



Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Caucus – General Meeting Agenda

Date: January 25, 2021

Time: 11:30am PST

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom (invite details may be found below)

Attendees: Genevieve White (Executive coordinator), Zoe Osborne (Administrative coordinator), Kelly Bahn (Financial coordinator), Haley Montgomery (social coordinator), Manvir Aujla (MPH rep), Amilya Ladak (GSS councillor), Amanda Rowlands (Msc/PhD rep), Mari del Casal (Academic chair), Diego Sanchez (International student rep), Tian Rabbani (GGS alternate councillor), Spencer Hussyneec (TSSU Steward), Zalina Abner-Green, Tsion Gebremedhen, Omobolade Osinowo

Table with 2 columns: Time, Item. It lists meeting items such as 'Approvals' and 'Motion to approve last month's meeting mins' with associated times and participants.

Decision: *Motion passes*

Updates

1. FHS Grad Clothing (Kelly)
 - Tian won the design and Naima has completed mockups
 - Orders still coming being accepted until Jan 29
 - Trying to ship by reading week
2. MPH Practicum Stipend (Manvir)
 - Most likely this pot of money will be protected, but won't officially know until February
 - Communicate to faculty that the lack of clarity on this issue was the biggest problem for the MPH students
3. FHS Seminar Series Presentation (Amanda)
 - Topic was how researchers are being impacted by COVID-19
 - Excellent turn out by both students and faculty.
 - Half was presentation reporting findings from the FHS caucus survey to students and Dr. Kaida's work and the second half was breakout rooms generating recommendations to support students
 - The findings will be collated and sent to use at stakeholders meeting by Dr. Kaida
 - We will review recommendations as well to see how we as caucus could support students as well

Committee Reports

1. FC meeting (Gen)
 - Dedicate 3rd or 4th meeting to EDI work
 - Budget has still not be approved, should happen in Feb
 - Student research commons: major construction is done, finishing furnishing
 - Pass/fail option for grad classes being considered
 - President Joy Johnson spoke about her priorities
 - a) Student support
 - b) Reconciliation
 - c) EDI and the new VP of people, equity, and inclusion
2. PPAC meeting (Manvir)
 - No meeting happened in Jan, but working to have one in Feb
 - Dec meeting: Consolidating the best practices/adaptations that we made working with profs through the semester to adjust classes
 - Our survey had a lot of respondents so it had a lot of power and in early Jan the profs went over the feedback and attempted to adjust courses accordingly
 - Examples of recs: more open time periods for examinations, limiting amount of straight class time without breaks, other ways to participate that were asynchronous, allowing sufficient time between deadlines.

- The Faculty of Health Sciences and the Graduate Caucus were hoping to put together a "Brown Bag Series". The series is intended to stimulate the sharing and discussion of current work and research undertaken by graduate students and faculty here within the Faculty. Speakers give presentations on their current interests or research and take questions from the audience in an informal setting. The goal is the development and maturation of ideas, and anyone interested in is invited to attend. The survey regarding the series will be sent out once again in the latest newsletter. Dr. Steinberg will be taking the lead on reaching out to FHS Faculty and setting up the proposal for the series

3. GSS meeting – Amilya + Tian

- Voting on the new director of internal relations
- Poll questions to gauge attitudes and results:

Are you interested in the GSS looking into graduate level pass/fail courses?
Would you like to see this explored as an agenda item for the year? (Yes: 85%/ No:15%)

With the current amendments to the U-Pass program, many students who are now ineligible for the U-Pass continue to use public transport. Would you be in favour of a transit subsidy in which students not meeting the new U-Pass eligibility requirements can submit their receipts at the end of the year for a subsidy? (yes: 92%/ No:8%)

- Note that these polls are just to gauge interest in these becoming agenda items, no specifics yet

4. MPC meeting (Amanda)

- Discussion about including EDI into the admissions process
- Next meeting will be Feb 1st

5. TSSU meeting – Spencer

- In the past there have been issues with payroll in other departments, for RAs/TAs/TMs please make sure your cheques are correct. If you have problems contact Spencer (or another TSSU steward)

New Business

1. Upcoming Events (Social, Academic, International)

- Diego reaching out to international students to see what ideas they're interested in for events
- Results of poll looking for students interests for events: Networking opportunities, wellness, happy hours
- Potential interview practicing interviews
- Haley: Diego going to reach out to intl students for what they would like for an event
- Planning a wellness week in March

	<p>-Academic coordinator: Hoping to connect with Kalamity at the SFPIRG (https://sfpirg.ca/) to do a customized workshop. They do work in the areas of intersectional anti-opression, disability justice, and advocacy</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Anti-racism meeting & survey (Gen) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On Jan 29th 2021, there is a joint meeting with joy Johnson. She's hosting these discussions focused on EDI with her and the Dean of Grad Studies. We've prepared discussion questions and what types of info we want to be gathering on this meeting. - Survey about what types of actions students would like to see: wanted more resources for BIPOC researchers and students, and more accountability - If students are interested in participating let us know! 3. Admissions EDI Integration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zoe, Amanda, and Amilya attended Admissions/OASIS training to understand how admissions are done in FHS in an effort to identify issues and consider how EDI can be incorporated - Notes will be compiled from those attending to summarize concerns and understanding 4. Peer Mentorship update (Mari) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There have some shifts if people aren't in the program anymore, Mari will be reaching out to rematch people - Will make sure to check in with mentees to make sure they've heard from their mentors 5. Financial update (Kelly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lots of leftover funds - Close to 1100 will be towards events, they expire in august 6. Capstone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -There are concerns from the second years that this has been unorganized from the start -The format seems very very similar to a previous class (applying an equity approach lens), particularly if they will not be working with partners. -There is significant lack of transparency and lack approachability from the staff member coordinating -They want clear communication about whether there will community partners or not 7. Any Other Business
12:25-12:30PM	<p>Wrap Up</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Next meeting (TBD) 2. Adjournment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move: Gen Second: Zoe Motion: Passed