

CMM/NSC GSA Agenda

Monday, October 30th at 12:00 pm, Room RGN 3126

Members present: Peter, Saadia, Edward, Marc, Olanta, Karim, John, Shannon, Musfira, Muhammad, Nicolay, Clinton, Alex, Daniel
Student Observer: Kelly

1. President/Vice

1.1. FOM meetings

- Updates?

1.2. FMGSC meetings

- Updates? - Cancelled

1.3. Google calendar delegation

- Webmaster will update calendar

- Advances in Biomedical Research Seminar Series – Dr. Cote and Dr. Russel have raised concerns about low attendance. We suggested asking PIs to inform their students that they need to/should go. Organizers will also try to cut down on the number of seminars as students cannot be expected to attend so many.
- Dr. Cote is planning the list of presenters for 2018 now, and an email will be sent out to ask students to provide recommendations for presenters they'd like to invite. Organizers would like to have 5 student invited speakers from BMI and 5 from CMM.

2. VP Social/Athletic

2.1. Halloween party

- BMI has had 15 people sign up for pumpkin carving, and we only one from CMM so far.
- For Costume and best pumpkin, we might join in with BMI as we don't have an accurate count of numbers yet. Independent CMM and NSC reps have been chosen to judge the competition because judging by students was deemed a bit unfair in the past.
- Blood Services will be present at the event to provide info for blood donation.
- There are issues with outgoing emails from the Council email, best to wait a while to let the emails go out before re-sending. Also, next time, we should make the sign up process anonymous.
- Archery Tag at the end of November – only CMM students.

3. VP Academic

- #### 3.1. Stats primer – We will send out an email to ask what specific topics students want covered, sometime before the workshop to be held in January.
- Poster Presentation workshop planned for some time before April.
 - Transfer Workshop planned for November 10th. 9 people have signed up so far. Dr. Wiper-Bergeron will be presenting. \$25 thank you gift card for presenter, and pizza for attendees.

4. VP Student Support / Wellness

- #### 4.1. – Wellness Committee meeting held last week. We brought up the Wellness based sit down but it did not have the best reception, so we may not see any funding for the event. We will try to gage how many people may be interested in the event, and then try to find out how much the modelling clay will cost. We can hold the event as early as the week after next, but attendance questionnaire will have to be sent out soon.
- Mental Health survey – we've received a lot of back lash for sending out the survey in the past. Director of the wellness program indicated that he felt that the higher ups were not involved and so perhaps we should coordinate with them this time? We're not clear on exactly what he meant though.
 - Can we have someone from the EPI program carry out the survey as it is more so their specialty. We will contact the EPI Council to ask whether they have suggestions for PIs that may help.
 - Wellness Committee Retreat planned for Feb 1st where the committee will outline their strategic plan for the next few years.
 - PIs in general have not shown much interest in the wellness concerns of students brought up in the past.
 - Grad students at RGN still cannot use the Counselors present in RGN as those are only for the Med students. Wellness Committee says they are "working" on it.

5. **VP Finance**

5.1. CMM rep - **Curling luncheon budget** (Dec 8th)

- The Curling luncheon is an annual event organized by Dr. Lagace, Dr. Trinkle-Mulcahy and Christina. The CMM Department has subsidized the event for attendees in the past, so it is \$15/students rather than \$20, but due to budget issues, they won't be doing it this year.
- There are two options: either everyone pays \$20 for the event, or the Council can subsidize the event this year but only students (approximately 55 CMM/NSC students attended last year). Staff/Post-docs will not be included.
- We would like to be thanked for any advertising done for the event. We'll have to re-visit the issue next year as we may not be able to spend the additional money for one event each year.

5.2. Updates?

6. **GSAED Director**

6.1. **Cheque for the fall semester?**

6.2. GSAED Updates?

7. **Webmaster**

7.1. Updates?

8. **VP Communications**

8.1. Updates?

9. **VP Administration**

- 9.1. Send any awesome images you may have to VP Admin for the backdrop on our Facebook/Twitter pages.

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

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 13th ([RGN 3126](#))