

CMSA Meeting January 12

Present: Scott Bell, Julia Chai, Mathieu Chin, Whitney Ereyi-Osas, Santanna Hernandez, Varsha Jayasankar, Dani Kilani, Erica Lindquist, Natalya Patrick, Caroline Peplinski, Tharsini Sivananthajothy

Absent:

Regrets:

TOPIC	Time	Owner
1) Action Items & Updates	30 min	All
President <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In a couple GHL letters meetings with presidents across Canada. There has been some pushback but there is some progress• Met with the McMaster MSA presidents—both schools will be holding their CFMS fees pending CFMS's response to the calls to action• Meetings regarding COVID-19 regulations and how that affects medical students• Talking to SU, we are currently “deactivated/suspended” due to a paperwork issue, but will be sorted soon		
VP Academic <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter for better representation of skin of colour in the dermatology portion• Exams will continue the way they are right now• The anatomy exam will be online, no bell ringers• We're on the list for vaccinations! Where and when is unknown for now		
VP National		
VP Provincial <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joined AMA board of directors• Trying to figure out how to connect with students more—what consultations can be done, what can be shared, etc.• AMA sponsorship package is out—funding opportunity for student initiatives• Community on student affairs is meeting up soon		
VP SAw		

- Our class is not doing well stress wise– preclerkship electives are the biggest stressors right
- Met with the new SAW faculty
- Planning for mental health week in May

VP Events

- 1400 name submissions for Jersey names, working with Matthew to organize them
- Organizing the naming ceremony right now

VP Global Health

- Open letter to CFMS sent, a lot of opposition from certain schools and student body
- Attended a meeting over the holiday, convinced some people but still received opposition
- Santanna and Yotakahron met with the presidents again, also went public on Twitter

VP Finance

- Many reimbursements completed
- CFMS fees have not paid yet
- AMSCAR did not find a way to avoid money going to charity, which is against our policy. U of A donated about \$7500

VP EDI

- Working on an EDI survey which will hopefully be out in the next week
- Created an EDI curriculum task force and met with Dr. Pamela Chu
- A position has opened up in PGME on antiracism

VP Communications

- CMSA social media pages have been created

2) Previous Meeting Minutes Approval

2 min

Varsha

Mover: Julia

Seconder: Matt

6) MedSoc Letter to CFMS

15 min

Mathieu
+Tharsini

- Tharsini and the writing team wrote a letter in December in response to Yotakahron's resignation from the CFMS (as the Director of Global Health)
- Since the last meeting, Santanna has also resigned from the CFMS as the local officer of indigenous health (LOIH)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MedSoc presidents have had a couple meetings regarding the letter—there has been some pushback regarding certain calls to action in the letter • Specifically some people have issue with call to action asking for the board members to resign—some believe that resignation is too harsh • Counter argument: everyone on the board knows that this is happening but nothing has changed with the culture of the board. Therefore, resignation is a fair point • Some school's GHs signed the letter, but then backed off their position and did not distribute the letter to their student body. • The letter was posted publicly on Twitter. • A journalist from the CMAJ has interviewed some members of the writing team with regards to this letter <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MedSocs also want to put out a letter with regards to the resignation of both Yotakahron and Santanna. The goal of this letter to show support and solidarity for Yotakahron and Santanna. Also mention that we will be holding back our CFMS fees until the calls to action have been met • McMaster is the school that did most of the writing for this letter • As a CMSA we want to sign on to this letter and provide our support as an organization. 		
3) Q&A with Dr. Alike Lafontaine - CMA Presidential Candidate	5 min	Tharsini
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMA President elections are coming soon. Dr. Alike Lafontaine wants to connect with students via Zoom to see what students want with the CMA. He can also share his experiences re: anti-racism, EDI, etc. • January 20th 12:30pm, open to the entire school/class • A short presentation (15 min) followed by a Q & A • Themes we would be interesting: practicing in Alberta and EDI • Possibly invite other candidates and have this as a series 		
5) Intro to CMSA Budget + Antiracism/EDI Training	10 min	Dani
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget is March 2020-2021 • CMSA Team Building fund is also not used • General Conference fund is pretty unused (under VP External) • \$37,252.21 surplus so far for this year • We don't have a number yet for what need we need for Antiracism training, but we have potential sources for 		

funding. Additionally, the training will take place in the 2021-2022 school year so we start a new fiscal year.

4) Antiracism Training Update

10 min

Whitney

- Got in contact with Future Ancestors (?)
- They are willing to take us on as an organization—need to do a consultation call first to understand our needs and develop a program accordingly. Scheduled for February 10th
- Created a document regarding our objectives:
 - Reorient CMSA governance documents and structures towards a framework of decolonial and anti-oppressive practices
- Late April/Early May half day session (full class, possibly). Size of the session will depend on size caps (some are 15+ people, other are <15 people)
- Later sessions are strategic planning specifically for the CMSA
- Funding options from CFMS initiative grants
- \$5000 for the Echidnas that hasn't been used plus \$800 for team building that could be used from CMSA budget for this

Action Items

Topic	Item	Owner(s)
AMSCAR Sponsorship	a. Contact AMSCAR with CMSA executive's questions regarding the sponsorship COMPLETE	Dani
Open Letter to CFMS (Re: Yotakahron's Resignation)	a. Letter will be distributed to the other GHs and U of C students asking for their support COMPLETE b. Once enough signatures are collected, letter will be sent to CFMS IN PROGRESS	Tharsini + Whitney + Santanna
Antiracism Training	a. Contact Future Ancestors to inquire about training program logistics for the CMSA COMPLETE b. Budget for training course(s) for the CMSA N IN PROGRESS	Whitney Dani
November 2 2020 Minute Upload	a. Send document to Samin/Shima for upload COMPLETE	Varsha
LOIH Position – Appointment process	a. Class of 2023 LOIH's to work together with the Indigenous student cohorts and VP Global Health & EDI in drafting a section to be included in next year's elections manual – IN PROGRESS	Santanna + Jillian
Communication & Response strategies - Public Events	a. Public response and communications strategy/process draft to be completed in consultation with Tanuki VPs and the Political Advocacy Committee. Draft to be presented at next meeting. IN PROGRESS	Santanna + Julia