

# Executive Council Meeting

August 8th, 2021



## SEPHGSA Executive Council 2021-2022

President	Shannon Thompson	sthom193@uottawa.ca	Regrets
Vice President	Charles Thickstun	rthic032@uottawa.ca	Present
Vice President, Academic Affairs	Shan Dhaliwal	sdhal018@uottawa.ca	Regrets
Vice President, Wellness	Zobaida Al-Baldawi	zalb014@uottawa.ca	Present
Vice President, Financial Affairs	Haben Dawit	hdawi008@uottawa.ca	Present
Vice President, Administrative Affairs	Ammar Saad	asaad007@uottawa.ca	Regrets
Vice President, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion	Rola Hashem	rhash064@uottawa.ca	Present
Vice President, Social Affairs	Gabriele Zitikyte	gziti039@uottawa.ca	Present
MSc Epidemiology Representative(s)			
PhD Representative(s)			
MPH Representative(s)	Amy Li	yli847@uottawa.ca	Regrets
	Nicholas Brisbois	nbris080@uottawa.ca	Regrets
PHRAM Representative(s)			

## Updates

### President/Vice

- GSAED Updates?
  - Case manager to start September 2021
  - Classes for the fall at SEPH are to be online and asynchronous. Any issues that arise regarding the conduct of online classes should be brought to the attention of Dr. Brouwers, as well as this council.
- Faculty Council Meeting
  - Faculty Council has adjourned for the summer and will restart in September.
- Faculty Graduate Studies Council:
  - Faculty Graduate Studies Council has adjourned for the summer and will restart in September.

- Charles - Website updates:
  - The About Us page of the website has been updated with Bios and Avatars of the current council. Thank you everyone! Please review and contact Charles re: any changes that you would like made.
- Stickers vs magnets – vote
  - Council was divided – Magnets are less disposable/easier to keep around, but some people prefer stickers. Charles and Shannon will price out options.
- MPH student association & how can SEPH GSA incorporate MPH program?
  - Plan to incorporate a VP Academic, Public Health as a council member
  - Potentially move elections for some/all positions to November in order to better accommodate the MPH 16month program timing
  - General consensus is that the SEPHGSA should support some program-specific events where appropriate (eg. certain academic events), but most events should try to appeal to all programs.
    - Potentially pull back some/all Research Day funding support in favor of funds being allocated to events that allow participation from all programs. Alternatively, create and support a similar event for MPH students (likely combined with some reduced Research Day funding).
  - Discussion is ongoing and will continue as the SEPHGSA figures out how best to ensure that the two programs are effectively supported and represented.
- ST and Hira are setting up meeting with VP Finance (Haben – Shannon will be in contact with you in upcoming weeks for hand off)

### **Vice President, Academic Affairs**

- Shan was unable to attend this meeting – no update

### **Vice President, Wellness / Social**

- Updates?
  - Intro event –
    - Student experiences in the program, specific details and advice for students, how early deadlines and requirements work
  - Instagram has been created – waiting on content.
    - Gabbie will email the council regarding plans for how to use the socials as we head into the new academic year
- Welcome week ideas?
  - September 8th, 2021 – classes start
  - Outdoor BBQ for September (Jen Collins has looked into booking BBQ; orientation week). Definitely not a weekend. Try to schedule a meeting with Jen re: planning.

### **Vice President, Financial Affairs**

- Haben was unable to attend this meeting – no update

### **Vice President, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion**

- Rola had handoff meeting with Zahra and will receive transition documents for the position
- Young Men - Diversity Discussion is seeking young men for a roundtable on EDI at uOttawa. Contact Rola with names of anyone interested.

## Round Table

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- Biweekly/monthly email updates
  - Shannon – monthly SEPH email will begin in September.
- Suggestions/comments

## Next Meeting

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Friday September 10<sup>th</sup> (Delayed 1 week from standard schedule)

## Administrative Note

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### 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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