

Medical Undergraduate Society

Council Meeting minutes - September 9th 2019; 7:00 PM

Date	MSAC	IMP	NMP	SMP	Call-In # 1-877-792-2770
Sept 9 2019	VC Room	RJH 246 MSB 107 VGH 1908	UHNBC 5011 NHSC 9-374	KGH 228 RHS 227	82911

Preparation

Review Robert's Rules [here](#).

Add/update/verify your contact information [here](#).

Minutes

Present: Dallas (VP Global Health Jr.), Adina (WIN Rep), Khash (Year III President), Annette (VP Academic Jr.), Vito (VP Global Health Sr.), Stephen (VP Academics Sr.), Isaac (VP Internal), Maichael (Year IV Class President), Zach (President), Jessica (Year II Class President), Billy (VP Finance Sr.), Monica, Jeremy (VP Sponsorship), Reem (VP External Jr.), Kala (IHR), Vivian (Senator), Dr. Lui, Parker, Vanessa, Seena, Army

VC:

Regrets: Devon (VP External Sr.), Ravi (AMS Rep)

title	proposer	time
Approval of Agenda	Mover: Billy Secunder: Maichael T In favour: all	7:13
Approval of Previous Minutes https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R3xeM9i6r9Wjr8gYnWUOBvXqKsc5AeGt7ZMsaZ3IX3w/edit?usp=sharing	Mover: Khash Secunder: Reem	7:13

	In favour: all	
<p>Remarks from the Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Intro ● Attendance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Come, its fun! (and you signed up for it!) ● MEDD 499 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Extra year for unmatched medical students to better prepare for Carms for the coming year. There have been social concerns if unmatched students graduated. With this course, you can still stay on as a medical student. You are also insured by UBC. ● Executive nominations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will have more transparency via how students are chosen for different committees that is more democratic (ie. MUS will vote) when there is not time for MEC as a subcommittee who only meets 2 times a year (ish) ○ Basically will just be more transparent via 4 resolutions that Stephen will draft. ● WIN Absence Policy Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WIN & MUS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ WIN is an integral part of the MUS and will be in attendance at meetings ● Western Dean's Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Used to be MUS funding and WIN funding, want to have more funding from the faculty. ● Endowment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updated Guidelines & Principles (GP) ○ Updated Endowment Trust Agreement (ETA) ○ The legal documents are how we can extract for the endowment and they are now ready. Please review them and raise any concerns you may have. It would be good to have another pair of eyes to review these documents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Billy ■ Vivian 	Zach Sagorin (President)	

- Maichael T
- Khash

Endowment ETA

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eLZqM2QjXRoixGtBRwzOptdV6ljqUM-D/view?usp=sharing>

Endowment GP

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1odMfeMpia9SD6Rg6z6gRZMuq_-K_pCN/view?usp=sharing

- UGMEC Emerging Social Issues Lecture
 - There has recently been an initiative from UGMEC to have a lecture series on social accountability. The exact way for the coordination is still in the works. They are receiving feedback for this. I will circulate the document regarding this lecture series. It will be important to raise this at the committee meeting.
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eCeKA6YhZYs95Cv52FGIC4_zbDOJlP7g/view?usp=sharing
- CFMS SGM
 - The SGM is happening at St John's in 2 weeks. We are sending 5 UBC delegates and one of them will run for a national position. UBC has been pretty isolated historically so now we will have more representation. More positions will be coming out so I encourage people to run for these positions. Devon and Aishwi are running for positions.
- Sustainability at the MSAC and in the MUS
 - If you see something, say something! Watch for ways to be more sustainable (its a big goal of the year) - if you have any ideas about how to make the MSAC or the MUS more sustainable please let us know!
- MUS 5-Year Plan Review
 - Isaac has a copy of the plan
- Meeting with Dr Roger Wong and Faculty for mapping strategic plan

- 3-4 volunteers to join
- Developing vision for MUS

AMS Services Opt-In Agreement

MOTION:

WHEREAS the current agreement between the MUS, AMS, and UBC stipulates that students in Years 3 and 4 of UBC MDUP are on an opt-in system for AMS Services including health and dental, and UPASS, AND WHEREAS this opt-in process requires an internal opt-in process that many students miss every year, AND WHEREAS this results in significant social, financial, and health hardship for students BIRT that the MUS adopt the mandate of switching to an opt-out system for AMS Student Services including Health and UPass for UBC MDUP Students in Years 3 and 4, AND BIFRT that the MUS Executive Council be charged with the responsibility of this mandate, AND BIFRT that a referendum be conducted to provide affirmation to this mandate, AND BIFRT that this mandate will expire on Aug 31, 2020

Stephen: Are we voting on this as a total package?

Maichael: yes

Jessica: Demand for expire?

Maichael: We are first moving to discuss this and I will explain further details.

Maichael: Students in year 3 and 4 have to opt in to the AMS health and dental services. Historically, students have gone to other provinces for electives etc. so it was believed that they should not have to pay for these fees. Over time, a lot of these services have changed. A lot of things ubc medical students have used are the UPASS and the health/dental plan. The class presidents have to work with student affairs to get response from all the students whether they want to opt-in or not. 10-20 students who miss this deadline do not get these services so they do not have health insurance and the upass. Many students miss this deadline due to a variety of factors

Maichael
Thejoe
(Year IV
President)

Motion
mover:
Maichael
Secunder:
Vivian

In favour 12
Against 2
Abstentions
1

Revote:
In favour:
Unanimous

In favour
14
Against
0
Abstain
1

7:30

mainly because the decision needs to be made during may/june when vacation and school period ends. THE MUS has received feedback from UBC Admin and AMS to transfer to an opt-out system. We are the last constituency at UBC that is still on the opt-in system. A big portion of our students still opt-in for these services and only a minority say they want none of these services. The structure of this motion is to outline what we want to do about this. We should look into switching but MUS will need to sign on and the entire population needs to vote via a referendum. If we adopt the mandate, the executive can start this discussion. The approval of the mandate does not approve the transition to the opt-out system. We have thought about who this negatively impacts, which are students who truly want no health/dental services and UPASS. Students who want one or the other, it can be difficult to opt-out of UPASS or health/dental services. At most, this is 15-30 students. The main reason is to reduce the harm for students who miss this deadline.

Annette: Would changing the system be easy?

Maichael: We would need approval for our own student body and then get AMS/UBC's approval. It takes a bit of time.

Vivian: If you're opting out, what is the process? It's very difficult to opt-out of the UPASS.

Maichael: Distributed sites are easily able to get the UPASS exception. You would not be able to opt out of the health services unless you have third party coverage.

Khash: Is it all or none?

Maichael: Opting-in is easy, but it is difficult to opt-out especially for the UPASS. You need to opt-out each month for the UPASS. One of the reasons this was not popular in the past because the UPASS opt out hasn't really been an option. If we become opt-out, the UPASS process becomes forward because we are all opted in then we apply to opt-out. One of the issues that people had is that AMS has a lot of fees that we

do not usually do not pay. The AMS could not guarantee that they could waive these fees even though the students do not use these things. Based on our calculations, 95% or more are still paying these fees.

Jessica: UPASS is \$164 for each semester. Are you automatically enrolled in the upass?

Maichael: Once you get to year 3 and 4, you get charged monthly. Student affairs create this opt-in process and if you have to opt-out you have to email enrollment services. 15-30 students are missing this deadline consistently. Majority of distributed sites are opted-out.

Billy: If I'm Year 3 and I have my own car, what do i do?

Maichael: If you want nothing, they will not force you into anything. The upass and health/dental services are linked so you cannot get opted-out for both. You get opted in and you have to apply to opt out.

Reem: Opted out last year and requested proof of coverage, but this year did not need? Why?

Maichael: You only have to opt out once with your coverage proof.

Vivian: In the past, if we wanted to opt-out of these fees you have to go to each of the services to opt-out. If we put ourselves in this opt-out system, do we need to go to do all of this? The SUB renewal fee is \$100 but they are not able to opt-out.

Maichael: UBC fees are negotiable but AMS fees are not negotiable.

Stephen: 2/3rds have to vote in agreement to the referendum so are we doing this?

Maichael: We are not calling the referendum yet, we need the executive council for that. We have to negotiate this process with the AMS and they will not make it very easy. We need agreement that we are doing this before we head down this path.

Zach: Motion to vote.

Maichael: Approving this mandate is for us to discuss further regarding this transfer process. If you are against this, I would still encourage you to vote in favor for this motion so we can discuss more about this. Not a motion to give your blessing for this but a motion to support to work on this over the year.

Communications Updates

MUS Club Directory

Please fill in your contact information in the directory. Thoughts about having a class council directory as well? Is everyone getting the emails? Anyone that needs to be added?

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10SzeySKsbXZjCY-v0ALuAMe-ZII1MtW1eBMuGKDjiq8/edit?usp=sharing>

MUS Meeting Schedule

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NFr6bB5cLdjXEXVvIEYT7tSd4U48swSQVEd_b2HS6HA/edit?usp=sharing

Access to Google Drive

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B6Lj87V7riLLcU9CcWpCaHIFVTg?usp=sharing>

MUS Website Updates

Please fill out the google form with your biography and photo by our next meeting on Oct. 7th.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQ8Cg5qdjVtTj0HcdN0xIbhfAdj8Sf5PkIucTzl8fVXrIL2A/viewform?usp=sf_link

Monica Hsieh
(VP
Communications)

8:05

Absence Policy Recommendation

1. WIN is currently creating an Absence Policy Recommendation to share with/work with Student Affairs
 - a. Did polling for any recommendations about the current absence policy from the students. We are at the stage where we drafted a document for the absence policy and we would like feedback to improve this before sending to student affairs. We will present it at the next meeting to see if MUS endorses.
2. Feedback is welcome from the MUS to improve the recommendations:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RVXqaCGXwxDx_MajV48BOxZmlIC981Q5WkKZ-B6Su9M/edit?usp=sharing (please use track changes)

Zach: The goal is for us to edit before the next meeting? Yes

Stephen: I have been aware about this policy and I highly support WIN for their efforts. If MUS is willing, I wouldn't mind coordinating with the Academic portfolio to strengthen the document. If we use accreditation standards to navigate the policy, the faculty will most likely agree. We have internal data regarding anxiety in year 3 and 4 students, so we can definitely add that in.

Zach: I would encourage people to be aware of this. I would need to know what our opinion is going forward with the UGME.

Vivian: If our concern is accreditation, maybe include Christian Farrell. Great person to add.

Stephen: Out of the 15 medical schools, we are behind on the amount of absences. Other schools have 10 allowed absences, but if you are over 10 you fail the year. The faculty count every hour in our program, so they are very sensitive on having a no questions asked day. In year 2, the ICS cannot be missed. You risk red flag on permanent record.

Adina
Landsberg
(WIN
CFMS/MUS
Officer Sr.)

8:10

Zach: Can you give up the top few points from the student body?

Adina: There are no personal days in Year 3 and 4 which might be more challenging. Another aspect for personal day is that it asks for a reason. We want to make it more of a no questions asked personal day. Personal days need 1 week advance notice, so we are trying to push for not needing advance notice. The negotiated absence reasons are not inclusive enough. For example, if you are attending a conference but not presenting it might not be approved.

Reem: Is it mostly for Year 3 and 4?

Adina: The recommendation should be encompassing for all years and specific to year 3 and 4 is just the personal days. Let me know if you want to be a part of the policy making.

VP Academics Updates

1. CACMS accreditation results (success!) - 1 min
 - a. We passed our accreditation
 - b. Next one = 2023-2024
2. Academic Strategy Caucus (choose October date, vote on potential \$180 budget for food: \$30 for each distributed site, \$90 for VFMP) - 3 min
 - a. VP academics from all four years to explain how curricular goals or advocacy works
 - b. Will aim to be the first week of october
 - c. See the ppt to see who has to attend this
 - d. Isaac will also go (please include me in email correspondence)
 - e. passes!

MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT up to \$180 of the \$250 of the VP Academic MEC Fund be used to spend on food at the

Stephen
McCarthy
(VP
Academics
Sr.)

Motion
mover:
Stephen

October 2019 Academic Strategy Caucus, and that any unused money will be returned back to this fund.

3. MUS Travel Bursary - 2 min
Draft of Travel Bursary application:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfDd0HWxjahjhGpes1zeS1uU4csV4t58ju8PTKAWEY-ZmX59w/viewform>
 - a. MEC also has travel award for research/extracurricular activities - budget \$8000, typically get 60 applications per year, students can submit multiple applications
 - b. NOTE - cannot get money from MEC and MD Student travel award for the same activity
4. Updates from Year 1/2 and 3/4 Academic Subcommittees - 2 min
 - a. Discuss matters from attendance, updates on courses, etc. At year 1/2 approved increase percentage on lab exam as proportion of final exam mark
5. Selection of the MD Admissions and Northern and Rural Admissions subcommittees student reps. - 2 min
6. I would like to request for the next MUS General Meeting in October to become a Special General meeting. This is in order to propose changes to MEC in the constitution. If others have constitutional amendments that they would like to propose, or other dates suggested for a Special General meeting, I am more than open to friendly amendments.
 - a. MEC should be more democratized - one committee part of MUS, one committee part of the year councils. Currently 5 reps who have not been elected. Have introduced MEC reps right now as non-voting members
 - b. Dr. Lui: Would that be okay with the Faculty of Medicine because this is creating MUS as an obligatory say of who is on these committees.

Seconders:
Annette
In favour 12
Against 0
Abstentions
1

- c. Stephen: MEC will still meet on its own. MEC has been doing a good job in making in a blind equitable process. This will not change.
- d. Zach: There is a lack of connectivity with the student body and the MEC.
- e. Stephen: They have struggled to communicate with the student body and the solution is to integrate them.

MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the October 7th 2019 MUS General Meeting become a Special General Meeting, in accordance with section 6.2A - Special General Meetings in our constitution.

Motion mover:
Stephen
Seconded:
In favour 9
Against 0
Abstentions
3

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Dallas

Seconded: Monica

In favor: All