

# Medical Undergraduate Society

## Council Meeting minutes -February 4th 2019; 7:00 PM

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Feb 4 2018	VC Room	RJH 246 MSB 107 VGH 1908	UHNBC 5011 NHSC 9-374	KGH 228 RHS 227	30215

### Preparation

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### Minutes

Present: Isaac Rodin (VP Communications Sr.), Devon Mitchell (VP External Jr.), Zach Sagorin (VP Finance Sr.), Stephen McCarthy (VP Academic Jr.), Maichael Thejoe (Year III President), Michael Rizzutto (Year IV President), Dr. Lui (Faculty Advisor), Jas Hans (VP External Sr.), Helen Crofts (Sports Rep), Maya Rosenkrantz (VP Internal), John Liu (President), Tony Chae (Year I President), Reem Aziz (Clubs Rep), Justin Fernandes (PAC), Kala Draney (VFMP Year 1 IHR), Jenna Erwin, Chantell Cleversey

VC: Privia, Rosie Mazzola (VP SMP), Nick (NMP Site Lead), Jessica (NMP Year I IHR), Chelsea Cleversey (NMP Year II IHR), Jennifer Brazeau, Cirisse Stephen (VP Academic Sr.)

Regrets: Vito Zou (Global Health Jr.), Laura Kim (Past-President), Monica Hsieh (VP Communications Jr.), Jennifer Ling (AMS Rep), Jessica Wang (Year I President)

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<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Mover: Jas Seconder: Isaac In favour: all	7:10

<p><b>Approval of Previous Minutes</b></p> <p><a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GF89ouPI_LliEc6W2yTZocPaqWROpapZzSjQXAR2EXI/edit">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GF89ouPI_LliEc6W2yTZocPaqWROpapZzSjQXAR2EXI/edit</a></p>	<p>Mover: Maichael Seconded: Michael In favour: all</p>	<p>7:10</p>
<p><b>Remarks from the Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● UBC "Fifth Year" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Holmes and Dr. McMillan pushing this. Most schools offer 5th year to students who do not match (ie. so can continue doing electives). UBC did not do that</li> <li>○ Passed 499 - graduate BUT take a course. Still a graduated UBC MD student but able to get a license to do electives</li> <li>○ Needs to go to UBC Senate but usually a rubber stamp - so good news!</li> </ul> </li> <li>● 8 week elective cap - was passed at UGMEC (~60% of people voted in favor, was controversial) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ So now cap at 8 weeks for one CaRMS entry speciality for class of 2021 onwards</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Return of service paper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Being worked on in tandem with PAC paper</li> <li>○ Submitted proposal to national officer of health at CFMS - got approval to write it which will be in Feb/March</li> <li>○ Work alongside PAC with how it will align with lobbying efforts</li> <li>○ Position: Against return of service contracts but if they must be used they are temporary and need to be reviewed, but not a sustainable solution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ If interested get in touch!</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Jordan Yeo - UBC MIND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Looking for two people to sit on committee for Laura Taylor Award (giving out once per year to med student who has gone above and beyond creating a community helpful to peers, mental illness stigmatization)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>John Liu (President)</p>	<p>7:10</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looking for two people from MUS to sit on the committee!</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Lobby Day Policy Paper</b></p> <p><a href="https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1tOY6LlxZmyCQYXO1cPyt0rPIK7OFL3HtjciuQZgOGBM/edit#slide=id.p">https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1tOY6LlxZmyCQYXO1cPyt0rPIK7OFL3HtjciuQZgOGBM/edit#slide=id.p</a></p> <p>MOTION:</p> <p>Be it resolved that the MUS approve the 2019 PAC Lobby Day Policy Paper for official publication and dissemination at the 2019 Lobby Day subject to alterations discussed at this meeting, with any changes agreed upon by MUS VP External Sr.</p> <p>PAC holds event where students go to MLAs and speak about issue important to us - exposes students to health policy and develop advocacy tools to use in the future</p> <p>All students submit form, as PAC narrow down to 5 topics - Unmatched CMGs and Transgender Healthcare were the final 2. The PAC policy development team and execs then chose Unmatched CMGs</p> <p>From UBC 14 went unmatched last year - less than 1:1 ratio of seats:student when looking at students who are trying to match after not doing so previously. Lots of monetary issues (taxpayers and students) and BC is the only province who has not taken steps to address issue</p> <p>See context of paper (overview of CaRMS, BC context, Canadian context and how other provinces are dealing with the situation)</p> <p>Frame the issue - medical students want to be an active part of solution to healthcare problems in BC - want to train and practice here</p> <p>ASK</p>	<p>Privia Randhawa (PAC Sr. Chair)</p> <p>Tribesty Nguyen (PAC Jr. Chair)</p>	<p>15 mins anticipated</p> <p>7:17</p> <p>Mover: Maichael          Seconder: Reem          In favor: all</p>

1. Increase ratio of medical graduate residency positions from the current 1:1.01 to 1:1.10
2. Provide additional residency positions for unmatched medical graduates from UBC
3. NO recommendations for IMG and ROS

Consulted PGME, UGME, CFMS - in previous years talked to more people, but since this issue is affecting us, important for our voice to be heard as we are the main stakeholders

#### GOALS

- Ensure MLAs aware of this
- Build up media attention so public is aware of it
- Put pressure on provincial government to act now

#### Next steps

1. Approve paper at MUS
2. PAC - finalize paper (clean up, formatting, etc), publish editorials in newspapers on this issue

#### Discussion

- Stephen
  - How will you know if you have been successful?
  - Privia - hard to measure success based on a checklist without an evaluation. PAC works on a yearly basis and the success of our lobby day focuses on improving student advocacy tools, using these tools in the future, and bring attention to the issue we chose. Obviously would be great to say success is based on residency spots created but that isn't what we are doing.
  - Privia - lobby day shouldn't be a failure if the government doesn't take action
- Maichael
  - Kudos!
  - There is talk of financials in the paper - has there been preparation around the question

“Sure why don't we just cut back on the number of medical student”

- Esp. the NDP have made a lot of big financial campaign promises
- Justin
  - We will be creating Qs and As for questions liked that
  - For your question, one of the options has been reducing medical student spots BUT it is very unlikely gov't will ever reduce medical student spots at the time when headlines say there are physician shortages AND we don't want to recommend that because it would make us look self serving. We do have a section in the end where we say BC citizens need more doctors
  - Maichael - trying to drill down - do we have concrete ways where we can demonstrate it is a bad idea to cut down on medical student spots. Speaking from experience, Liberals were ready to cut medical student spots and put them to residency spots - should not dismiss that question. And would strengthen the paper if address that head on
  - Privia - are you thinking the part where we talk about medical students is not sufficient?
  - Maichael - way that's presented the numbers are separated (ie. cost of medical students in one section, wasted investment in another, and residency funding elsewhere). Maybe pull that into one section, add section where it would not make sense to cut spots

- Michael - Fam Medicine residency is equivalent to one medical student being trained

Dr. Lui

- Wasn't clear - is this the document that will be presented to the decision maker or is this an internal document for discussion purposes
- Devon - this goes to them but there is also an executive summary. This goes to offices in advance and then we bring an executive summary.
- Dr. Lui - title is not that engaging, should circle back to that. Also see mixed messaging approach - sometimes talk about tax payers but then heart - are you going to pursue strings or HEART (qualitative trauma or difficulties this causes)
  - Need both but would be reluctant to put taxpayers - its really about people who need healthcare
  - Tricky because can be bogged down by a return of investment, etc
  - All the facts are correct but need to leave with a certain impression (and in my opinion should be one of advocacy and HEART)
  - Not gut but invert sentences (the health care of british columbians need to be improved by \_\_\_\_\_ not we need to do \_\_\_\_\_ to improve the healthcare of BC)
  - Also why isn't Resident Doctors of BC consulted...?
- Justin - not a resident issue it is a medical student issue
- Dr. Lui - ok that makes sense and also why Doctors of BC aren't consulted. But Doctors of BC are a powerful lobby group... Is there something in this that would make them nervous about being reelected
- Privia - Agree with everything you say and agree with Justin why we did not consult with Resident Doctors of BC. Taxpayer argument is in the paper because it affects constituents and people in ridings voting for

<p>MLAs. Can work on switching around those edits and sentences - will incorporate that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Privia - this will be the final version (ie. not changing asks, not adding new data) just going to be edits to make it flow, etc.</li> <li>• Devon - purpose of this discussion is not to actually receive input, this is "are we going to attach our names to it or not". Good to raise concerns</li> <li>• Cirisse - bringing pathos to it is important. "These are not unqualified students, already passed exams..." Hitting that note they are ready to go doctors and bad luck is an important message - maybe make it part of intro and conclusion. Just a suggestion</li> <li>• Stephen - maybe make it start off very rapidly. Also, maybe consult BC Ministry of Health (ie. sit down with people trying to convince). "BC Provincial Gov't" a bit vague</li> <li>• Privia - PGME Associate Dean is Rep for Ministry of Health and did speak to him</li> <li>• John - this is a motion to approve and not approve but all of us have a gut reaction to this. Just to let you know PAC why you are getting a lot of feedback and why interest is so high, etc.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>MedBall Awards and Adjudication Committee</b></p> <p><b>MUS Teaching Excellence Award</b> - Four awards shall be given (one per year) to members of the UBC Faculty of Medicine for excellence in teaching in the previous calendar year.</p> <p><b>MUS Dr. William Webber Award</b> - One award shall be given to a member of the UBC Faculty of Medicine whose involvement in medical student life illustrates an ongoing commitment to the well-being of the medical student community as exemplified by</p>	<p>Isaac Rodin (VP Communications Sr.)</p>	<p>15 mins anticipated  7:55</p>

Dr. Webber. Areas through which a nominee may demonstrate their commitment to the above principles include academic/clinical instruction, student advising and mentorship (career/personal), involvement in student leadership, sports/recreational events, promoting/facilitating social awareness, and research.

**MUS Dr. David Hardwick Award** - One award shall be given to a member of the UBC Faculty of Medicine whose involvement in medical student life illustrates an ongoing commitment to the well-being of the medical student community during the period of clinical instruction as exemplified by Dr. Hardwick, who served 22 consecutive terms as Faculty Advisor of the Medical Undergraduate Society.

**“MUS Club of the Year Award”**. The first annual MUS Club of the Year Award will be given to a club that exemplifies the ideals of the MUS in their events and initiatives. Every club in the MUS is unique and this award can be granted to any club on the basis of successful events, increases in membership/attendance, community outreach, promotion of public health and other initiatives, and making outstanding contributions . We invite clubs to nominate themselves or others for this award and describe why they are deserving of this recognition.

Jas -1000 dollars for any club initiative from Doctors of BC (John wants to talk after - PAC is underfunded and can use some money)

Maichael - we give award plaques for the other awards so at minimum club that gets this should receive 100 dollars

John - Really support club of the year award. There has been talk that there are a lot of clubs that come up every year but not investing in clubs that exist now - so look into having club of the year awards have been needed to exist for a certain amount of time. We don't want people starting clubs just to have it on their CV.

Dr. Lui - Like the idea. In terms of wording might want to add “outstanding positive contributions to student life”



[isaac.rodin@alumni.ubc.ca](mailto:isaac.rodin@alumni.ubc.ca) if you want to be on the adjudication committee in the next 2 weeks please email me!!!

### **Gala Review Committee**

#### BACKGROUND

- Spring Gala Review Committee was first struck in 2018 to review the Med Gala Emcee script for Spring Gala
- There was a history of unprofessional skits by previous years emcees
- Last year a motion passed to strike the Gala Review Committee for 2018, but no plan was made for future years and this committee did not become part of the MUS constitution

#### MOTION

Whereas the Spring Gala Review Committee was first struck in 2018 to review the Med Gala Emcee script for Spring Gala on March 3rd, 2018

Whereas the Spring Gala Review Committee will be struck again this year to ensure utmost professionalism at Spring Gala;

Be it resolved that the Spring Gala Review Committee becomes a yearly committee chaired by VP Internal and consisting of any interested year 1-4 students from any of the sites, including but not limited to 2 representatives from the gala committee, MUS President or Past-President.

Tony

- Was there faculty involvement with student affairs or just student based?

John - last year faculty reached out to MUS about the year before Gala and told MUS that we need to be more accountable.

Maya  
Rosenkrantz  
(VP Internal)

Mover: Maya  
Rosenkrantz  
(VP Internal)

Second: Michael R  
In favour: all

carries

10 min

8:02

Helen - If something were to happen and someone was offended would the responsibility for that fall upon this review committee?

John - Faculty took action in creating this committee but they are still reasonably responsible. Also what happened two years ago is unlikely to happen again

Willow - can we put a territorial acknowledgement in the script?

Maya - yes (willow will email)

**Constitution and Bylaws Committee**


For reference from the MUS Constitution:

- a. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall be a standing committee of the Society whose purpose is to:
  - i. review proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, and
  - ii. make recommendations to Council on amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, and
  - iii. assist in drafting such changes, and
  - iv. provide regular review of the Constitution and Bylaws and recommend updates when needed, and
  - v. submit a yearly report to the MUS council on constitutional changes in advance of the Annual General Meeting
- b. The membership of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall consist of:
  - i. Vice President Internal (Chairperson)
  - ii. President
  - iii. Past President
  - iv. IMP Site Lead
  - v. NMP Site Lead

Maya  
Rosenkrantz  
(VP Internal)

2 mins  
anticipated

8:07

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>vi. SMP Site Lead</li> <li>vii. Two additional members of the Council</li> <li>viii. One Member at Large from the Society</li> </ul> <p>Contact Maya if you are interested in sitting on the committee (Willow and Stephen have expressed interest). Also if anymore people are interested more than welcome, and if know anyone outside of the MUS please let us know. Would be very helpful if portfolio leads send feedback (read section that describes role and make changes as see fit)</p> <p>Maichael - may be missing a years worth of changes (never came out of 2017 with updated constitution)</p> <p>Maya - lets talk about this offline!</p>		
<p><b>Important Upcoming Dates!</b></p>  <p>Feb 21st - Careers Night  March 4th - Lobby Day  March 9th - Spring Gala  March 10th - Run for rural medicine  March 16th - Medball  March 23 - Webber Boot</p> <p>Lots of fun stuff woot! Ooooo Laa laa what a nice graphic</p>	<p>Maya Rosenkrantz (VP Internal)</p>	<p>2 mins anticipated 8:10</p>
<p><b>Finance Committee Update</b></p> <p>Was a finance committee meeting - decide the usage of the MUS variable use fund. In the budget each year is an allotted amount of 2000 dollars. There is a form that can be filled</p>	<p>Zach Sagorin (VP Finance Sr.</p>	<p>10 mins anticipated</p>

out and if something is not appropriately funded in the current budget can use these funds to meet those needs. Started receiving requests for funding. So far the only one that has received funding is the mail merge software (40 dollars) that was used for Caffeinate a Resident. There is a question moving forward, in the last 2 years the Western Dean's Meeting has not been funded and students had to pay for the cost (this year students had to pay 1000 dollars to go learn and bring back to the MUS here). So currently evaluating what to do with MUS variable use fund and if there are any remaining funds have those funds go to the travel. So first need to make sure everyone is aware the fund exists.

Also discussed about Lobby day and using MUS funds to support unmatched CMGs. Were in support of that as long as it does not impede on current year to 4 students up to the discretion of people running PAC

Also, in the past few years budgets for indigenous health and global health have been grouped as one monetary sum. Moving forward will be meeting with indigenous health and global health leads to define that and move forward

For students that took every possible action to be reimbursed by MUS but were not (ie. submitted all paperwork properly on multiple occasions but never go money back, and person is currently in debt and money is incurring interest) then the MUS may be forced to pay for the interest they were forced to incur because of this. Hard to delineate what happened (was cheque lost in mail, etc) but comes to discretion of finance role and be willing to admit that to council and cover the interest of that. This should be very rare but an important option to consider moving forward

In summary

1. MUS variable use fund is 2000, it exists. Considering giving money to western dean conference
2. Support of PAC bringing unmatched CMGs

Seconded:  
maya

In favor: al

3. Will discuss indigenous health and global health affairs
4. Interest

Maichael - if we are funding people not apart of MUS, how is that not taking opportunity from medical students?

Zach - it is up to the discretion of the finance committee/PAC. Would trust the leads of the group take appropriate action

Privia - Not to take someone else's opportunity, but put into place for future years. In the mandate it was to consider option at the discretion of the MUS

Jas - Would students who sign up for MEDD 499 pay fees (not sure). Also when does budget get made? When are we going to start with budget consultations? Also - what about raising MUS fees? Any discussion about that? Would need to be a referendum

Devon - Ideally would have budget one month in advance, talk about in in March, and then pass it in April.

Zach - yes it will be beneficial to have the meeting in March and important to talk about how to use the funds that have been rolling over for years. Next meeting will have a budget ready!

John - last year Laura Kim paid out of her pocket but was not aware of that (for Western Deans Meeting). Also, for increasing fees how would that work?

Michael R - would go to a referendum

John - that is something we should look into

Maichael - how much of budget is spent on constituents vs. operation of the society (ie. clubs not getting funding, have portfolios that are expensive, etc).

<p>MOTION</p> <p>Be it resolved that the MUS variable use funding decisions made by Finance Committee in January 2019 be approved</p>		
<p><b>External Updates</b></p> <p>RDBC - occupied by contract negotiations with little thought space for anything else (including interest in our advocacy). Doing a blood donation campaign and hosting a BBQ - thinking of inviting medical students</p> <p>Michael R - are there any specific points being worked out by them</p> <p>Devon - No I don't know</p>	<p>Jas Hans and Devon Mitchell (VP External Sr. and Jr.)</p>	<p>8:30</p>
<p><b>Gym Finances and Maintenance</b></p> <p><a href="https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1mji_uL9SCldyOsx0bN4H0sPDFLgl2enBuccyi7Q0F6c/edit?fbclid=IwAR3AafFvq4wI2BKFGx9dAzoQ6sbt3RhKYuoflzkHjkzy_BCNkYddvwohNjA#slide=id.p">https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1mji_uL9SCldyOsx0bN4H0sPDFLgl2enBuccyi7Q0F6c/edit?fbclid=IwAR3AafFvq4wI2BKFGx9dAzoQ6sbt3RhKYuoflzkHjkzy_BCNkYddvwohNjA#slide=id.p</a></p> <p>See role 1. Manage MSAC Gym and 2. Encourage UBC Rec</p> <p>Used to be an MSAC Gym Rep - it did not exist for quite some time and sports director was performing role, did not feel they needed help in that role</p> <p>Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 500 dollars gym maintenance</li> <li>- 800 dollars for activity (Webber Boot)</li> <li>- Most money comes from intramural T shirt and clothing (run surplus to get additional FUNDING)</li> <li>- Donor grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1000 dollars from Resident Doctors of BC last year</li> <li>- Zach will look into this!</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Helen Crofts (Sports Director)</p>	<p>15 mins anticipated</p>

- Who is supposed to be applying for this funding?

Maichael - around that time a cost assessment of the gym was being done (would be 13,000 to try and completely redo the gym and never got approval to fund it so still paying for repairs)

- Contact Suban

Helen

- No maintenance receipts or records (unknown what is under warranty or not). Damaged equipment being used
- Little money to fund events
- Not enough money to fund gym
- Is intramural shirt ok to fund gym (people already paying MUS fees, are these students using the gym?)
- Relying on grants/donations unreliable
- Treadmills still broken
  - Parts on order or arrived since October, has had weekly emails with multiple promises to fix them. Unknown what the cost will be, unknown if under warranty. Will be working on finding new supplier
- Tracking Gym Use
  - Kelsey says residents/staff supposed to buy membership - pretty convinced most of them are not paying that
- What happens if equipment is misused and damaged (ie. jumping onto treadmills)
- Webber Boot
  - Soccer tournament for medical students, residents, and doctors
  - Look for FB!

Action items moving forward

1. Advocate for larger gym maintenance
2. Track gym equipment more effectively
  - a. Keep copies of maintenance receipts
  - b. Locate past records

Rosie - marking up the price of the shirts is fine but just need to be transparent about it

Jas - yes same just put a blurb saying any proceeds will go to the MUS

Maichael - We are footing the bill for a wide variety of users in this space (residents, fellows, etc). Kelsey once floated the idea of tracking the gym but problem is people open the doors all the time so practicality of fobs is not there - pitch is baseline budgetary funding AND need a more consistent funding for RDocs

Jas - 20% of lockers are residents so that is a marker for usage. Maybe also send survey saying "how often use it" GYM and WIFI really matter to students

Dr. Lui - Maybe only residents who purchase membership can have their key card activated. Also - that money is going to the MAA which gives it to the MSAC (ie. and also we should expect more from the MSAC because of the lighting etc). One of the perks of MAA membership is to get into the MSAC

Maichael - what is our liability if people are using dangerous equipment that we are responsible for maintaining. If we are not fulfilling out end of the bargain...

Stephen - if its possible that accidents will happen do we have a responsibility to prevent them?

Helen - We put out of order signs on some things  
Michael R

1. When you join a gym you sign a waiver saying I use this equipment at my own risk - need to think about that point going forward
2. Repurpose 1 space in the MSAC as an office, somewhere we can hold office hours, filing cabinets to put receipts - reasonable thing moving forward



Reem - to monitor residents can we check that they have membership, if not should not be occupying space

Zach - message me if you think there is not enough funding  
= would be great to compile a list

Rosie - need a good handover!! Need transition reports

Maichael - speaking of bad handover, with UBCMJ joining faculty wanted to change that to MUS office but now being used as general space

**Accreditation**

Cirisse - had a year III/IV accreditation meeting - went very well. Were impressed by how articulate and candid the students were. Student reps did a great job and shared a lot of personal stories.

Good luck year I and II tomorrow

Cirisse (VP Academic Sr.)

9:00

**Motion to Adjourn**

Moved: Maichael

Seconded: Rizzuto

In favor: all