

CMM/NSC GSA Agenda

Monday, Nov 27th at 12:00 pm, Room RGN 3126

Members Present: Peter, Edward, John, Olanta, Saadia, Shannon, Candice, Peter, Nikita, Clinton, Musfira, Rashida, Chris, Marc, Karim, Nasim, Dan, Michael

Non-Members Present: Kelly

1. President/Vice

1.1. FOM meetings

- Could not attend the last one, but there is one coming up next week.

1.2. Task force for graduate studies

- Task Force will meet at some point in December.

1.3. FMGSC meetings

1.4. OIRM think and Link

- Two people showed up. Can it be broadcast in RGN next time?

1.5. Translational research proposal

- New initiative from Vice Dean to promote interaction between med students and graduate students for translational research. It would involve an enrichment of our education from both perspectives. Medical students would be able to attend graduate student workshops and we could attend their specific ones such as the Resilience + Mindfulness workshops. Each lab would be placed into a theme of research and their grad students would attend clinical hours specific for that theme, med students could go into labs for a crash course on basics of research. It gives us the chance to “see” the disease model we work on. Faculty is open to suggestions for what else we would want. Email CMM/NSC Council if you have any ideas!
- There may also be an opportunity for Grad students to apply (through CUPE?) to teach a 6 hours CBL course to the med students, from the perspective of basic research, good paid experience for us.
- Global Café on Wednesdays for med students – could it be opened to grad students?
- By creating a hybrid between basic + clinical research it will be easier to obtain funding as grant agencies usually want some sort of patient applicability.
- Pub night planned in January for med + grad students, paid for by the faculty.

1.6. Research excellence workshop

- Every student gets a chance to check whether they'd like to be considered for the Excellent Research Award when they submit their thesis. The thesis committee then nominates students. Last year, there were no MSc nominations. Faculty is trying to change it so that if one committee member checks the nominate box, the student is nominated and it goes to a selection committee.
- Students generally have a hard time to formulate a scientific question, how to feasibly test it, and then design a plan to test it – this is key to getting scholarships. We may invite someone from one of the biotech companies to come give a workshop on teaching some of these basic skills.

1.7. Student engagement planning

- Overall, there has been a low turnout of students this year at our events. We need ideas to get students interested!
- Create a closed Facebook group and invite people.
- Create actual Events on our Facebook page.
- Any other ideas to increase student engagement??

2. VP Social/Athletic

• Updates

- Grudge Trivia, not enough people to be done on CMM Research Day, perhaps hold it in addition to one of our events in the new year.
- Pub Crawl planned for Dec 8 (most likely). 3 different bars with addition of games, could be easier for people traveling from curling who are already downtown.
- BMI is interested in doing this with us.
- December 12th – Christmas movie screening.

3. **VP Academic**
 - 3.1. Updates?
 - A lot of interest in the Stat workshop thus far.
4. **VP Student Support / Wellness**
 - 4.1. **Sculpting**
 - 4.2. Updates?
 - Sculpting this Thursday at 3:00pm in RGN 3004. Council members, please try to attend!
5. **VP Finance**
 - 5.1. Updates?
6. **GSAED Director**
 - 6.1. **Nikita to pick up cheque**
 - 6.2. GSAED Updates?
7. **Webmaster**
 - 7.1. Updates?
8. **VP Communications**
 - 8.1. Updates?
9. **VP Administration**
 - 9.1. Updates?
 - Waiting for Facebook cover page picture.
10. **Reps (OHRI, CHEO, Royal, Heart, CMM, NSC, Masters, New Student, MD/PhD)**

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 11th ([RGN 3126](#))