Executive Council Meeting

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SEPHGSA Executive Council 2021-2022

Role	Name	Email	Status
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	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 for Graduate Mental Health to start September 2021. Role will be to hand-off students to mental health professionals based on their situation/needs.
  - We will do some advertising for that in September.
- SEPH Assembly updates – done for the summer. Will resume in the Fall.
  - Funding changes is the main topic of interest; only for Epi (MPH students don't get any funding). PhD students get more funding than they did in the past.
  - Initial funding change's begin this fall; September 2022 supervisors need to match (they get 7500).

- o   Something for student's to keep an eye out for in the fall.
- Faculty council meeting – Charles updates?
  - o   This committee handles mandate appointments, and high-level strategic planning.
  - o   New position for planetary health (interim director to focus on new sustainable health-care initiatives).
- Pan Canadian Public Health Student Network – Shannon updates?
  - o   PCPHSN "Games" – coming this winter!
  - o   Pin/token – currently being designed.
- Faculty of Medicine Awards of Excellence – deadline July 12th
  - o   SEPHGSA will put in nomination for Ian as Educator of the Year.
  - o   ST will start a Word doc & will share on OneDrive. If everyone can contribute July 13th.
  - o   Charles to help with mentor of the year.
- Slack channel. Shannon & Charles to meet to set this up. Goal to have this up & running September 1st, 2021.
  - o   Meet next week.
- Charles - Website updates?
  - o   Charles to contact Sebastian.

Vice President, Academic Affairs

- Updates?
- Workshops with Melissa. Melissa will get back to Shan in September.
- Shan (& maybe Rola) to look into outreach program with Melissa. Shan met with Melissa and Claire Kendall; could be something like let's talk science. Ultimate goal is to have lots of students involved.
- Academic related workshops: Shan met with Irina and has an idea of shops to run.
- Haben reached out to Claire, they're working on a study on relationship between socioeconomic and high school, and how many have an interest in STEM. First step is to start study, then second is to do outreach

Vice President, Wellness

- Updates?
- Welcome week ideas?
- September 8th, 2021 – classes start
- Outdoor BBQ for September (Jen Collins has looked into booking BBQ; Jen has mentioned that she will reserve the BBQ; Saturday of orientation week).
- We would need to provide food.
- Could move to another day of the week (if BBQ is not on high demand).
- Zobaida check in with Jen Collins.
- First year departmental BINGO (note: ~65 students incoming; make this a welcome week initiative).
- Gabby and Zobaida – tag team? Organize an event for Olympics?

Vice President, Financial Affairs

- No updates
- Welcome!

Vice President, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

- Updates?
- Adopt BDS?
  - o Take a vote: Charles to send email, and council votes independently.
  - o Charles to notify council of the decision after all votes are in.
- Trauma for Indigenous communities. What could we do as a council?
  - o Social media posts from epidemiological standpoint
  - o Maybe we can push to include this into our curriculum (consequential elements); there is some in professional skills course, but not so much in core curriculum
  - o Intro epi is supposed to have a larger integration.
  - o EDI components in professional skills (i.e., ISP for PhD students); Program Learning Outcomes requirement for all Universities, and EDI committee went through these items and tried to incorporate EDI material into the outcomes.
  - o From an administrative side, there's been a push to have EDI in admissions cohort (admissions committee did EDI training before they looked at applications).
  - o Rola to touch base with Zahra (VP EDI, 2020/2021).

Round Table

- Biweekly/monthly email updates
- Shannon – monthly SEPH email will begin in September.
- Welcome Haben! New SEPH GSA member – finance.
- Hira, Chau, Haben and Shannon will do a hand-off with bank.
- Welcome Gabby! New SEPH GSA – interested in social.
- Shan: SEPH GSA should contribute prizes for student research day (mugs, "I survived research day").
- Research day is run by Lynne Leonard, who plans research day until December.
- "Town hall" on choosing research paper vs thesis.
- Gabby can make graphics!
- Gabby to make Instagram account!
- Suggestions/comments

Next Meeting

Friday August 6th @ 4:00pm

Administrative Note

SEPHGSA Archives Project

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