



## Medical Students' Society of McGill University

L'Association Étudiante de Médecine de l'Université McGill

### Third GC Meeting Minutes January 9, 2019

**Present:** Rami, Rose, Yseult, Marianne, Carlos, Jack, Andre, Samuel, Benson, Vincent, Julie-Anne, Victor, Ryan, Denis, Kim, Amanda, Corinne, Noemie, Blaise, Adam, Leanne, Elise, Kelan, Calia, Anna, Rosemarie, Sophie, Sarah, Julia

**Regrets:** Karmin, Neyla, Jesse, Gabriel, Sabrina, Marianne, Andrew, Michelle

**Chair of the meeting:** Rami

TOPIC	SPEAKER	TIME REQUIRED	SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION	ACTIONS TO TAKE	BY	TIMELINE
Call to order	Rami		Opening of the meeting			
Land Acknowledgment	Rami	1 min	McGill University is situated on the traditional territory of the Kanien'kehá:ka, a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXCMDTcFB1c">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXCMDTcFB1c</a>			
Call to order	Rami					
Land Acknowledgment (1 min)	Rami	1 min				
Approval of the minutes			Second GC minutes were approved			
Approval of the agenda.			Agenda was approved			

<p>Condolences and sympathy to the family and family of U of T</p>	<p>K e l a n</p>	<p>5 mins</p>	<p>Following the recent news that has happened in Iran, one of the students was an MD PhD student at Toronto and he was also the global health rep at Toronto. He was a great leader and an inspiring student. I would like to take this moment to pay our respects to all the families affected by this great tragedy. We will observe a minute of silence</p>			
<p>Position Updates</p>		<p>10 mins</p>	<p><b>Med 1:</b>  <u>Treasurer</u> - Slowly getting back into the swing of things. Just finalized payments for Med/Dent ski trip. Slowly planning next clothing sales, trying to get 3.  <u>Class Rep</u> - Planning ski trip, people are still slowly signing up. The parties from last year went really well and everyone is happy  <u>Academic Rep</u> - Dealing with a few issues from the anatomy exam and it seems to have been figured out.  <u>President</u> - Nothing to update further.  <b>Med 2:</b>  <u>Class Rep</u> - Planned end of FMD and now working on the end of block party and looking to do fundraising.  <u>Class President</u> - We are in our first week of TCP and schedules have been late to come in, but hopefully things will sort themselves out. I will be sending out updates and documents later this week.  <u>Treasurer</u> - Organizing a new fundraiser but nothing much  <b>Med 3:</b>  <u>Class Rep</u> - Getting through clerkship slowly and we're organizing lunch on recall days and what not. Starting to think about end of Med 3 party. As part of additional responsibilities there is not much  <b>Med 4:</b>  <u>Class Rep</u> - Our class is in the middle of planning and booking a CARMS interview. Otherwise on cruise control until they come back to McMed in February. Working on Grad ball, Ski Trip, Match party and senior class gift (start a bursary for those who have lost someone during studies in medicine - hopefully longitudinal).  <b>GAAAC:</b> Working on advocacy in the curriculum - nutrition, sex and gender related issues. Working on creating a document on how to make change in the curriculum to have a sorts of recipe.  <b>IT Officer:</b> Putting in updates for the website, working with McGill IT to update computers. Updated website accessibility features and a site map.  <b>Medicine Senator:</b> With the launch of the new wellness hub, we're following what is going on there. There were trips being offered to certain student leaders, which brought about questions and my proxy voted against and the board of directors later reversed the motion. Regular business as usual.  <b>Gatineau Rep:</b> Working through clerkship and have had meetings regarding MSS structure in gatineau  <b>VP Global Health:</b></p>			

			<p><u>Sr</u> - In November had Ad sec countdown, working with CFMS heart - posted report on year long teaching planetary health. Adoption of sustainability guidelines for the MSS. Working with Hema Quebec for one of the biggest blood drive events 14 of February.</p> <p><b>VP Wellness:</b> Planing with MSW wellness week - various wellness seminars, workshops, seminars, etc. Promoting CFMS wellness challenge. Addressing suicide prevention on an advisory board with several other departments. Following up on proposal MSS members had sent to the Well office for a new wellness lecture.</p> <p><b>VP Corp:</b> Reached out to sponsors and have been in contact with many financial institutions. Working on strategic plan, gatineau structure and Winter GA. Also working on academic fair on February 5.</p> <p><b>VP Finance:</b> 2015-2016 audit has been done and approved by GA, 2016-2017 audit is still underway, there are a lot of gaps so it is taking longer. Med games was fully reimbursed and club funding and conference funding for the winter semester will be released soon.</p> <p><b>VP External Canada:</b> Starting to plan a trip to Vancouver for CFMS general meeting. Travel awards have been sent out and people can now apply. Med 1s have an exam so it will be hard for them to apply. Waiting for money from CFSMU</p> <p><b>VP External Quebec:</b> We paid our fees and so now we have access to the various advantages. The next FMEQ congress meeting is on January 19. The prices have been covered for security and lodging - we are hosting.</p> <p><b>MSS President:</b> Making sure MSS functions, but main points are strategic plan, gatineau and news of Dr Cummings stepping down. Asked to find 2 people to sit as student reps on the search committee - Julia and Leanne. Gatineau - will be presenting structure later but still much to plan. Strategic Plan - survey is almost done, but we need to get quantitative data on the topics students brought up. Please fill it out and ask friends to bring it out</p> <p><b>Student Space Officer:</b> Hoping to open student space next week. We have the keys and we are working on figuring out access to all students. Working on different student spaces in the various hospitals - create a document to streamline all the student spaces.</p>			
VP Finance JR	Victor	10 mins	<p>We noticed the finances had been messed up for the past couple of years. The biggest downfall to this position is that there is a huge learning curve and it is very different from a class treasurer position. VP Finance Junior would sit on the council and help with reimbursements which would allow them to see how everything functions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Will there still be the same amount of work (sufficient for two people) when the finances have been straightened out. Do we need a whole new person or could it be added to MSS Secretary? It would also block the way for others to apply to the Sr role (grooming) - it could be a med 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How realistic is it for the secretary to do it? Would it make more sense to add it to the Med 2 class treasurer?</li> </ul> </li> <li>● In the future, consider paying someone to take care of the audits.</li> <li>● They weren't done for a reason - it would be interesting to look into why</li> <li>● Incorporate something similar to the past president rather than adding a new position - easier to add than to take away so add hesitantly</li> <li>● Will this lead to others wanting junior position?</li> </ul>			

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feasible for med 1.</li> </ul>			
BoD Insurance budget modification + Auditor modification	Victor	5 mins	<p><b>Additions to the Budget</b></p> <p><u>BOG Insurance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BOG is in charge of anything that happens to the MSS. Protects us from being sued and if there is anything accidental that happens.</li> <li>• Making amends - we are currently under budget and our investments did really well this year</li> <li>• Motion to add BOG insurance to the budget - <b>passes</b> nemocontra</li> </ul> <p><u>Audit Payments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add 5 500\$ to complete the next two audits fully - charging 500\$ to look through paperwork because it is so disorganized</li> <li>• Gain 42 000\$ if these audits are done</li> <li>• Motion to add 5 500\$ to the auditor budget which is currently 7000\$ to complete the audits - <b>passes</b> nemocontra</li> </ul>			
Gatineau Structure Presentation	Rami	10 mins	<p>See agenda for the presentation.</p> <p><b>Gatineau Structure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are not a separate entity to the MSS</li> <li>• How does this effect FMEQ voting power - it would depend on people around the table to give said member power to vote (likely pre-emptive as no structure exists for Gatineau yet)</li> <li>• Concerns about BOG representation for Gatineau students - need to discuss further</li> </ul> <p><u>MSS Representation</u> proposition to have a class council of 2 (class president and class vice president) for the 24 students in addition to the gatineau rep.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class President advocates for academics, student life, etc. and treasurer role (balances social rep - creates accountability) (GC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Sit on various committees pertinent to gatineau</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Vice President would take on VP social role and aid the president (GC)</li> <li>• Gatineau Rep does not change - represents all students (EC, PC)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerns about division of labor being asymmetrical</li> <li>• Size of class is much smaller, current class reps are not concerned</li> </ul> <p><u>Document Translation</u> relevant documents must be translated - do we get a translator or do it ourselves. What do we need to conference?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Important to have bilingual documents and paying a translator would likely be worth it</li> <li>• There is rudimentary website translation - focus on official documents first and then website</li> <li>• Translation is expensive, potentially as others first</li> </ul> <p><u>Creating Policy to Ensure Equal Opportunity to All Students</u> (Video Conferencing) should all meetings have video conferencing so it is open to both campuses?</p> <p><u>Funding for Class</u> Do we take the traditional 2000\$ and give it proportional to their class size or do they need more (bonus because they don't have access to other things)?</p>			

Bill 21	Élise	5 mins	<p><b>Bill 21</b> I have received a proposition from VP external SMUU to invite us to join a strike and march against Bill 21. I wanted your opinion on it since it is GAAC who will organize the strike.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● GAAC should invite students to be part of the walk, but I don't think we should organize a strike per say</li> <li>● It would be best to have a referendum</li> <li>● We've already taken a position on Bill 21 - we should continue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Potentially write a letter of support similar to the past</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Motion - Write a letter of support to stand in solidarity of our colleagues in the name of the MSS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>VOTE</b> - 18 in favor, 2 opposed (clear 2/3 majority) <b>PASSES</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
Election Process	Rami Jack	10 mins	<p><b>Election Process</b> given what happened in the last elections with the method of voting (single transferrable vote) there is no way to prevent someone from voting wrong. Propose to have a check box at the end declaring you have voted properly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students in medical school should be able to read.</li> <li>● General consensus of not changing how we vote, but encourage education on the voting process - educational videos</li> <li>● SMMU Voting costs 50\$ for 3 ballots and 15\$ for ballots after.</li> <li>● Prioritize free way of voting</li> </ul>			
Planetary Health curriculum evaluation report from HEART CFMS. + Second evaluation of McGill through UCSF report.	Kelan	10 mins	<p><b>Planetary Health Curriculum Evaluation Report from HEART CFMS</b> see agenda for presentation. Shortly after news of launch of report and someone in med 2 reached out where there is a project where they are doing something like HEART but better. Idea is to get McGill on board as a pilot for the Canadian side. UGME doesn't have to do any work but the whole survey is student lead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Main concern regarding use, survey validity and survey fatigue.</li> </ul>			
Motion for Graduate Student Association's Petition <i>action item from previous meeting</i>	Kelan	5 mins	<p><b>Motion for Graduate Student Association's Petition</b> to follow up from last meeting this is no longer as big as we had hoped and there will be no follow up in the future.</p>			

CCR Reminder	Rami	2 mins	<p><b>CCR Reminder</b> fill out CCRs which replaces the Dean's letter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure students are aware of the removal of the Dean's letter so Med 1 and 2 can compensate.</li> </ul>			
Alternative to Chez Mer Discussion	VP Socials Rami	10 mins	<p><b>Alternative to Chez Mers</b> there was a dry Chez Mers in December and 24\$ was still lost. Only 12 people came and 9 of them were from GC. Seems like peopl are no longer interested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revamp - change name and location, Mcmed is too far</li> <li>• Potentially at Thompson house, Grey's anatomy trivia</li> </ul>			
Internal Regulation modifications	Yseult Anna	5 mins	<p><b>Internal Regulation Modification</b> seen agenda for document details. Goal was to redefine secretary and VP corporate affairs roles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Motion</u> to amend the internal regulations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Amendment</b> - Strike 18.7 and 18.8 to pursue nomination and append to the end of the sentence at the society's expense <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ VOTE - <b>Passes</b> nemocontra</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Amendment</b> - cross off amendment regarding 72 hours in advance to 5 days. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ I heard many people who missed the deadline for submission, asking sooner would just increase this amount.</li> <li>■ VOTE - 9 favor, 13 against, 5 abstain - <b>Does not pass</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
Sustainability Guidelines	Élise Rose Rami	15 mins	<p><b>Sustainability Guidelines</b> it has brought to my attention that we should talk about the sustainability guideliens and how it applies to us</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be more sustainable, we should aim to be more sustainable. I want to just have a discussion.</li> <li>• Hypocritical if we don't follow sustainability guidelines</li> <li>• Concern regarding increased pressure for those planning events</li> <li>• Collecting feedback - rather than collecting at the end of the year I suggest you collect more frequently or else there is significant risk of time bias.</li> </ul>			
Process for curriculum request changes	Julia Rami	5 mins	<p><b>Process for Curriculum Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I wanted to bring this as a point of information to inform what the role of Ed Com is. I've received a number of requests with the curriculum changes</li> <li>• It is important to inform students how to bring curriculum changes. We are lucky to have the relationship we have with UGME</li> <li>• Crucial our student voice remains coherent – one is to come with edcom and we can work collaboratively to ensure the changes the student body wants can move forward</li> </ul>			
Social rep event expectations	Carlos	5 mins	<p><b>Social Rep Event Expectations</b> Comes after the end of FMD party – it was felt that with all the effort put into it that the class reps should not pay for the ticket.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We should pay even if we organize because it wouldn't be fair otherwise - you were aware of this when you took the position. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pay if they participate at the same level of their peers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If they are mandated to be there they should not have to pay</li> <li>● Internos is a huge expense, would this apply? What constitutes as “not enjoying the event” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Huge difference between not paying 10\$ vs not paying 150\$</li> <li>○ Talking about parties and not larger events</li> </ul> </li> <li>● It should not be decided after the event because it is such a grey zone. If you aren’t paying you should not have a drink.</li> <li>● <u>Motion</u> - Social Reps and VP socials do not pay for admission when they lend a necessary logistic service during the time of event. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Amendment</b> - they pay tickets with 40% discount on all events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ VOTE: clear opposition - Amendment <b>DOES NOT PASS</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Amendment</b> - Social Reps and VP socials get up to a 40% discount for admission when they lend a necessary logistic service during the time of event. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ VOTE: 7 for, 15 oppose - Amendment <b>DOES NOT PASS</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Amendment</b> - Social Reps and VP socials do not pay for admission when they lend a necessary logistic service during the time of event and if not they receive a 40% discount. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ VOTE: 11 FOR, 12 AGAINST - Amendment <b>DOES NOT PASS</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>○ VOTE: 13 FOR, 9 AGAINST, 3 ABSTAIN - Motion <b>PASSES</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
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Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm. Next Meeting: March 5, 2020