

CMM/NSC GSA Agenda
Monday, Dec 11th – E-meeting

Members Present:

Non-members present:

1. President/Vice

- Last "meeting" for the year!
- Student Feedback from pub crawl (what they want for new year)- Waffle trivia night, Waffle grilled cheeses, Card tournaments, Escape room, streaming seminars to the royal or heart institute (could post on Youtube possibly).
- Re-sent student feedback questionnaire - have 21 responses as of now - will update with final responses when available
- Received a cheque from the grad office
- Task force for graduate students - set to meet Dec 18th
- OIRM Think and Link seminar - Next one Jan 10th

- Some key points to report from the last 2 FOM Council meetings (November and December). As usual, these are very tangential to us but could still be relevant depending in topics like budget and accreditation.

- **November:** The FOM Council promised to be more transparent earlier this year in publicizing deliberations and decisions made by the Executive Leadership Team (ELT). The newly launched quarterly newsletter uOMedTalks (sent by infomed@uottawa.ca) does just that. Any comments and feedback about the newsletter and the transparency within will be communicated back to the FOM Council.
- A new budget is being worked on. We are still facing a significant deficit in 2018-2019 (we are closing 2017 with approximately a 5-mil deficit in the faculty).
- To save money, some Vice-Dean positions are being eliminated and merged. The first are Vice-Dean Health/Hospital Services and Vice-Dean Professional affairs eliminated and merged into Vice-Dean Professional Affairs.
- The TMM program will now have a French immersion component, along with some changes to pre-requisites and course descriptions.
- uOttawa scored extremely low on the latest student satisfaction polls (one of which was done by MacLeans). The central admin is concerned first and foremost with the low ranking and the budget, but wanted to remind us that of uOttawa's excellent educational standards and our high national research standard (6th nationally in medical research intensity).
- An overage in the Faculty of Medicine budget was used to help cover uOttawa's debt (bordering on 65 million now).

- **December:** A mock exam revealed that the Undergraduate Medical Education department (med school) lacks in a lot of areas and is not ready for accreditation coming up in the Spring. While this doesn't have much to do with grad students, it can put the Faculty's reputation in jeopardy, as stated by members of the FOM council.
- Office of Professionalism reports a significant increase in reported incidents in the department during the last year (unprofessional behavior - biggest increase, discrimination, sexual harassment).
- New task force will tackle international strategies for the FOM and how to facilitate more international collaboration between the FOM and other schools/industries).
- The committee to select the new Dean of Medicine will begin deliberations in the new year. It will be composed of several members from the FOM (1 graduate student) and some members outside the FOM - from central admin. The heads of all graduate departments (CMM/NSC, EPI, BMI) will meet to discuss who will be the person on this committee. The heads will nominate candidate each (total of 3) for this role and the heads will choose the best candidate. Dr. Dan Figeys wants to emphasize diversity in the candidates: bilingualism, gender & indigenous status to be considered in the selection process.

2. **VP Social/Athletic**

- **Updates**

- Pub Crawl and Blood drive in the afternoon seemed were successful events with good feedback from students.
- We split the cost of this event with Epi and BMI (more crawls in 2018).
- This was the last of the events planned for 2017, but we have some great ideas for 2018.
- BMI Holiday Dinner is this coming Wednesday, and a few tickets are still available if people would like to buy.

- Good turnout for the curling event. We had 120 people registered which is about 20 people less than last year and of course some people couldn't make it the day of, but that gave some people the chance to play extra games. The extra money from council definitely helped, we were able to get a few extra prizes over last year.

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3. **VP Academic**

3.1. Updates?

- A prof has been emailed for the stats primer. When we're back in January, we will review the schedule of workshops.

4. **VP Student Support / Wellness**

4.1. Sculpting

4.2. Updates?

5. **VP Finance**

5.1. Updates?

6. **GSAED Director**

6.1. GSAED Updates?

7. **Webmaster**

7.1. Updates?

8. **VP Communications**

8.1. Updates?

9. **VP Administration**

9.1. Updates?

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

- Some graduate students at OHRI 5th floor complained about the Grad House fee of 25\$ per semester. They argue that being in the hospital (or RGN), it is not convenient for us to use it, and it is not super fair to have to pay for it. Can we do something about this?

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 15th (RGN 3126)