

## CMM/NSC GSA Agenda

Monday, Jan 8th at 12:00 pm, Room RGN 3126

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**Members Present: Peter, Edward, Rashida, Saadia, John, Marc, Chris, Nafisa, Nasim, Musfira, Michael, Daniel, Candice, Kelly, Shannon, Clinton**

### 1. President/Vice

#### 1.1. FOM meetings

- No updates

#### 1.2. FMGSC meetings Dec 12th

- There was more discussion about the budget at the latest meeting. FOM cut \$40 million from its budget relatively easily, and may make more cuts in the future. The money will be aliquoted for other needs such as strategic planning for the future.
- The case of a student who refused to hold a TAC meeting at the request of the supervisor was brought up. The written rules will be amended so that if a supervisor requests a TAC be held, it will be mandatory, otherwise the student may face poor academic standing or graduate hold.
- There was talk of a new course to be added which would allow graduate students to do internships in the industry/workplace. It would not add towards our credits, but could be useful experience.
- We brought up the fact that students feel they cannot attend events because they don't want to leave the lab due to perceived pressure from their PI. We didn't get too much of a response, may need to bring it up again. Otherwise, we can go to Dr. Wiper-Bergeron.

#### 1.3. Buddy system – check in for pairings/feedback/reminder

- There were an excess of EPI mentees which had signed up, so it was difficult to match them. Next time, we may need a more detailed questionnaire and may assign multiple mentees to one mentor.
- We need to send out the email to ask for feedback.

#### 1.4. Jan 11<sup>th</sup> pub night at Dooly's

- Update social media, council members please spread the word.

#### 1.5. Jan 16<sup>th</sup> orientation –update survival guide

- First winter orientation for students starting this semester.
- Include pdf instructions about online Enrol process?

#### 1.6. Student response survey

- We will get the email with the exact numbers.
- Speaker invitations: We got some good feedback, CMM students can invite up to 5 speakers per year.
- Social events: \$1 Barbecue was the top hit, followed by Pool night/Archery Tag/Board games.
- Academic top responses: Stats Primer workshop, Public speaking/Poster presentations/Thesis writing (we may direct them to the workshop downtown)
- Wellness responses: Visual Media/ Pet therapy
- Incentive to go to events: Pizza and Coffee (add Tea)
- Someone asked for career oriented events after grad school, but this may also be an area better focused by SASS in downtown
- Lots of people also said thanks, council is doing a good job 😊

#### 1.7. Task force for graduate studies

- Faculty wants to recruit students, but we pointed out that they do not do a good job of actually advertising themselves or making an effort to recruit more students.
- It was brought up that the success rate for the student Transfers is quite high (95%) and should be more stringent

#### 1.8. OIRM think and Link Jan 10<sup>th</sup> – to post ad in bi-weekly/twitter/Facebook

- Streamed to the Seminar Room at Sprott Center, there will be free pizza.

#### 1.9. Student engagement planning - Facebook group etc planning for the new year

- Closed Facebook group was a dud, keep thinking.

#### 1.10. Dean selection committee

- Nominee from CMM chosen, now they'll have to compete with nominations from EPI and BMI.

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

### 2.1. Updates what's planned for Jan

- Organize Board Game night, to be held in The Loft or at RGN? Reps will find out more about cost and timing, discuss at next meeting.
- Plan a week of Science Olympics activities to be held during the Olympics in February. All council members email in your ideas for nerdy/lab science games!

## 3. **VP Academic**

### 3.1. Updates? what's planned for Jan

- The professor we were in contact with for the Stats Primer workshop has said he cannot cover what is needed in just one workshop, it would barely scratch the surface. He suggested we get the faculty to organize a course. Alternatives would be to ask him to cover one specific topic or ask Dr. Wiper-Bergeron if she has another Professor in mind as these workshops have been held in the past.
- Will plan Photoshop workshop/ Public Speaking/ Thesis writing (around April-May)/ How to read a scientific paper
- CV Workshop, downtown through SASS. We used to have a SASS employee at RGN (2014-2015), but not anymore. Get more details.

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

### 4.1. Wellness meeting

### 4.2. Updates? what's planned for Jan

## 5. **VP Finance**

### 5.1. Updates?

- Set up a requisition form that will be filled in by anyone that needs reimbursement.
- We should also have a written agreement that gets signed by reps from each of the councils, anytime that we split the cost of an event with either BMI or EPI.

## 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)**

- **Young Researchers from Ottawa Mental Health** – organizing a free conference where students can present their posters. Council can only fund the cost of CMM/NSC students that may be attending and no more. More budget details needed.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> (RGN 3126)