

Executive Council Meeting

October 7th, 2022



SEPHGSA Executive Council 2022-2023

President

Vice President	Charles Thickstun	rthic032@uottawa.ca	Present
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Vice President, Epidemiology Academic Affairs	Shan Dhaliwal	sdhal018@uottawa.ca	Present
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Vice President, Public Health Academic Affairs	Felipe Gallego	agall061@uottawa.ca	Present
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Vice President, Wellness	Robert Pap	rpap066@uottawa.ca	Present
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Vice President, Social Affairs	Mia Sapin	msapi072@uottawa.ca	Present
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Vice President, Equity Diversity, and Inclusion	Sara Siddiqi	ssidd089@uottawa.ca	Present
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Vice President, Financial Affairs	Haben Dawit	hdawi008@uottawa.ca	Present
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Vice President, Administrative Affairs

MSc Epidemiology Representative(s)	Junayd Hussain	jhuss025@uottawa.ca	Regrets
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	Carolina Soto	csoto007@uottawa.ca	Present
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MPH Representative(s)	Philippe Morin	pmori037@uottawa.ca	Present
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PhD Representative(s)

Administrative Note

Time and Location

Unless otherwise specified in the minutes, meetings of the SEPHGSA are held on the **first Friday of each month at 16:00**. We currently hold our meetings on Zoom and intend to continue in an online or bimodal manner for the foreseeable future. All active members of the SEPHGSA (students currently enrolled in the Master of Science in Epidemiology, the Doctor of Philosophy in Epidemiology, the Master of Public Health, or the Graduate Diploma in Population Health Risk Assessment and Management) are welcome to attend the monthly Executive Council Meetings and may do so using the following information:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88552931410?pwd=SFZLTS9McCttekx6WllYbDZsMjF2UT09>

Meeting ID: 885 5293 1410

Passcode: 183364

Council Member Updates

President (Vacant)

- Update for the SEPH School Assembly was given by the Vice President

Vice President

- SEPH School Assembly
 - Much discussion at the SEPH SA is focused on the pathways being developed for the MSc in Epidemiology and a new name for the degree moving forward
 - Access cards will be required for all access to Peter Morand due to a security incident on campus. Cards are being expedited, but you will need one to access the building
- Discussion at Faculty of Medicine Graduate Studies Council focused around the White Coat ceremony (see Main Business)
- No items were discussed at Faculty of Medicine Faculty Council that were directly related to SEPH

Vice President, Epidemiology Academic Affairs

- No SEPH Epidemiology Graduate Studies Council has been held since our last meeting
- No SEPH Program Development Committee has been held since our last meeting
- Planning a scholarship writing session for the Fall term – prior to awards season

Vice President, Public Health Academic Affairs

- No SEPH MPH Program Committee has been held since last meeting
- No SEPH Program Development Committee has been held since our last meeting

Vice President, Wellness

- Robert is in the early stages of planning an event posting positive messages around campus – needs to get approval prior
 - Robert and Haben will connect after the meeting regarding the Wellness Check-in form

Vice President, Social Affairs

- Mia is hoping to plan an event around Halloween – maybe with CMM/NSC and BMI?
- Will reach out to some locations about a pub night

Vice President, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (Vacant)

- No update was given at this meeting for the SEPH Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee

Vice President, Financial Affairs

- SEPHGSA contributed to the Orientation BBQ
- We still need to coordinate and fill out the GSAED form for this year's funding

Vice President, Administrative Affairs (Vacant)

- No Administrative Update was given at this meeting

Program Representatives

- MSc Epidemiology Update
 - First years are very interested in some kind of in-person social event for students

- Do students need to do all of the HR modules in order to hold an access pass?
 - Charles will reach out to Jennifer
- MPH Update
 - Looking to organize social event in Gatineau Park for some time in early Fall
 - Recruitment for MPH first year representative. Philippe planning to move forward with recruiting through the first year MPH
- No PhD Epidemiology Update was given at this meeting

GSAED Director

- GSAED Board of Directors
 - GSAED is hiring both a [General Manager](#) and an [Executive Coordinator](#) if students are interested in applying
- University Affairs Committee
 - Raising graduate tuition fees – likely timeline would be April to make a pushback
 - Teaching guide for new professors to help alleviate student stress
 - [Academic Project Fund](#) available for students attending conferences

Business Arising

Vacancies on Council

- President
 - No one has expressed interest in the role of President at this time
- Vice President, Administrative Affairs
 - No one has expressed interest in the role of Vice President, Administrative Affairs at this time
- Vice President, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
 - Sara Siddiqi has expressed an interest in the role of Vice President, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
 - Sara Siddiqi was unanimously appointed to the role of Vice President, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
- In the interim, Charles will assume the duties of the vacant positions in a limited capacity

Constitution Referendum

- Shan sent out a statement of notice for the referendum Wednesday, September 21, targeting a referendum voting period of October 10-15
- Notice was also given through the SEPH Daily Announcements
- Charles has a tentative “official” list of emails for the referendum, but anticipates that we will need to supplement with our SEPHGSA mailing list

Scholarship Changes

- We will need to re-write the [SEPHGSA funding blog](#) to address these changes. For the moment it has been unpublished from the website to avoid confusion

Website Update, Avatars, and Biographies

- Please send Charles any updates to your Avatar or Bio for the [About](#) section of the website (Avatars should be a PNG image from [GetAvataaars](#))

Main Business

School Assembly PhD Talks

- PhD Students are encouraged to present their research before School Assembly each month
- All students are encouraged to attend the talks!

White Coat Ceremony

- Epidemiology PhD Students were invited to participate in a “White Coat Ceremony” with other members of the FoM. Students who participated were uncomfortable with the concept and so Ian wanted input from students regarding their thoughts

Varia and Adjournment

Varia

- No items were raised in varia

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 16:55

Next Meeting

- The next SEPHGSA Executive Council Meeting will be **Friday, November 4, at 16:00**

Minutes

SEPHGSA minutes are compiled as soon as possible after meetings of the Executive Council and hosted on a public Google Drive for review. These can be accessed from the SEPHGSA website at the following link:

<https://www.sephgsa.ca/resources>

The minutes from this meeting were last edited on Friday, October 7, 2022 at 17:03:04

