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## Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Caucus – General Meeting Agenda

**Date:** February 22, 2021

**Time:** 11:30am PST

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

**Attendees:** Genevieve White (Exec coordinator), Zoe Osborne (Administrative coordinator), Amanda Rowlands (MSc/PhD Rep), Mari del Casal (Academic coordinator), Diego Sanchez (International Student Rep), Spencer Hussynec (TSSU Steward) Tian Rabbani (GSS Councilor Alternate), Amilya Ladak (GSS Councilor), Haley Montgomery (Social Coordinator), Kelly Banh (Financial Coordinator), Manvir Aujla (MPH rep), (Tsion Gebremedhen (non-caucus))

<u>Time</u>	<u>Item</u>
11:30- 11:35 am	<b>Approvals</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Call to order Motion: Gen Second: Zoe Decision: Motion passes</li><li>2. Appointment of Chair Motion: Zoe Second: Mari Decision: Motion passes</li><li>3. Appointment of Secretary Motion: Gen Second: Mari Decision: Motion passes</li></ol>

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1. Motion to approve last month's meeting minutes  
Motion: Gen  
Second: Haley  
Decision: Motion passes
  
2. Motion to approve today's agenda  
Motion: Gen  
Second: Amanda  
Decision: Motion passes

### **Updates**

1. Grad clothing
  - Should have them to people by the end of March
2. Capstone update
  - Gen and Manvir (MPH rep) had a meeting with Malcolm to see how to move forward
  - The concerns: related to frustration with the delivery (community partners all too busy to participate, not in person), student involvement in design
  - Manvir has done outreach with some of the second-year students to see if they wanted to have an open dialogue with Malcolm, and it seems like the concerns have been settled and no one met with him
3. Events/Social Coordinator update
  - Happy hour chat: next Thursday with a raffle to boost participation (maybe bookstore giftcard)
  - Reached out to HSUSU to connect about possible connections between undergrads and grads, but no reply as of yet
4. MSc/PhD Update
  - MSc/PhD career night: March 18, have to send out an invite with poster, are currently recruiting speakers through the MSc/PhD program head (former grads, reach out to Health Canada, reach out to Malcolm), got permission for a small honorarium for speakers
  - Note from Angela Kaida: Women's health institute has their annual research symposium next Thursday, will include in next week's newsletter
  - FHS Research conference day: proposal from Bob Hogg, basically it's a conference for all FHS students (undergrad and grad), a place to present research and connect undergrads, grads, and faculty. One of the research coordinators has proposed a couple of half days and it is currently being reviewed

5. Academic Coordinator update
  - Planning trivia night still
  - Kalamity meeting: Mari met with them to give an idea of things that we have already covered within our coursework and they talked about covering healthism and ableism, as well as advocating for social justice in a work place, aiming for an 1-2 hours. He needs to make an RSVP to make sure people come up. Looking at end of March, early April
6. International Representative update
  - Conducted international student last week, not a huge response rate: Only 3 people answered, upload information about study permit to the caucus website (including COVID quarantining rules, work issues, etc)
  - Want to postpone international student event until in person events are possible
  - Engaging international students: What can we do? The online format is a huge barrier, Diego things that in person will be better format
7. TSSU update
  - Last meeting was Feb 11
  - Have compiled a list of all the FHS grad students that work for SFU in some capacity

### **Committee Reports**

1. FC meeting
  - Haley attended in Gen's place last week
  - Updates: Budget has been finalized and practicum funding has been protected, as well as entrance scholarships
2. FEC meeting
  - Summer date change: has now been communicated to students, which would impact course start dates
  - Graduate grading: again, concern about grades being too high, but no action going forward.
  - Inconsistent grading across classes: Gen expressed this and they discussed creating a document to share strategies to be more consistent
  - CEPH accreditation: coming up for the MPH program
  - Budget: looks similar to past year
  - Advisory committee: To observe trends and help keep the committee on track, currently gathering names for this

EDI survey: going out to the faculty (took a long time due to the involvement with faculty/teaching unions), unclear whether results will be communicated to us

3. MPC meeting

- No meeting this month, no update

4. PPAC Meeting

- Feb: Terms of reference for December revisited, approved our suggestion of having any member of the caucus sit in on the meeting (no voting privileges), in the case of absence of the MPH rep a member could fill in with voting privileges, the invitation isn't circulated openly, however it is an open meeting to any student or faculty. Based off of the TOR there are no restrictions on which meetings can be attended, the major restrictions are around voting privileges
- Extra PPAC meeting next month to go over admissions, all student volunteers and faculty members have access to review applicants within OASIS. Starting on the first day of March there is an admissions meeting and they go over the applicants that didn't have consensus from the reviewers. Recommendations go out March 15: this where offers of acceptance go out

5. GSS Meeting

- Next meeting is tomorrow, updates to follow
- AGM between 4-6pm tomorrow
- EDI work: Google form to record power dynamics/anti-oppression/anti-racism to be able to bring issues to the board of governors meeting in March has been made for review, revisions planned for the end of this week
- Potential wellness event in the works

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**Wrap Up**

1. AOB
2. Next meeting (AGM TBD)
  - Must hold an AGM between Feb-April, March general meeting will be planned as the AGM
3. Adjournment  
Move: Gen  
Second: Zoe  
Decision: Motion passes