

SEPHGSA Executive Council 2022-2023

President			
Vice President	Charles Thickstun	rthic032@uottawa.ca	Present
Vice President, Epidemiology Academic Affairs	Shan Dhaliwal	sdhal018@uottawa.ca	Present
Vice President, Public Health Academic Affairs			
Vice President, Wellness	Robert Pap	rpap066@uottawa.ca	Regrets
Vice President, Social Affairs	Mia Sapin	msapi072@uottawa.ca	Regrets
Vice President, Equity Diversity, and Inclusion			
Vice President, Financial Affairs	Haben Dawit	hdawi008@uottawa.ca	Present
Vice President, Administrative Affairs			
MSc Epidemiology Representative(s)	Junayd Hussain	jhuss025@uottawa.ca	Present
	Carolina Soto	csoto007@uottawa.ca	Present
MPH Representative(s)	Felipe Gallego	agallo61@uottawa.ca	Present
	Philippe Morin	pmori037@uottawa.ca	Regrets
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)

- No update was given for the SEPH School Assembly

Vice President

- Several items were discussed at the Faculty of Medicine Graduate Studies Council relating to scholarship changes (see “Scholarship Changes” in Business Arising). The SEPH Program Director also noted that the MSc in Epidemiology will likely be moving to a streamed approach in specialized areas which will be accompanied by a name change
- No items of interest were raised at the Faculty of Medicine Faculty Council

Vice President, Epidemiology Academic Affairs

- There has not been a recent SEPH Epidemiology Graduate Studies Council since the last council meeting. Shan inquires if there are any points that he should raise at the meeting
 - Junayd suggests that SAS should be emphasized earlier in the degree program
 - SEPH is working on developing a summer workshop for incoming students to help develop SAS skills prior to entering the program
- There has not been a SEPH Program Development Committee since the last council meeting

Vice President, Public Health Academic Affairs (Vacant)

- No update was given for the SEPH Public Health Graduate Studies Council
- No update was given for the SEPH Program Development Committee

Vice President, Wellness

- No Wellness Update was given at this meeting

Vice President, Social Affairs

- No Events Update was given at this meeting

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

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

Vice President, Financial Affairs

- The SEPHGSA has fully paid for the AGM and closed out the previous year

Vice President, Administrative Affairs (Vacant)

- No Administrative Update was given at this meeting

Program Representatives

- No updates from the MSc Epidemiology representatives
- No updates from the MPH representatives
- No updates from the PhD Epidemiology representatives

GSAED Director

- The May GSAED Board of Directors meeting was mainly orientation for new directors

Business Arising

Vacancies on Council

- President
 - No one has expressed interest in the role of President at this time
 - Shannon has offered to stay on in an interim role to finish some ongoing projects
- Vice President, Public Health Academic Affairs
 - Abi has stepped down from the role of Vice President, Public Health Academic Affairs in order to focus on her final year in the program
 - Philippe has expressed an interest in taking on the role of Vice President, Public Health Academic Affairs and will reach out to Abi to discuss the responsibilities of the role
- Vice President, Wellness
 - Robert Pap expressed interest in taking on the role of Vice President, Wellness and was voted in by council by email (May 24, 7 in favour, none opposed, 2 no votes)
 - Chantal Prendergast has reached out to the SEPHGSA seeking a name for the Faculty Wellness Program Advisory Committee
- Vice President, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
 - No one has expressed interest in the role of Vice President, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion at this time
- Vice President, Administrative Affairs
 - No one has expressed interest in the role of Vice President, Administrative Affairs at this time
- In the interim, Charles will assume the duties of the vacant positions in a limited capacity

Constitution Referendum

- Charles will begin the process of circulating the language to the student body and preparing an anonymous voting system for the referendum

Summer Planning/Orientation

- Shan is planning a writing workshop retreat for some time in June
- Mia is intending to plan some form of summer social event for July
 - Board Games? (Loft)
 - Intramurals? (Ultimate Frisbee?)
 - In Person Social (Ice Cream?/Barbeque?)
- Orientation/Early Fall term will be an opportunity to reach out to new students and to begin holding regular events, given that SEPH is intending to return to campus as much as possible

Scholarship Changes

- MSc Admissions Scholarship
 - Charles has followed up with Alain Stintzi (FoM Vice-Dean Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)
 - Changing to \$6,000 and allocated to most students with an **8.0GPA** or higher for 1 year
 - International students and research-project based MSc students not included

- SEPH is planning to increase minimum stipend funding as a result of the Accreditation Report to be in line with other programs at the FoM (\$19,000)
- Charles is still trying to schedule a meeting with Claire Turenne Sjolander (Vice-Provost Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies) on this issue
- We will need to re-write the [SEPHGSA funding blog](#) to address these changes

Main Business

Nominations for Faculty Member Awards of Excellence

- The SEPHGSA is traditionally encouraged to nominate Faculty Members for awards of excellence in Education, Research, Engagement, Francophonie, and Internationalization and Global Health
 - Nominations can be submitted through the [Faculty Member Awards of Excellence website](#) until June 20

Website Update, Avatars, and Biographies

- If you would like to update your Avatar or Bio for the [About](#) section of the website you can send Charles an email (Avatars should be a PNG image from [GetAvataaars](#))

Varia and Adjournment

Varia

- No items were raised in varia

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 16:35

Next Meeting

- The next SEPHGSA Executive Council Meeting will be **Friday, July 8, 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, June 3, 2022 at 16:59:36

