

# Medical Undergraduate Society

Council Meeting minutes - December 2nd 2019; 7:00 PM

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## Minutes

Present: Dr. Hardwick, Vanessa, Gabe, Billy, Jeremy, Sina, Chris, Zach, Maichael, Army, Isaac, Annette, Reem, Monica

VC: Stephen, Tribesty, Kian

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Regrets: Lisa, Rohan, Samantha, Khash, Dr. Lui, Sabrina, Parker

title	proposer	time
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Mover: Billy Secunder: Army In favour: All	7:03
<b>Approval of Previous Minutes</b> <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B1l_jjRDcPKLOcJ3h4InG36qXaDpxWF4H9e6yYIVT3s/edit">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B1l_jjRDcPKLOcJ3h4InG36qXaDpxWF4H9e6yYIVT3s/edit</a>	Mover: Maichael	

	Secunder: Annette In favour: All	
<p><b>Remarks from the Chair</b></p> <p>Few updates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) CFMS-related: CFMS and MD Financial leadership awards (sent out in previous emails to everyone) but if you were interested, 1 student is selected from each medical school, \$2000 prize, certificate and travel to next CFMS meeting (in Vancouver). You all should consider applying if you haven't done so already</li> <li>2) There is a Student Initiatives grant that CFMS has for more local events. Grant will open mid-December.</li> <li>3) At presidents round table, there has been concern at other medical schools for medical students offering paid coaching services for students trying to get into medical school. Is this something that is happening at UBC?</li> </ol> <p>(discussion from point 3 is as follows)</p> <p>Billy: Some people in third year started a service when they were in first year. They partnered with someone else in another school. Secondly, a first year resident made a FB post saying she interviewed at UBC and was willing to offer services. Thirdly, heard from a first year, that he/she used this service where they paid money to talk to now-second year for interview tips.</p> <p>Isaac: There is one that residents is a part of. MD Coaching.</p> <p>Zach: This can violate professionalism.</p> <p>Stephen: I do know someone in our year that offered themselves for a fee to help people for interviews. The department spoke to him already.</p>	Zach Sagorin (President)	

Maichael: To be mindful, we should know that the college explicitly inhibits this and many medical schools do not support this. If you volunteer, you sign contracts that you never divulge any of this. For many junior students, if this does happen, breaches of professionalism is taken up to the College and it leaves a mark on your record. It comes up over and over again, but it is definitely a gray area. Many schools consider admissions information as proprietary. As students, it is in our best interests to stay within the fence.

Jeremy: What can we as MUS do to stop students from doing this? Or is it the faculty's job?

Zach: There are some differences in opinion. At University of Toronto, people are aware and okay with this because this is a way to be employed as a medical student. But it can be said that this is taking advantage and exploiting the anxiety of students who have the funds. But it is not to say that you are guaranteed to get in. At McGill, they passed a policy to be against the usage of medical students offering these services. This is a weird line and at this point, if we want to work to benefit of medical students, it is to make it aware that this could be a breach of professionalism. Rather than us being a police, we can make people aware of the consequences.

Mr. Hardwick: This should be distributed as the knowledge that it may not be a wise thing to do.

Annette: For residents, is there any professionalism statement issued to them regarding this? We can maybe refer to this.

Zach: I'm not sure.

Billy: What was the goal for the presidents' round table? Were you coming up with a position for the CFMS?

Zach: McGill was passing an internal policy regarding this within their undergraduate society. More so an assessment to see whether this is happening at other medical schools.

Maichael: Every medical school has a different view of what process they own for admissions. UBC is very conservative regarding their admissions process. In my four years, it has come up as a professional issue for a couple of students because UBC will pursue this but other schools may not.

Zach: This may be going under the radar, but may be worthwhile to get a documented answer from the faculty. Would someone be able to contact the student affairs regarding this policy?

Maichael: We should probably talk to Dr. Parhar and UGME executives, and bring it back to the MUS executive level before we communicate this to the student body.

Annette: I can probably do this with Stephen.

Stephen: This is probably an issue we should address in Intro week of first year. Dr. Parhar made it very clear to our class.

- 4) AFMC Portal is how medical students apply for electives nationally. U of A president is spearheading to improve this nationally. Passing on the opportunity to be involved in this.
- 5) Curriculum working group (group of faculty and 2 medical students). We are trying to come up with a mission statement to evaluate the goals of reviewing the curriculum. We can give feedback to this.
- 6) Full Faculty Meeting: Please send your date of birth and student ID (includes all MUS executives)
- 7) PGME Dean: Trying to get a student on the Residency Allocation sub-committee. Waiting to hear back and will update.

- 8) Emerging Topics in Medicine: will be trialing this out as a 2 hour lecture for fourth years in april. Students will volunteer ideas and topics for this.
- 9) Medical Alumni Association Fund: \$5000 for students to apply to for initiatives. Possible funding for a MSAC at NMP.

(discussion for point 9 is as follows)

Dr. Hardwick: We have an endowment of a couple of million dollars for the creation of MSAC building at the sites. There is no room right now at the interior.

Kian: Adrienne the MSAC manager has been communicating with people at the hospital in setting up a gym at UNBC. The current MSAC space is currently within the hospital so we have to deal with the hospital administration to move forward with this. It is difficult to ask for money if we do not know what we are going to use this for. Hopefully, we can get this forward with a gym.

Dr. Hardwick: The application should go to the MAA and the MUS. This committee's approval is a powerful recommendation in supporting the North. Send motions to both associations.

Kian: Thank you for the input. When requesting endorsement from the MAA, do we need a clear structured plan?

Dr. Hardwick: It would be good to be clear, but it could also be good to get it started. It will help with getting it done efficiently.

Kian: Hopefully, we can expedite this process.

Maichael: Did you find any powerful friends in terms of Northern Health Physicians Executives who are also NMP alumni who can further your cause? (e.g. CEO of Northern Health).

Kian: As of right now, not at the moment. I'm in the process of consulting Nick who was on this project. A couple of residents are in support of this but no staff right now. Can definitely pursue this in the future.

Zach: Appreciative of Dr. Hardwick and the various parties that are in support of this.

- 10) Look out for a message from me to coordinate a time for MUS executives regarding the health insurance policies.

### External Updates

Reem: CFMS is starting a new initiative called Student Initiative Fund, starting in January. This is different from the grant (more local). SIF is more for national ideas that will better the whole population. We are still working on the criteria for it (which is why application is not released yet). There will be Learner and Community stream- students vs community). Any of your ideas would be cool to have. Someone was talking at AGM about making portal where each school contributes a resources (ex. We have a good Neuroanatomy website, Calgary has Calgary Black Book), that schools can share their one stop learning resource. When applications come out in January, you should all apply.

As for the next update, the RAC (Residency Allocation Committee). Talked about this above.

The next CFMS president, Victor, can VC in January. It would be nice to meet him as close to in person as possible. Lastly, a couple weeks ago was the UBC alumni awards ceremony, which I attended. Dr. Clement (Sports med doc and past Olympian) talked about a possible collaboration to run a student activity for a healthy walk in the park. His wife is an amazing chef and she offered to make tasty food. He opened the first sports med clinic in Canada. The Dean and the Associate Dean also had input. Look forward to a fun event! His wife has published cookbooks and stuff and she

Devon Mitchell (VP External Sr.) & Reem Aziz (VP External Jr.)

was saying it would be nice to take a walk at a trail near UBC and go to LSC. She just needs a table, and she will have helpers, and she can show us cool things. There is no set location but they wanted a cool nature thing.

With respect to resident and DoBC about return of service contracts meeting, that will happen in January. Look out for updates. At the past meeting with R Docs, Annette proposed the idea of involving more residents in undergrad teaching (many benefits: they just graduated, relatable, can form connections with students) and UBC is one of the few schools that doesn't involve residents in the teaching. There were talks about inviting them to more events. We are still in the beginning process.

Maichael: Could you clarify what not involved in teaching means?

Annette: In things like CBL, residents are not formally invited to participate. Part of the reason is because this is part of working hours so they would not get paid. UBC also prefers non-clinicians teaching CBL. When Reem and I surveyed residents in the room and what schools they were in, it seemed like residents were heavily involved in clinical skills and teaching. It seemed like we should elevate this to undergraduate or postgraduate to have open discussion towards what their stance is and why aren't they invited. They should be formally invited, even though we understand there are time constraints.

Reem: There was a derm clin skills. Residents came in and showed cool things.

Monica: There were many residents that taught clin skills for derm and other weeks. Do we know the process of how they were reached out?

Annette: From what residents were saying at their meeting, it seems like it is up to them knowing a faculty member who has received an email and tells them, or some departments

have a formal process and distributes. But it seems like a formal process of inviting residents is not there.

Reem: Seems like the residents do not get an equal opportunity to teach.

Monica: Residents seem like they really enjoy teaching, such as in CSI. This would be a great initiative.

Zach: This is more relevant in Year 1 and 2 curricular involvement, in CBL and Clin Skills.

Reem: This is probably more for Clin Skills because CBL has more time constraints.

Zach: Are we reaching out to the Year 1 and 2 Education committee?

Annette: Yes, we are thinking of doing this.

Maichael: You should reach out to the Faculty education committee as well.

Annette: Residents are already involved in year 3 teaching both in core rotations and surgical rotations. With the competency based training program, residents need to fulfill a certain number of hours of teaching as well. This would align nicely with what we are aiming for.

Maichael: Is CBL a no-go? The biggest feedback from our year and other years, it is not as great when there is a clinician leading CBL. Students do not get a lot of drive from the clinical end.

Annette: I believe it would be dependent if residents have a research block to attend at all of the required times for CBL.

Reem: I spoke to Matt (sports director) to create a proposal to submit to the RofBC regarding the gym renewal at MSAC. This will hopefully be done by January and we can get some

renovations done. If you have any suggestions, please CC Zach and send it to Matt.

### **Council review of a club decision appeal**

This is about a clubs decision that the club formation committee reached. The club is the UBC Medical Education and Teaching Initiative and they made an appeal regarding our decision. The description sounded a lot like the mandate described by the VP Academics. The activities sounded redundant so we decided to reject this club's application. They wanted to appeal this decision, so we wanted to present this to the MUS council.

Main discussion points of the appeal

1. VP Academics do not hold sessions about the MCQ exams. Only mainly for lab exams.
2. Club will be fairly large with 8 executive members. The work will not likely be achievable by the 2 VP Academics.
3. They will provide 2nd medical year students with teaching opportunities.

Isaac: We rejected the club for club funding.

Sina: They requested for \$210.

Maichael: I would speak in support for upholding the denial. It was not ideal to put students responsible for teaching the educational material before exams. The problem was if the students get caught up on this and rely on it too much it can be dangerous. The exams change frequently and it didn't seem appropriate, given that UBC had more problems when students had access to exams or were teaching about exams. It's part of your learning to become a self-directed learner, so we thought that we were not doing students a favor by holding their hands. It will be impossible to draw the line and when will we be stopping in holding students' hands. The worry was that we would be creating a system that would work fine with students that are keen on this. But

Sina Safa  
(Clubs Rep)

if there aren't then this initiative would fall off. The anatomy lab mock exams work so well because there is buy-in from the faculty and TAs. There are many people such as the class councils, education committees, VP academics that are involved in the educational review already. I don't think adding another committee with a name that overlaps with so many different committees is valuable.

Isaac: The bottom line is the mandate of this club directly overlaps with a portfolio that is under the MUS executive. We can't stop them from running review sessions if they want, but it is more so not giving them a platform under MUS.

Army: The VP Academics did run a midterm review session for the exam MCQ. Looking into getting Osmosis for students as well with the Year 1 & 2 Subcommittee. We are working with the Year 1 and 2 VP Academics in building FAQ tips for the exams. We are working with Dr. Wallace regarding this. It would just be really unnecessary.

Stephen: I have been class academic and part of academic portfolio. This club overlaps with responsibilities with class VP academics. I would disagree with that point of view. Within constitution, we have the role to relay information about curricular changes and what Annette and I have been doing is encouraging study groups and anatomy bell ringers with Vp academics. That is additional to what we've done outside of constitution. If there is a group that wants to unload the work of VP Academics, I wouldn't discourage it. I would want to hear from VP Academics to see if they want to work with them, or rename these study groups.

Reem: Second years have a mentor system. This is an elective, not a club, for people who feel confident about specific weeks and don't mind helping someone else. I think it is thoughtful and nice that these people form a club and actively do things to help others. Since that portfolio already lies, perhaps these people can do this for first years. That way, we are not discouraging them but rather sharing

alternatives. Some people share resources to the entire class without necessarily being a club. We could tell them that there are other ways they could contribute.

Isaac: Stephen, your point is well taken. The fact that it is not directly in the constitution to be planning study groups is understandable. With respect to the club's committee, the way the VP Academics committee has been structured, they are the point person for these committees and review sessions. To speak to Maichael's point, that is the reality or landscape we are at. The point of adding other cooks to the kitchen would just complicate the picture. It is unnecessary for us to sanction. If these people want to do this on their own time, that's fine. But it seems unnecessary for us to be funding this.

Gabe: Did they clarify how exactly they would structure this? Is this an additional thing: will they have meetings, or would it be first-come-first-serve. For VP Academics, they are careful for making it available for all students but with this group, there seems to be a lot of room to just choose their friends.

Sina: There were rotating rooms to go through content.

Stephen: Are you willing to share the group proposal that they submitted.

Isaac: Is there a google link?

Sina: The UBC MET Initiative will hold academic teaching sessions to help first-year students review material before the MEDD 411 & MEDD 412 MCQ exams. Small groups of first-year students will rotate through various rooms, each with two second-year students delivering an interactive presentation reviewing a particular topic testable on the upcoming exam.

Zach: I am against this. They don't need to be a MUS club to facilitate these learning resources. There are so many ways that they could do education-related things at UBC. This is

not a new innovative idea that will push forward education things. What they are doing is important and awesome but it just needs an appropriate outlet, not a new outlet.

Stephen: I would love to read the club description. To echo what Zach just said, we amended the constitution. It is explicit that they can create study group themselves to help with MCQs and bell ringers.

Zach: In that case, would people prefer to table the motion and send the club's request to VP Academics and Year 1s. If they want a formal motion, we can have that for them next time. To make this most productive, we should connect them with people who can make this happen.

Maichael: They should approach this as a class council problem. Typically MUS does not oversee what happens at a class council level directly. I think we should make a decision and bounce it to them. They can give it back to us.

Annette: Is this to Year 1 or Year 2 class council?

Chris: We should clarify this

Isaac: We should vote on this about rejecting funding.

Zach: If they do want funding to run a MCQ exam, they can apply for MUS variable use fund. It doesn't need to come from the club funding.

MOTION:

**Be it resolved the MUS reject Medical Education and Teaching Initiative's appeal for club funding**

MOTION  
Mover: Sina  
Secunder:  
Isaac  
In favor: 13  
Against:  
Abstain: 2

### **Communications Update**

1. AMS Archives

Monica &  
Vanessa (VP  
Communication)

AMS Archives reached out to get the most recent copy of our minutes. I provided them with the google drive link so I wanted to update you all.

Zach: They should be public to our entire student body.

Maichael: This may be a hint

Monica: I can talk to IT to update the website.

## 2. SUS Mental Health Awareness Collaboration Initiative

They are doing an initiative for societies to come together and do events separately in a week but promote it together. I am not sure if we are interested.

Maichael: What are they expecting from us?

Monica: Each society holds a separate event but promote it together.

Billy: They want us to organize this entire event but they want to say that they did it?

Monica: To clarify, SUS is organizing a whole week. Each society comes in and organizes their own single event. We would just be promoting as a collective of societies for mental health awareness.

Reem: SUS is Science Undergraduate Society. Have we tried passing this information to MIND?

Monica: No but I wanted to bring it up here to see if we have interest.

Reem: If we pass this off to MIND, they probably have experience hosting these events. If people want to hold events, it would probably be their forte.

Maichael: We should pass it on to WIN and MIND. We should probably have some involvement so it looks like a joint effort.

Jeremy: Will SUS provide us funding?

Monica: In the email, it seems like each society will be organizing their own funds and events so I don't think so.

Maichael: So they are organizing a week of events and they want us to have a pop-up event for that?

Zach: There are a variety of clubs that are doing so. They can definitely say the MUS supports this and here are the clubs that are taking initiative towards this. I also think it would be useful to CC WIN to ask if they would like to make an appearance here. I don't know if the groups doing this will want to do it but we should make them aware that this is a university-wide society event. If they want to capitalize on this momentum, they can participate in this event as well.

Reem: MIND is doing a week like that in January. So they might be interested to use one of their events and redo it in March.

Monica: I can forward this to MIND and WIN to see if they are interested.

Billy: Them emailing you is just letting you know this is for mental health awareness?

Monica: No, they are asking for participation. It was CC'ed to many other societies as well.

### **Club Directory Update**

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Maichael: Tribesty is running for Board of Governor's rep. I thought we do not permit campaigning on listservs to not spam people.

Monica: I didn't hear from anyone else, just from Tribesty. I sent it to the third year listserv but I didn't know it was not permitted.

Tribesty: All third and fourth year students are UBC students so all staff, so members got an email that nomination were open. From BoG, it is representatives of staff from general. We are not electing or voting for representatives for faculty of medicine, we are just voting for staff.

Zach: Thank you for clarifications. If you can, vote for Tribesty. I do not know anyone else running but he is one of our own.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Moved: Reem

Seconded: Maichael

In favor: All