

SEPHGSA Executive Council 2021-2022

President	Shannon Thompson	sthom193@uottawa.ca	Present
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Vice President, Administrative Affairs	Amin Zahrai	azahr094@uottawa.ca	Regrets
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Updates

President/Vice

- Updates?
 - Next year we will have a new position just for merchandise order
 - Will add a research poster as an example to the website for the upcoming SEPH research day
 - If you're interested in writing a blog, please do so!

- Potentially change career day to mid-May and organize an in-person event to tag along to career day
 - Haven't heard back from CMM and BMI groups – Shannon will reach out to the presidents of those groups
- Haven't received funding from Lucy and won't be hearing back until Monday but after hopefully after that we can use our funds
- Online bingo for a week sometime after reading week to get people involved and prizes can be won
 - Might be more engagement if the bingo was instead an epi question each day for a week
 - Or a squid game (similar to what the general campus did); it could be an elimination game
 - March 14 week might be the least busy week in March
- Constitution has to change
 - President can't automatically be the GSAED rep, need to be voted in
 - Feel free to look through and suggest changes
- Will circle back to when to schedule the AGM in April
 - Possibly an in person event
- Interdisciplinary conference and retreat will be mid to late March held by GSAED
- Annual General Meeting in March/April
- Sweater orders
 - Bookstore is backed up, but orders will go in on Monday hopefully
 - Need 12 MPH sweaters – will probably get one more to meet that requirement along with an epi sweater to use prizes for next year
- Graduate student funding cuts
 - FoM will be cut to give funding scholarships for only 20 MSc and 39 PhD incoming students starting May 2022
 - Charles writing a letter with GSAED to go against this
 - Add a disclaimer to the website that the funding scholarship is in flux and incoming students for the fall of 2022 might not be getting the intended funds they were expecting even though applications are in and they weren't made aware of the possible changes that might impact them before applying
 - It might help to get the number of MSc and PhD students we get in the FoM and present how many students would be affected by funding scholarships cuts
- Letter to university president
 - Suggest writing a letter to push against the funding cuts and we can all sign it
- Gender pronouns – new EDI video added to website.
- GSAED has a new Student Life and Equity Commissioner Christina Charles. She takes over from Nesrine Cherif who has moved on to a new position outside of the University

Vice President, Academic Affairs

- Updates?
- Thesis vs Research Paper seminar

- Happened last week and got good feedback
- Working uploading the recording to the website
- Dr. Ian Colman sent out the slides to the epi students
- Career day
 - BMI and CMM didn't get back to us, but will follow
 - Framework for the MPH was made instead of the intended MPH event
- SEPH Research Day is next week and FoM research day is being planned now for the fall of 2022
 - Let Shannon know if interested in the FoM research day
 - Cancelling the in-person event after SEPH research day
 - SEPH research day is looking for a spokesperson for introductory marks at the beginning of the event – we will nominate someone from the GSA

Vice President, Wellness / Social

- Updates?
- Wellness check-in form
 - Researched out to Gabby/Mia to post on social media – make a poster to circulate
 - Should post on the website in the resource tab – reach out to Amin to post
- Reminder Check in with your buddy if you have one
- Reached out to the uOttawa counselor to organize a wellness event – reluctant on a virtual event since there might low engagement with screen fatigue

Vice President, Financial Affairs

- Updates?
- All payments for merchandising orders have been received (for orders submitted by January 18th)
 - Got one new sweater order – keep an eye for that
 - Form is currently open until the sweater order officially goes in with the bookstore (likely on Monday)
- As of February 3rd, no payment from the GSAED has been received

Vice President, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

- Updates?

Vice President, Administrative Affairs

- Updates?
- Website updated: poster for thesis vs. research stream
- Blog on what's unique about programs at SEPH written up, to be posted soon
- EDI related videos might be a good idea to post on the website on the main page for upcoming news/events
 - Should discuss videos before we put it up, post in the Slack for everyone to see if you have any suggestion so we can discuss it at the next meeting
- Add a research poster as an example to the website for the upcoming SEPH research day
- Post the Wellness check-in form to the resource tab on the website

Round Table

- Suggestions/comments

Next Meeting

Friday March 4th @ 4:00pm on Zoom

Administrative Note

SEPHGSA Archives Project

These minutes were compiled as part of an archival project to collate the minutes of past SEPHGSA Executive Council Meetings into a complete archive on the SEPHGSA website. The goal of this project is to provide a complete record of SEPHGSA activities in so far as we are able

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