

OMSA Council Meeting #5
January 8, 2021 10:00AM-4:00PM
[Zoom Link](#)



Present: Connie Li, Leah Bennett, Angie Salomon, Abby Ross, Devon Wilton, Victoria Turnbull, Ushma Purohit, Shauna Peng, Zack Chuang, Mike Darcy, Rylee Mose, Aidan Goertzen, Kristina Yau, Sauliha Alli, Amelia Boughn, Faran Khalid, Sinthu Senthillmohan, Ayushi Bhatt, Lara Parlatan, Justin Lin

Regrets: Mahdi Zeghal, Jamal Tarrabain

Items denoted with a star () have a supporting document.*

1. Welcome and Adoption of the Agenda [10:00-10:05]

1.1. Motion to Start the Meeting

Mover: Victoria Turnbull
Seconded: Leah Bennett
Motion passes

1.2. Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Mover: Ushma Purohit
Seconded: Victoria Turnbull
Motion passes

1.3. Motion to Approve Last Meeting's Minutes (December 8th, 2021)

Motion passes

2. Land Acknowledgement - Connie Li, VP Education [10:05-10:15]

- Indigenous Medicine vs Western Medicine
- What is evidence based medicine? How are we biased towards different types of medicine and labelling many traditional medicines as “superstitious” and “ineffective” when there are in fact many healing properties.
- <https://www.haudenosauneeconfederacy.com/historical-life-as-a-haudenosaunee/medicine/>
- <https://www.nccih.ca/docs/context/RPT-At-the-Interface-Halseth-EN.pdf>

3. CFMS Update

[10:15-10:25]

- See update [here](#)
- Informal update from the AFMC that visiting electives will not be returning for the class of 2023
 - Some individual schools felt that this was not adequately communicated
- CFMS is still without a Director of Education – townhall on January 13 (?)
- CFMS national wellness challenge Can sign up as a [team of 4](#) or [individual](#).
 - Prizes include \$200 to your student council to support wellness initiatives!

4. Updates

[10:25-12:00]

4.1. Advocacy

- See update [here](#)
- Revised OMSA Advocacy guidelines document
- DWHN as second partnership
- DOA training weekend mid-April
- Collab with Edu for joint call for position papers this month

4.2. Communications (regrets)

- See update [here](#)
- Trello is difficult to use for users. VPs will be using Trello. VP Externals will be using a different process TBD.
 - One page summary of what is to be shared

4.3. Education

- See update [here](#)
- Proposals for MSERG is accepted until April 11th
- OSMERC abstracts accepted until Jan 21st
- Resident database for applicants to contact residents at different programs

4.4. Student Affairs

- See update [here](#)
- Clerkship kits: should have fanny packs and cutlery kits delivered. Pronoun pins going out monday. Use student site leads to distribute. Kits should start going out in the spring at end of 2nd year
- Wellness survey: REB being submitted next week
- Recruiting mentors and mentees for committee. After CARMS: 4th year medical students matched with 3rd year students interested in similar program
- SASS - recruited! Evaluation of each school's wellness and EDI curriculum.
- Winter retreat - complicated with covid.

4.5. Operations

- See update [here](#)
- Hiring document – draft to be completed by end of January
- By-law revisions – to be done by end of January

4.6. Finance

- See updates [here](#)
- Budget grants update
- Feedback for conference grants application
- Zoho rejection
- iMD to Education portfolio
- AGM and leadership summit planning
- Honoraria entitlements reset - paperwork for everyone.

4.7. EDI

- See updates [here](#)
- Meeting with portfolios, initiate survey, and develop strategic plan
- OMSA-IMSAC Collaboration: workshops, bursary, curriculum advocacy
- NORM: elective database, rural resident spotlight

4.8. President & President-Elect

- See updates [here](#)
- Met with all VP ext, updated workplan
- OMSA-OMA relationship: election coming up

5. School Updates

5.1. McMaster

- See update [here](#)
- COVID positive patient facing
- Capacity restrictions: 30 fewer spots

5.2. NOSM

- See update [here](#)
- COVID and academics
 - Year 1 & 2 moved completely online until at least Jan 17th
 - No changes to clerkship (Year 3) and year 4
 - Many 3rd years are isolating

5.3. Ottawa

- See update [here](#)
- Curriculum update: preclerkship is fully online until at least January 31st due to omicron, preclerkship electives/observership town hall supposed to be January 10th but now postponed

5.4. Queen's

- See update [here](#)
- Online exams, classes online
- 2024 class have in person clinical mid march
- Observership paused

5.5. Toronto

- See update [here](#)
- Everything online until at least Jan 31st.
- Clerk make up material is stressful, concerns about losing out on electives

5.6. Western

- See update [here](#)
- Online classes
- 0 make up time in clerkship. Mostly competency based.
- Anti-racism task force built into curriculum.

6. Break

[12:07-12:37]

7. Motions

[1:05-2:05]

7.1. Motion to Approve the Revised Advocacy Values and Guiding Principles*

- See motion [here](#)
- Amendment proposed by Devon
- Motion passes unanimously
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7.2. Motion to Adopt Policy on Financial Partners and Financial Sponsorship*

- See motion [here](#)
- Discussion
- Motion passes unanimously

7.3. Motion to Adopt the OMA-OMSA Honoraria Policy

- See motion [here](#)

- Motion passes unanimously

7.4. Motion to Change the Offering Periods of OMSA Conference Grants

- See motion [here](#)
- Motion passes unanimously

7.5. Motion to Adopt Guidelines for Education Policy Paper Submissions*

- See motion [here](#)
- Motion rescinded

8. Break [2:05-2:15]

9. Discussion Items [2:15-3:15]

9.1. Leadership Summit - *President/President-Elect*

- Leadership summit happens before the AGM, it will be May 15th. It's a mandatory event for OMSA council, Execs provide an update and VPEs may facilitate or take minutes.
- Please send ideas for theme in the chat/to Ushma, shared in chat:
 - Leadership in a dumpster fire, quality improvement and patient safety, underrepresented in medicine, decolonizing medicine

9.2. VP External update template - *President-Elect, VP EDI*

- Updates on EDI initiatives from schools would be helpful.
- Sauliha has worked on a new update template with portfolio-based sections. These sections will be edited to be more relevant.
- Future VP External updates will be in this 1 shared document

9.3. Review of major OMSA event timelines - *VP Advocacy*

- January 8: Student Affairs Mentorship deadline
- January 17 - February 13: CFMS National Wellness Challenge
- Late January: Call for Position Papers
- Late Feb/Early March: Winter Retreat
- March 13-26: Innovator Grants, Student Recognition Awards
- April 2: OSMERC (full day event)
- April 8-10: OMSA Day of Action
- April 11: MSERG deadline
- April 22-23: CFMS AGM
- May 14-15: Leadership Summit + OMSA AGM
- May TBD: CFMS Day of Action

9.4. Residency CASPeR and FMProC requirements - *ORD*

- FMProC: new test instituted for 6 FM programs including Queen's and Mac
 - Calgary, McGill are others
 - University of Calgary, University of Alberta, University of Montreal, University of Ottawa, McMaster University, Queen's University
- Concerning in terms of cost and time. Could be a limiting factor for applicants
- Action item: Mention to OMA, see if they have any opinion on it

9.5. Budget Update + Honoraria Update - *VP Finance*

- Zach motions to go into camera, seconded by Ushma. Motion passes.
- Ushma motions to go out of camera, seconded by Leah. Motion passes.

9.6. EDI Statement procedure - *VP EDI*

- Sauliha asks about policy around putting out communications etc. around EDI issues and advocacy policy and response team without direct approval from council
- Sinthu shares there is no formal policy, current practice is that these urgent communications are reviewed by a smaller informal for certain social media posts, and gives council a heads-up
- Angie: emergency online votes are an option, OMSA council approval is still required
- Victoria will look into how this works at CFMS
- Suggested solutions: empowering Pres and Pres-elect to provide interim approval/refer to council, checking on the whatsapp group for informal unanimous consent

10. Reflections on Equity and Diversity (RED) Discussion [3:15-3:35]

10.1. VP Finance, Zack Chuang

11. New Business/ Varia [3:35-3:45]

12. Next Meeting

12.1. February 26th, 2021: 10am-4pm

13. Meeting Closure [3:45-4:00]

13.1. Motion to end the meeting

Motion passes