEO)

**Regrets:** Sauliha Alli (VP EDI), Connie Li (VP Education), Faran Khalid (VP Operations), Justin Lin (Toronto), Lara Parlatan (Toronto)

## 1. Welcome, Introductions, and Adoption of the Agenda

### 1.1. Motion to Start the Meeting

- Mover: Leah Bennett
- Seconder: Ushma Purohit
- Motion passes

### 1.2. Motion to Adopt the Agenda

- Mover: Zack Chaung
- Seconder: Ushma Purohit
- Motion passes

### 1.3. Motion to Approve Last Meeting's Minutes (October 30th, 2021)

- Mover: Rylee Mose
- Seconder: Kristina Yau
- Motion passes

## 2. Land Acknowledgement - *Angie Salomon, President-Elect*

- Working towards Indigenous social inclusion, and case studies looking at Indigenous nursing leadership in other countries
- [Article](#)
- "Systemic failure to provide leadership and implement national Indigenous public health policies and develop Indigenous workforce strategies"

- Indigenous leadership in UBC nursing, and discussion of other Indigenous leadership at other medical schools

### 3. CFMS Update - CFMS Ontario Regional Director

- Please review the following [update](#).
- OMSA Communications is able to support and help with promotion of CFMatcheS campaign
- Additional discussion surrounding availability of resources to medical students as it pertains to CFMS partnerships (e.g. AMBOSS, Canada QBank), including possible discount for LMCC resources with MCC partnership

### 4. Executive Updates - Part 1

#### 4.1. Advocacy

- Please review the update [here](#).
- As of right now no additional support is needed from the council for Day of Action (multiple committee members); Sinthu can double check with the committee when speaking with them to confirm.
- If DoA can no longer be in-person, they would get a refund, and they are also planning to prepare to convert to a virtual setting in case in-person is no longer an option.
- Main promotion needed: Delegate applications & call for position papers

#### 4.2. Communications

- Please review the update [here](#).
- Clarification on method of organizing and submitting Trello cards (e.g. multiple tweets to indicate on a single card; if social media posts and website updates on one topic, requires separate cards)

#### 4.3. Education

- Please review the update [here](#).
- Confirm whether there is still a registration fee of \$5 for OSMERC; to pass information to Zack to get an idea of revenue.
- Also see for the future to possibly give an estimation of dates for the various meetings VP Education takes part in.

#### 4.4. Student Affairs

- Please review the update [here](#).
- May require a date change for Wellness Retreat as multiple weekend events happening sometime around that weekend and possible previously / next (e.g. OMSA AGM + Leadership Summit)

## 5. OMA Presentation - Mr. Allan O'Dette

- Mr. O'Dette is happy to provide support through OMA connections to help support students on DoA for training when speaking with MPPs
- With regards to unmatched grads: limited information currently available with regards to advocacy and next steps that OMA is undertaking here. More information can be provided if followed-up (by email) with Mr. O'Dette
  - Another example is limitation in residency spots and training in certain areas (e.g. urology, OBGYN) like NOSM
  - One of the top priorities with discussion of Deans of medical schools in the need for increased residency spots and to accommodate these in PGMEs
- OMSA can send the PPT slide deck to Mr. O'Dette and he can see how that fits into the OHRC's agenda and broader agenda; it highlights 3 key priorities
  - 1) 1:1 ratio of medical students to residency spots
  - 2) Wanting to see an annual needs-based model relating to residency spots
  - 3) Support for unmatched graduates
- Another large priority OMSA pushing for is medical student wellness (working conditions not being very suitable; limited vacation/study time) and the risk of it precipitating a mental health crisis and future burn-out
- It will be an ongoing discussion on pushing advocacy for systemic wellness, systemic barriers to student wellness, and systemic changes that are required in a toxic system

## 6. Executive Updates - Part 2

### 6.1. Operations

- Please review the update [here](#).
- VPs can expect to hear from their Governance liaisons soon

### 6.2. Finance

- Please review the update [here](#).
- Consider possible allocation of part of budget for unmatched grads, which can be supported with long-term sponsorships we hope to establish
- Potential collaboration with OMSA Comms as Student of the Season & Student Recognition Award appear quite similar; could consider combining the two

### 6.3. EDI

- Please review the update [here](#).

### 6.4. President & President-Elect

- Please review the update [here](#).

## 7. Break (Lunch)

## 8. School Updates

### 8.1. McMaster

- Elective capacity continues to be an issue, and as well most likely for other schools, which is especially a concern for clerkship students. Furthermore, students would rather organize their own electives through contacting physicians themselves but faculty advise against this (likely reasons of equity, which is reasonable). Continued advocacy needed to allow students to have increased elective opportunities.

### 8.2. NOSM

### 8.3. Ottawa

### 8.4. Queen's

### 8.5. Toronto

### 8.6. Western

- One big issue has been students being not allowed to attend classes virtually, despite an online platform often being used and active during class as some professors/physicians present their session via Zoom. Furthermore, they do not allow recording in supposed fear that attendance would go down, but it is argued that in fact having students be permitted to attend virtually and record the sessions would nonetheless still have high attendance (in-person ~20s versus virtually with +80 students attending)
  - Possible OMSA advocacy, or at the very least express of support
  - Recommend that bulk of advocacy be done at the school-level through Med Soc

## 9. **Motions**

### 9.1. Motion to Approve By-Law Changes

- Please review the motion [here](#).
- Mover: Faran Khalid
- Secunder: Ushma Purohit
- Motion passes unanimously

### 9.2. Motion to approve the creation of OMSA's Rapid Response Team (RRT) and its Terms of Reference

- Please review the motion [here](#).

- Clarification made that OMSA general and council members can also bring forward issues to the RRT for consideration
- Comms portfolio are able to support with adding the website material, and helping with setting up a form on the website
- Amendment made in ToR indicating that the council that any statement published by the RRT will be discussed as a discussion item at the subsequent OMSA Council meeting. Council retains the ability to amend or retract previous statements.
- Mover: Sinthu Senthillmohan
- Seconder: Sauliha Alli
- Motion passes unanimously

## 10. Break

## 11. Discussion Items

11.1. Leadership Summit Theme Selection\* - *President/President-Elect*

11.2. Meeting Scheduling Options (2022-2023)\* - *President/President-Elect, EDI/President liaison*

- Poll:
  - 8: q6wks
  - 4: q3wks
  - 2: not liking either model
  - 2: abstentions

11.3. Compiling Updates for VP Externals\* - *President and VP Communications*

11.4. Clerkship Kit Troubleshooting - *VP Student Affairs*

- Confirming that these have now been disseminated and VP Externals at each school are now independently working on passing it on to the students
- Overall positive feedback from students
- For next year of clerks - there is preference for having pre-clerks obtain kits prior to starting clerkship (before the fall). In general, there is preference

11.5. Structured Reference Letters - *ORD*

11.6. Synchronous vs. asynchronous CaRMS Interviews - *ORD*

11.7. Review of major OMSA event timelines (standing item) - *all*

## 12. New Business/Varia

- None

### **13. Next Meeting**

13.1. March 26th, 2022: 10am-4pm

### **14. Meeting Closure**

14.1. Motion to end the meeting

- Mover: Ushma Purohit
- Seconder: Victoria Turnbull
- Motion passes