

SEPHGSA Executive Council 2021-2022

President	Shannon Thompson	sthom193@uottawa.ca	Present
Vice President	Charles Thickstun	rthic032@uottawa.ca	Present
Vice President, Academic Affairs	Shan Dhaliwal	sdhal018@uottawa.ca	Present
Vice President, Wellness	Zobaida Al-Baldawi	zalb014@uottawa.ca	Present
Vice President, Financial Affairs	Haben Dawit	hdawi008@uottawa.ca	Present
Vice President, Administrative Affairs	Amin Zahrai	azahr094@uottawa.ca	Present
	Ayni Sharif	ashar025@uottawa.ca	Present
Vice President, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion	Rola Hashem	rhash064@uottawa.ca	Regrets
Vice President, Social Affairs	Gabriele Zitikyte	gziti039@uottawa.ca	Present
MSc Epidemiology Representative(s)	Carolina Soto	csoto007@uottawa.ca	Present
PhD Representative(s)			
MPH Representative(s)			
PHRAM Representative(s)			

Updates

President/Vice

- GSAED
 - GSAED has proposed to restructure their board of directors at the next General Meeting
- Faculty council meeting - Charles
 - A new motion was accepted detailing the council's annual membership
 - GSAED is looking for a new chair person
- SEPH school assembly
 - Shannon and Carolina met with the Assembly committee

- Three workstations will open up in Peter Morand. Students need to book online before using them.
- Two workstations have programming languages like STATA and SAS
- Once available, tell students in your classes so they can use the workstations
- Merchandise orders
 - Sticker and magnet designs – Zobaida update
 - Plan to order these by mid October; orders expected to arrive sometime in December
 - Zobaida showed different sticker designs. These are posted in the “general” channel of SEPHGSA’s Slack group
 - Please send any comments or other design ideas to Zobaida by October 12.
 - SEPH sweaters – Shannon update
 - Plan to order these by mid October; orders expected to arrive sometime in December
 - We’re looking at gray/burgundy colours for sweaters
- GSA email signature/header
 - Survey Monkey/Mail Chimp --> to fix SEPH GSA email signature
- Social media accounts (Website, Gmail, Instagram/Facebook/Twitter)
 - Amin and Ayni to manage meeting minutes/agenda and website
 - Gabriele to post council members on Instagram page
 - Facebook/Twitter pages: to find out who the admin is & add Gabriele as admin
- Pulsar
 - Pulsar has a few positions opening up that focus on women in STEM
 - Please pass along to anyone who you think may be interested
 - Website: <https://pulsarcollective.org/>
- Halloween BBQ
 - BMI and CMM to organize Halloween BBQ on October 27
 - To include costume and pumpkin carving competitions
- FoM awards of excellence
 - Ceremony will be virtual this year, in-person portion cancelled
 - They are looking for a volunteer, if you’re interested or know of anyone who may want to volunteer, let Shannon know
- SEPHGSA Gmail
 - Shannon to manage SEPHGSA’s Gmail account this year
 - Shannon to send reminder to SEPH students for upcoming scholarships:
 - uOttawa graduate scholarships for CIHR doctoral programs: due on October 18
 - uOttawa graduate scholarships for MSc and MPH programs (CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC): due on December 1
 - Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) and the Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST): due on December 1
- Students interested in positions of VP Social Affairs, M.Sc. Epidemiology representative and MPH representative
 - SEPHGSA voted to approve:
 - Mia Sapin as the second VP Social Affairs
 - Junayd Hussein as the second M.Sc. Epidemiology representative

- Amy Li as the MPH representative

Vice President, Academic Affairs

- Research tool kit with librarians
 - Shan got in touch with the workshop organizer and librarian and is waiting to hear back
- M.Sc. thesis vs research paper
 - Shan will be ask SEPH who will be giving a presentation (Ian or someone else) on MSc thesis and research paper routes

Vice President, Wellness / Social

- Grad Buddy Updates - Zobaida
 - 6 SEPH mentor-mentees have signed up
 - No deadlines found for registering to program
 - Let students know they can sign up online
 - Gabby to make a post on social media accounts to get students to sign up, we need more mentees
- Next on the social event calendar
 - Plan for trivia night or family feud event with students vs teachers
- M.Sc. / MPH sit-down night
 - Plan for this in early October
 - Last year's sit-down had panel, 1-on-1 and introduction to Epi components
 - To schedule for before/after reading week (October 24-30)
- SEPH welcome outdoor BBQ
 - Was held on September 29th

Vice President, Financial Affairs

- 2020/2021 financial statements
 - Haben to contact Chau for statements
- SEPHGSA financial record for 2020/2021
 - No updates from last year's VP finance
 - To ask Chau about research day
 - Haben to follow up with Harry at the bank to get info for this year's finances

Vice President, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

- Rola has been meeting with Zahra
- Posted in SEPH email announcements to recruit students to EDI committee (looking for 1 student representative from MSc EPI and 1 from MPH programs)

Vice President, Administrative Affairs

- Amin and Ayni will alternate each month between preparing meeting agenda/minutes and managing the website
 - For October, Amin will do the minutes/agenda and Ayni will manage the website
- Get set-up with website

- Both have access now
- They will monitor the website and will redirect any communication to other GSA members as needed
- SEPHGSA member profiles
 - We're looking to update your profiles on our website
 - Please send these to Ayni by October 12:
 - A few lines introducing yourself, interests and 1-2 interesting facts + pick your profile avatar

Round Table

- Suggestions/comments

Next Meeting

Friday November 5th @ 4:00pm (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

As these minutes are being formally compiled after the fact, there may be information that is missing or incomplete as it was not included in the written record at the time. If you have any questions about the archival project – or have information about missing or incomplete records of SEPHGSA activities – we encourage you to reach out to uo.sephgsa@gmail.com or visit the contact form on the SEPHGSA website at <https://www.sephgsa.ca/contact>

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