

Executive Council Meeting

December 16th, 2020



SEPHGSA Executive Council 2020-2021

President	Hira Khan	hkhan117@uottawa.ca	Present
Vice President	Charles Thickstun	rthic032@uottawa.ca	Present
Vice President, Academic Affairs	Baies Haqani	bhaqa044@uottawa.ca	Present
	Irina Podinic	ipodi039@uottawa.ca	Regrets
Vice President, Wellness	Julia Shaw	jshaw012@uottawa.ca	Regrets
	Zaina Kahliel	zkahi017@uottawa.ca	Present
Vice President, Financial Affairs	Chau Huynh	chuy097@uottawa.ca	Present
Vice President, Administrative Affairs	Emily Thompson	ethom069@uottawa.ca	
Vice President, Social Affairs	Samantha Lancione	slanc008@uottawa.ca	Present
	Dilan Patel	dpate051@uottawa.ca	Regrets
Vice President, Communications	Shannon Thomsson	sthom0193@uottawa.ca	Present
Vice President, Web Design	Sebastian Srugo	ssrug082@uottawa.ca	Present
Vice President, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion	Zahra Clayborne	zclay068@uottawa.ca	Regrets
MSc Epidemiology Representative(s)	Zobaida Al-Baldawi	zalba014@uottawa.ca	Present
	Rola Hashem	rhash064@uottawa.ca	Present
PhD Representative(s)			
MPH Representative(s)	Nick Brisebois	nbris080@uottawa.ca	Regrets
	Amy Li	yli847@uottawa.ca	Present
PHRAM Representative(s)	Natalie Jensen	njens090@uottawa.ca	Present

Agenda

1. TMMSA Coffee House

- Amy volunteered to be SEPH rep (Emily to send out an e-mail)

2. Upcoming Events

- Gingerbread house contest – email to be sent

- Students to send in photos and voting to occur at a later date
- No turn out for the baking event, but difficult time of the year with finals
 - Possibility of a bake-off?
- VP Social and Wellness to meet in the New Year
- Amy may need some assistance with the 1st year Among Us event
 - Looking to January to reschedule

3. SEPH Merch Update

- Almost payments received, waiting to submit the form for the sweaters within the next two weeks
 - Two people have yet to respond
- Stickers will be ordered this week, hopefully sent out mid-end January
- SEPH will be providing money for shipping

4. VP Admin

- Should look to filling the VP Admin
 - Check in with non-council members, Emily will send out an e-mail this week

5. Updates, If Any, From Each Member

a. President

- Problems with virtually learning brought up during assembly
 - Hira reached out to reps about getting feedback from students; will be forward onto
 - Should be shared with GSC
 - Melissa has a list of people to reach out to (who to contact) – can be a blog or in resources section on website (Seb)

b. Vice President

- Lots of really boring administrative meetings
- Plan from uOttawa central going forward this year
 - Continue to be fulling online through next summer
 - Fall 2021 and Winter 2022 will likely be mixed online/in-person
 - 30% in person based on the class, not parts of the class ie. either entirely in person or not
- Funding issues continue

c. Vice President, Academic Affairs

- GSC meeting Friday, December 10th
 - Mainly discussed funding issues
 - New expectations for the research paper, how these will change, and whether or not the research paper will be considered MSc or not
 - Research paper less costly, takes less time, and quicker move to the workforce
 - Equity issues including scholarship
 - Several members of the GSA are strongly in opposition to removing the RP stream
 - Charles and Emily willing to sit down and discuss this further, Emily to write a letter

of support for the research paper

- PDC is meeting Friday December 18th
 - Focusing on a new course, some learning outcomes (update in January)

d. Vice President, Wellness

- Working closely with VP social for events
- Nutrition seminar planned for January (date TBD)
 - 2-hour seminar on managing stress and wellness through nutrition (look into shortening and focusing it?)
 - First hour lecture, 2nd lecture is a hands-on experience
 - Agreed to 30\$ fee, should reach out to BMI and CMM to see if willing to collaborate and split the fees
 - Charles will look into scheduling for events – no good day, evenings our best bet
 - Natalie experienced in this and willing and able to support; Sam for posters

e. Vice President, Financial Affairs

- No additional updates

f. Vice President, Administrative Affairs

- No additional updates

g. Vice President, Social Affairs

- No additional updates

h. Vice President, Communications

- No additional updates

i. Vice President, Web Design

- Blog post about relationships with supervisors, EDI concerns

j. Vice President, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

- Last EDI committee meeting held on December 11, major task was approving our mandate and discussing funding concerns. We have also started an EDI corner update in SEPH announcements, any students with short videos or resources are encouraged to forward to Bonnie at the SEPH office
- No student meeting held this month due to scheduling issues, next one will be in January
- There will be a mandate for the EDI committee that is distributed to SEPH in the new year
- Student group is working on a funding survey that will be distributed in January or February
- Vivian and Melissa are looking for a student rep to nominate for uOttawa's new antiracism committee. Ideally the student will not be graduating this year and will be continuing as a student at SEPH next year. If anyone is interested, they can contact Zahra or Vivian or Melissa for more details and to self-nominate
 - GSAED and uOttawa's student association are not supporting
 - SEPH GSA should probably not support this

k. MSc Reps

- Will push for student feedback by December 18th
 - General feedback to be provided first and specifics to be provided at a later date if needed
 - Some of the biggest issues included responding to emails and office hours
- SEPH t-shirts? Reach out to Bonnie.

l. MPH Reps

- MPH committee meeting with Melissa and others
- Lots of feedback from students

m. PHRAM Reps

- No additional updates

Reminders

6. Join the SEPHGSA Facebook page:

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/832774063421219>

7. VP Communications is the Designated Manager of SEPHGSA Twitter Account: @SEPH_GSA & Facebook Account

8. VP Admin is the Designated Person for Emailing List + Manger of SEPHGSA Emails

9. Suggestions/Concerns

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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