

# Medical Undergraduate Society

## Council Meeting minutes - September 10th 2018; 7:00 PM

Date	MSAC	IMP	NMP	SMP	Call-In # 1-877-792-2770
Sept 10 2018	VC Room	RJH 246 MSB 107 VGH 1908	UHNBC 5011 NHSC 9-374	KGH 228 RHS 227	30215

### Preparation

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

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### Minutes

Present: John Liu (President), Jennifer Ling (AMS Rep), Devon Mitchell, Maya Rosenkrantz, Tony Chae, Chloe Lim, Vito Z., Liz Kim, Stephen McCarthy, Jefferey Chan, Jas Hans, Vivian B., Isaac Rodin, Dr. Lui, Jessica (year 1), Sargin (year 1), Billy (year 1), Christine (VP Global Health Sr.), Jessica (year 1), Jennifer (AMS rep), Jasmin (year 1), Helen Croft, Jeff, Colin, Michael Rizzuto, Monica (year 1), Nicole (year 1)

VC: Laura Howlett (outgoing VP NMP), Nick (NMP Site Lead), Privia, Chelsea (NMP INdigenous health rep), Willow Thickson (VP Indigenous Health), Sandra (SMP Indigenous Health rep), Rosie (SMP site lead), Chantel (IMP Indigenous health rep), Jenna (IMP Site lead)

### Regrets:

title	proposer	time
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Mover: Tony Tony SeconderDev on In favour: all	7:11
<b>Approval of Previous Minutes</b>	Mover: Maya	7:12

<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GdFvea62hRoZ6iRxwfjN0DGJNF5J1enEb9qKQIFp8aA/edit">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GdFvea62hRoZ6iRxwfjN0DGJNF5J1enEb9qKQIFp8aA/edit</a>	Seconded: Isaac In favour: all	
<p><b>Remarks from the Chair</b></p> <p><a href="https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Nq7767j4yoSh64oBn4UAtOueB2tOTSrNuPO7X3uMR40/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Nq7767j4yoSh64oBn4UAtOueB2tOTSrNuPO7X3uMR40/edit?usp=sharing</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Role of the president           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Liaises with many organizations internal and external, reps students, and answers lots of emails</li> </ul> </li> <li>● About MUS           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 30 members, 16 returning</li> <li>○ Many 3rd years - scheduling difficulties may arise</li> </ul> </li> <li>● The structure of council           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ See slides linked above</li> <li>○ Try to report to the person above you - reporting keeps things organized</li> </ul> </li> <li>● WTM - why this matters?           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Please start updates with a WTM during meeting to encourage engagement</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Intra-council communications           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discussion re use of facebook group to communicate               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Despite its potential cons, we will give this a shot</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	John Liu (President)	
<p><b>Hello from Kelsey Hilton</b></p> <p>MSAC Operations and Events Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MSAC is a student facility, here to support students and activities that take place in the centre (I am the contact if have any questions about facility)</li> <li>● MSAC ambassadors - students who work here</li> <li>● Some positions work with me more closely than others, but if have any questions about the facility talk to me!</li> <li>● My office is on the first floor!</li> </ul>	Kelsey Hilton (MSAC Operations and Events Manager)	7:14

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Club Leaders Orientation Package coming soon!</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Brief Communications Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Directory is up on google drive (please fill in information)</li> <li>-Has everyone gotten my emails?</li> <li>-Does everyone have access to the google drive?</li> <li>-Does everyone feel OK with how they are being communicated to??</li> </ul> <p>*Vito add to the list serv</p> <p><a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B6Lj87V7riLLcU9CcWpCaHIFVTg?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B6Lj87V7riLLcU9CcWpCaHIFVTg?usp=sharing</a></p>	<p>Isaac Rodin (VP Communications)</p>	<p>7:25</p>
<p><b>August 2018 By-election results</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcome to newly elected MUS members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- VP Indigenous health - Willow Thickson</li> <li>- IMP Site lead - Jenna Erwin</li> <li>- IMP Year 2 Indigenous Health Rep - Chantell Cleversey</li> <li>- SMP Year 2 Indigenous Health Rep - Sandra MacDonald</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>WELCOME!!! :D :D :D</p>	<p>Maya Rosenkrantz (VP Internal)</p>	<p>7:27</p>
<p><b>Updates from the AMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New student centre - might need to increase fees to keep it sustainable</li> <li>- Currently university is trying to develop cannabis policy . This will be sent to Hen and she will send to council for comments</li> </ul>	<p>Jennifer Ling (AMS Councillor)</p>	<p>7:29</p>
<p><b>Funding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not sure how to go about funding?</li> <li>• Indigenous health can get funding from AMS, MUS, and from club called Aboriginal Health Initiatives. So a lot of different avenues</li> <li>• PLAN - email VP finance and will loop Chantall into the discussion</li> </ul>	<p>Chantell Cleversey (IMP Indigenous Health Rep)</p>	<p>7:30</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Update - VP Finance Sr. has resigned but can still email her</li> <li>○ Still reach out to VP Finance Sr. currently because she has agreed to take on work that exists now and is pressing</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Update from Resident Doctors of BC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Been attending Resident Doctors of BC Board Meetings. Update on advocacy work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Currently negotiating 3 year contract for residents - how much paid, how much vacation get, etc. Negotiate directly with government like other big unions (technically Resident Docs of BC is a union)</li> <li>○ Devon is a non-voting member and gives updates on MUS - so if anyone wants to raise anything let Devon know.</li> <li>○ Have negotiations committee set up to work with the government. Once this is up and running Devon is going to attend session and advocate they include the expansion of residency spot into their application. Hoping to leverage recent Saudi Resident scare due to the geopolitical event that just occurred</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Any concerns, reach out!</li> </ul> <p>John: what is the timeline for the negotiations committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Currently taking applications, selection committee just occurred</li> <li>● Next board meeting submitting nominees</li> </ul>	Devon Mitchell (VP External Jr)	7:32
<p><b>Club's Night!</b></p> <p>Happened on August 30th - happened earlier because MSAC was overly booked and thought it was a good idea for first years to have access to the clubs</p> <p>A lot of first years are interested in making clubs, but we currently are at 70 clubs and its hard to book space in MSAC</p>	Chloe Lim (Clubs Rep)	

because of this overflow. So a lot of new interest in clubs and should look for clubs that are existing already maybe.

Willow: Is there a list of active vs. inactive clubs?

Chloe: Not too many clubs that got lost in transition this year.

Maya: Lets talk about it in the internal portfolio and come up with a strategy plan! :)

### **Valedictorian Diversity from Dr. Parhar**

Have not discussed this issue with anybody before. Just so happened each of these valedictorian from all the sites were white men. Someone wrote a letter saying they felt their demographic was not properly represented.

Dr. Parhar and Dr. Holmes brought this issue up because MUS and the students decide on the valedictorians and vote. There is a process put in place - first nominate people, then nominations are voted on. So there is a selection and nomination process that occurs before hand. Could create a mechanism that ensures there is more representation but that doesn't seem like something the faculty wants to put on our shoulders.

#### Solutions

1. This is an issue, maybe students can benefit from diversity training
2. This is not an issue, its a one off thing, and there is a lot of diversity
3. This is an issue and we should look into the internal selection process and deal with it

Willow: Feels we should not be taking that upon ourselves. The learning and diversity education should be in our curriculum and who we let into medicine, not about who we pick to give our final speech

John Liu  
(President)

Laura - diversity is not about putting the “white male” at the disadvantage. Hopefully it was just a coincidence

Willow: This might be a whole other discussion and another point to be made, it shouldn't be brought to us students to step up where the faculty are lacking in diversity

Stephen - is your idea for the nomination process to have a diversity quota in the nominations and then each site still picks their candidate

John - Parhar is asking us to decide if this is an issue or if this is not an issue. Its sounding like its not an issue, people are on the same page it is a one off thing. Maybe there is more training people can do around diversity training.

Michael R - were very aware of this issue but landed on the same sentiment. We should let students decide who to represent them and should not intervene. Echoed what Willow said. This has been discussed in the past and student affairs was on board with the decision made in the past.

Helen - the process is currently nominations are put forward then students vote? So wondering about extra diversity training, how diverse is that nomination list to begin with? Maybe diversity training wont address this issue

Devon - is it a broader cultural thing way beyond our control?

Willow - could add inclusion criteria that might give a more diverse ballot. “I saw them be a leader here, I saw them promote diversity here”. Might be the only way. Maybe a stretch for me to buy into and I am the one giving the suggestion

John: Sounds like not a strong opinion we are holding onto. Lets close the discussion

## UBC CMG Return of Service Spot

- UBC Residency spots - there has been a certain program that requires a return of service for a CMG. Some IMGs will have a return of service attached to contract but has never historically been the case for CMGs. So for the first time there is a return of service being attached to a CMG spot.
- Way for the ministry to solve the problem for rural physicians.
- Students are vulnerable in matching so if want a spot will apply for it, but might not be a very permanent solution
- Right now dermatology has created this spot
- Issue is might not want this to be a precedent
- Dr. Lui - I used to be in administration in dermatology, no longer in it, and personally disagree with this. As a dermatologist and a former student I think this is a major precedent and has never happened before. Think its a bad move for UBC grads and Canadian medical grads. Personally feel affronted because back then there was the same issue of maldistribution of doctors in the province. Back then, the government went after people who were graduating and ready to practice and restricted ability to bill MSP by geography. That sort of made sense from bureaucracy point of view, but way it was done wasnt implemented well.

John Liu  
(President)

Jas

- Will this be expanded to other residency programs? The time course is set but do not know where it will be?
- Think its very concerning - 8 years where you didn't choose to be

Willow

- If this was in response to unmatched as additional seats that would be one thing, but this is not that

Privia

- Not a sustainable solution

<p>Colin - where is this decision made? Who are we advocating against?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry of Health initiated thing, and then it talks to UBC and UBC loads these descriptions on the CaRMS website</li> <li>• UBC relies on Ministry for funding</li> <li>• Students have an opinion we can voice - to the Ministry really</li> </ul> <p>Devon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are we hoping to do tonight? Come up with a motion or generate a consensus that can be taken forward to stakeholders</li> </ul> <p>John - want to bring this stance forward to the CFMS AGM. Hope down the road can make a letter or some sort of rally. For now, just trying to get consensus</p> <p>Dr. Lui - Other side is in a good position because the public says "we pay for education of these people, they are here to serve the public, shouldn't they be serving the public?"</p>		
<p><b>CFMS Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student body that represents medical schools across Canada. Usually discuss education, CMG spots, medical student wellness</li> <li>• Last year we were able to increase 25 spots in Toronto</li> <li>• Next weekend going to MTL for the CFMS AGM - if any comments you want to raise feel free to reach out and will bring it forward</li> <li>• Two main issues being forward: unmatched CMGs and return of service</li> </ul>	Jas Hans	8:22
<p><b>Potential for second VFMP VP Academic for year's 1 and 2</b></p> <p>"I would like to discuss the potential of amending the MUS Constitution, to create a second VFMP VP Academic for year's 1 and 2. After being VP Academic for VFMP in year 1, and talking to my predecessor Sabine (now a 3rd VFMP VP Academic), I believe</p>	Stephen McCarthy (VP Academic Jr.)	Tabled for Academic Division



the role can be split into 2 complementary roles, which will have positive benefits to the student body. One role would be public and dealing with day-to-day issues in class, inviting lecturers, and organizing the Cluster Reps. The other role would be more behind the scenes with meetings and improving the curriculum of our courses. Both positions would come together to help students study for midterms, and assist struggling classmates. My work on this idea preliminary, and I am in discussion with the year 2 Class Council on what the division of labor may look like. I also want to learn more about amending the MUS constitution, in general.”

**Academic Strategy Caucus**

“I would like to discuss the potential of revamping the Academic Strategy Caucus. I would like to know what it is for, and whether I can spear head an initiative where I can connect the 16 class VP academics from all 4 years. I am interested in helping the VP academics of all 4 years navigate their issues in real-time, so that each class VP academic doesn't have to "reinvent the wheel" each year, and can anticipate perennial problems. Also, I think it can aid younger reps in year 1 and 2, if they can get advice from VP Academics in years 3 and 4, when it comes to voting on committees and how best to stand up for student issues. I would like to know if this is already happening at the distributed sites, and whether this can relate to the new MUS position of Site Leads, who bring together curricular issues in all 4 years.”

Stephen  
McCarthy (VP  
Academic Jr.)

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**Motion to Adjourn**

Moved: Tony

Seconded:Willow

In favor: all