

CMM/NSC GSA Agenda

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

Members Present: Peter, Edward, Marc, Rashida, Nafisa, Candice, John, Nikita, Mo, Karim,

1. President/Vice

1.1. FOM meetings

- VP spoke to Dr. Bernard Jasmin – is unaware of mental health issues – doesn't know grad students can't access mental health initiatives

1.2. Deans networking event

- Went well: 80-100 people showed up. Once a semester?!

1.3. Invited seminar series

- Names given to Dr Ryan Russel – wants us to reach out and keep Blanche in the loop – no one is booked for fall session of advances in biomedical research series so shoot for then and keep Blanche in the loop
 - Dr. Bruce Spiegelman
 - Joan Massagué
 - Eric Olson
 - Brian D. Dynlacht
 - Dr. Shahragim Tajbakhsh (Institut Pasteur, Paris, France)
 - Dr. Jason W. Chin
 - Don Cleveland
 - Robin Franklin
 - Keji Zhao

1.4. Streaming to HI/Royal

- Issues - HI/Royal didn't have streaming seminar room in the past
- Faculty fine with it but up to speakers as they present unpublished data etc.
- Youtube streaming may be best – President to touch base with Blanche/Medfaci etc.

1.5. MITACS workshop

- Thursday, January 25, 2018. MITACS Workshop Location: Roger Guindon Hall 2029 --- to be added to biweekly

1.6. GSBS

- Update on touching base? – VP to email
- We should advertise to new students – VP to contact Karen Littlejohn for direct email addresses

1.7. FMGSC meetings Jan 18th

- Correction from last minutes – 4million not 40million was cut
- Zero-budget exercise – may be asked to cut another 50k again from grad programs
 - should we cut funding from teaching and travel bursaries to students? Very debated – overarching feeling is that we already cut and we shouldn't cut from our bottom line – if we don't say what to cut then they will cut 10% across all...
- Mental wellness brought up – staff know we need help. Don't think we need to ask more question – President asked what we can do to promote change – things are in the works – apparently we were allowed to use med counselling (last week), Huge disconnect between wellness and grad studies offices (no one knows what the other is doing etc)
 - Grad students have access to all the same emergency/counselling services as staff downtown
 - more to come
- Public speaking presentation by Dr. Lynne Leonard for Epi students – she offered to open it up to us (Date: Monday Feb 12th Time: 11.45 – 12.45 Location: Room 1007) – to advertise after next meeting

1.8. OIRM think and Link Jan 10th – President owed 31.61\$

1.9. Mental health event at RGN – April McInnes Sr mental health advisor – trying to promote at RGN- mental health movie night 24th of Jan – short films and food. Students need to register for food. To be put in biweekly and advertised via social media

- Mental health short film contest --- anyone want to make one? 1000\$ up for grabs
- Update biweekly with <http://www.uottawa.ca/wellness/> and https://www.instagram.com/p/BeHb06hlMgf/?taken-by=mieuxetre_wellness_uottawa
- Wellness week is going on at main campus – only event this one is movie at RGN... advertise in biweekly with wellness week info

- 1.10. VP Wellness on temporary leave – need someone to fill in for him on wellness meetings --- forward VP Finance and VP Academic info when available
- 1.11. Town hall Feb 13th-all students received email – meet President and VP Academic and Provost to answer questions etc – to be added to biweekly
 - President to bring up budget cuts to students and protecting our baseline
 - Feb 13th 4:30 pm RGN AMPH B 2003

2. VP Social/Athletic

2.1. Updates

2.2. Lab Olympics –Reps have given good ideas – please think of more

3. VP Academic

3.1. Updates?

3.2. Stats primer update

- Frustration regarding format of workshop – extent of detail to be presented
- Ongoing issue regarding stats
- --- President to bring up at FMGSC meeting and ask for advice – bring up to BNF head
 - – Possibility of meeting with Statistician --- list of people who could answer questions
- Photoshop workshop up next --- signup sheet to be posted
- Illustrator workshop potentially

4. VP Student Support / Wellness

4.1. Wellness meeting

4.2. VP Finance and VP Academic to sit in wellness meetings for the time being until VP Wellness returns – waiting to hear back

4.3. Updates?

5. VP Finance

5.1. VP Finance has new refund request form – to be added to drop box

5.2. Young researchers conference – total projected cost is 5000\$ - most covered through CIHR – projecting 700 for promotions asked us for ~350\$ (1/2 split with BMI). ~200 students of 500 are uOttawa students

- Request letter from conference in terms of receipts and what the money is used for. Not enough info regarding other students (previous meeting agenda to see affiliations etc) – VP Finance/Royal Rep to get a hold of previous meeting's abstract booklet

5.3. Curling luncheon – lots of money raised from 50/50. Profs who won gave money back to event; so of the 300\$ we only owed 190\$. We have extra – initially offered 300\$ extra from our reserve

5.4. Updates?

6. GSAED Director

6.1. GSAED Updates?

6.2. GSAED director offering to meet students for 15min and field questions

- Organize for the GSAED director to attend a council meeting and inform us and offer the meeting to be open to all students – GSAED director to bring up next meeting

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)**

VP Finance to update info on CHEO chili event
Student survival guide --- add in Tim's app to save wait times

NEXT MEETING: Monday, Feb 5th ([RGN 3126](#)) at 12PM