

**Members Present: Mohamed, Saadia, Rashida, Musfira, Nafisa, John, Shannon, Candice, Marc, Chris, Olanta, Edward, Alex, Nicolay, Daniel, Peter**

## 1. President/Vice

### 1.1. Graduate Student Buddy System

- Pizza lunch held last week went well. 13 CMM, 9 BMI and 3 EPI pairings showed up.
- EPI pairs did not receive Tims cards because of late response time from their council, BMI got all theirs. 2 more Tims cards still to be given to their respective pairs.
- Email Nicolay/Edward/Peter if there are any questions/concerns for GSBS. They will check-in with participants in about a month to check how they are doing.

### 1.2. Student health concerns

- MedFaci was informed about the dirty couches and the lack of toilet paper. They seemed to have listened as toilet paper is now stocked up, still waiting for couches to be cleaned.

### 1.3. Graduate Student Leadership Award

- Peter received the most votes (Congratulations!) with Kira as runner up.
- Ontario Institute for Regenerative Medicine Think & Link Rounds: Series of 4 sessions that will highlight talent from within the OIRM community followed by a networking session. The Rounds will be live in Toronto, but available via webcast with webcast viewing rooms to be held at OHRI, but possibly at RGN if there are technical issues.
- **Additional info at <http://oirm.ca/oirm-news-events/oirms-think-link-rounds>**

### 1.4. FOM meetings

- Updates?
- Post-graduate Committee to determine what medical students will learn at the post-grad level.
- FOM Education Committee set up to determine which courses will be taught to grad students/how they are taught/ which Profs? The Committee has asked for one cumulative rep from CMM/NSC/BMI/ and EPI. One rep from all councils may not be sufficient if there are disagreements between the councils and it lumps together a lot of students. They will vote on the initiative in the next meeting.
- Council rep with bring up the issue at the next FMGSC meeting.
- We need to determine what the time commitment will be like for the representative.
- Right now uOttawa is undergoing a transition period where there are a lot of interim positions. In order to slim down costs, some of these positions will likely be terminated. Faculty is looking for feedback on the budget. We will create an anonymous Google doc to ask students if they have any suggestions for the budget.
- Health is a priority for the Canadian and provincial governments right now, so FOM may be in a good position for funding requests.

### 1.5. FMGSC meetings

- Updates?

## 2. VP Social/Athletic

### 2.1. Movie night – how did it go?

- Went well, 21 people attended. We should do it again for Christmas (no Elf!). Medical students would like to participate next time, but who is their representative/who could share the cost for them? Council rep will ask during the next FMGSC meeting.
- Blood Donor Services – they collect blood at the Royal Room in OHRI every two months with the last one held just last Friday so the next time will be some time in December. We are allowed to book a certain time slot to prioritize grad students, and if they do not show up, they will continue on with other donors. People can register and check whether they are eligible to donate online.

### 2.2. Pizza lunch for new students – How did it go?

- See above.

### 2.3. Halloween party

- What are our plans/projected costs?
- Held on Oct 31<sup>st</sup> from 12-3pm in the atrium. Pumpkin carving from 12:30 to 2:30, with the staff judges. \$5/ pumpkin but also includes a chance to get your name into a raffle where the prize will be swag from Nadine. \$25 Tims card as the prize for pumpkin carving. We need to send out a survey for people to sign up for carving beforehand.
- Costume contest for individuals, groups, and PIs.
- AGM surveys will also be handed out during the event.

### 2.4. Floating events – any plans?

- Murder mystery, Blood, Bubble soccer/Archery Tag
- Archery Tag around Nov 18, will start a sign-up sheet.

### 2.5. RGN Fit

- RGN Fit: should we reduce it to biweekly sessions as it is a lot of money on a per student basis. We could use the money we save towards other physical activities such as sports days in the Rehab Center gym.
- We will hear back about the possible sports room by Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, stay tuned. Go on from there.

## 3. **VP Academic**

### 3.1. Upcoming events?

- Have contacted Johnny for Transfer/Comp Workshop to be held in early Nov. Dr. Wiper-Bergeron is okay to do it as well if need be.
- Matlab workshop will be organized next, early into the new year. Thesis workshop closer to April. May also have a Biostats workshop = when to use t-test vs Anova, and what software to use - Maybe from Dr. Lamotu (Need to obtain more information).
- We will create a prioritized list of workshops to be held, so that higher interest creates higher attendance.
- We will co-ordinate with BMI and EPI for Career Day in March.

### 3.2. Updates?

## 4. **VP Student Support / Wellness**

### 4.1. Updates?

- Faculty wellness meeting Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mention to council rep if you would like something brought up.
- We could prepare a mental health survey to be sent out to students.
- Wellness week coming up, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> – Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Paint therapy? Modeling clay with coffee and timbits. If schedule is too busy during wellness week, we can do it after as well.

## 5. **VP Finance**

### 5.1. Status of budget proposal?

### 5.2. Updates?

## 6. **GSAED Director**

### 6.1. GSAED Updates?

## 7. **Webmaster**

### 7.1. Updates?

## 8. **VP Communications**

### 8.1. Updates?

- Send anything you would like to be included in the biweekly.

## 9. **VP Administration**

### 9.1. Updates?

## 10. **Reps (OHRI, CHEO, Royal, Heart, CMM, NSC, Masters, New Student, MD/PhD)**

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> (RGN 3126)