

## **CMM/NSC GSA Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, November 13th at 12:00 pm, Room RGN 3126**

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**Members present:** Eddy, Candice, Marc, Nicholay, Clinton, Nasim, Musfira, Shannon, John, Ahmed, Alex, Olanta, Michael, Karim

### **1. President/Vice**

#### **1.1. FOM meetings**

- Vice president and president absent for FOM meeting due to conference. Will receive meeting minutes for next council meeting.

#### **1.2. FMGSC meetings**

- President absent.

#### **1.3. Graduate student mental health survey - EPI/BMI/CMM/NSC presidents to meet after next FMGSC meeting to discuss operating as a united front to push mental health survey/issues as a united front.**

#### **1.4. Advances in Biomedical research seminar series / Survey to be sent out to students**

- Need to increase attendance of students. Survey will be used to gather input on students' wants in terms of speakers and number of speakers throughout the year.

#### **1.5. New organization:** student pairing between graduate and medical students – more details next meeting.

### **2. VP Social/Athletic**

#### **2.1. Halloween party – how was it? Feedback for next year?**

- Good turnout. Mostly BMI students attended. Council members are also encouraged to attend to meet graduate students.
- Need to increase advertisement for future events. Professors were unaware of the event.
  - Will be sending out email to professors (via Blanche Dinelle) for option to opt-in to CMM/NSC GSA mailing list.
- Pumpkin may be free for next year's event and allow students to take the pumpkin home for carving.

#### **2.2. Archery tag? How's planning?**

- Date of event will be Nov 23 from 6-8 PM. Price of event will be \$15 (includes game + food).
- Sign-up sheet will be made, and poster sent out soon.
- Max number of students allowed: 40. Option to register as a team is available (max of 10 students per team).

### **3. VP Academic**

#### **3.1. How was the transfer workshop?**

- Went well – included information for both Transfer exam and Comprehensive exam. Students' questions were forwarded to Dr. Nadine Wiper-Bergeron for questioning period. Power point presentation will be posted on the CMM/NSC website.

#### **3.2. Updates?**

- No more events for this semester. Academic events will resume in the winter semester. This includes the Stats Primer event.

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

#### **4.1. Updates?**

- Planning a sculpture carving event with modeling clay for students. Details for day and room will be available in the near future. Need to contact med facility for special accommodation.

### **5. VP Finance**

- Received GSAED cheque for summer semester

#### **5.2. Updates?**

- Need signature from President, Vice President, and VP Finance.

### **6. GSAED Director**

#### **6.1. GSAED Updates?**

- Absent

7. **Webmaster**

7.1. Updates?

- Will post pictures of Halloween event on website as well as power point presentation (Transfer workshop).

8. **VP Communications**

8.1. OIRM think and link rounds to be added to front page of Biweekly and to email

8.2. Updates?

- Include flu shots and blood drive in biweekly.
- Option for professors to opt-in to the CMM/NSC email list: will message Blanche Dinelle to forward message to CMM/NSC professors.

9. **VP Administration**

9.1. Google calendar to be updated with upcoming events

9.2. Updates?

- Absent
- Post pictures from Halloween party on Facebook page.

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

10.1. Michael Iro to discuss The Royals Young Researchers Association yearly conference

- This will be a free conference for students in the month of May (includes workshops, talks, and food).
- CMM/NSC GSA will consider contributing financially for the conference (will need to budget accordingly).
- CMM/NSC Reps in charge of advertisement for event.

10.2. Curling luncheon event

- Reps needed for help (registration, photography).

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, November 27th ([RGN 3126](#)) at 12 PM