



PhUS Council Agenda
Mar. 18, 2019
PHAR 3110

Attendance:

Sam Chu (President)	Y	Leo Zheng (Communications)	Y	Vivienne Hsu (3 rd Year Grad Rep)	X	Tom Sun (1 st Year GC)	Y
Mimi Wei (VP Internal)	Y	Alexander Pai (VP Sponsorship)	Y	Yungee Jung (3 rd Year Grad Rep)	X	Sonali Rishi (1 st Year GC)	Y
Amy Kwan (VP External)	X	Serena Quan (Sports Rep)	Y	Riaaz Lalani (3 rd Year Rep)	Y	Gloria Cheng (Faculty Rep)	Y
Sherry Yu (VP Finance)	Y	Wendy Song (Secretary)	Y	Ada Mew (3 rd Year GC)	X	Kerry Wilbur (Faculty Rep)	X
Elisa Colasurdo (VP Social)	Y	Arpita Patel (4 th Year Grad Rep)	X	Sean Cardwell (2 nd Year Rep)	Y	Hope Lapoint (3 rd Year Rep)	Y
Sellenne Dorus (VP Social)	Y	Arielle Beauchesne (4 th Year Grad Rep)	X	Jenny He (2 nd Year GC)	Y	Jimmy Zhong (Proxy VPE)	Y
Jenah Alibhai (VP Academic)	Y	Miriam Ahmed (4 th Year Rep)	X	Caitlin Chew (2 nd Year GC)	Y		
Nick Pang (Senator)	Y	Alex Assumption (4 th Year Rep)	X	John Lee (1 st Year Rep)	Y		

Meeting called to order at 12:01 PM

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Mimi ; **Seconded:** Jenah

Standing Business:

Be it resolved that PhUS council supports a referendum to increase PhUS membership fees by \$25 [Twenty-Five Canadian Dollars] per year to support the subscription to Uptodate for as long as we have access to it. [Phrasing as shown on ballot: I support an increase of \$25 (Twenty-Five Canadian Dollars) per year to PhUS membership fee for PhUS to provide UptoDate as a resource for all its members]

Moved: Sellenne ; **Seconded:** Riaaz

Approved: 9 (Sam); Objection: 6; Abstained: 2 - Motion Passed

Be it resolved that PhUS council recommends the use of the TILAK Technology fund (total of \$7959.00) towards Uptodate subscription for all PhUS members to access and use as an online software and resource to supplement their academic and practical learning, costing \$14996.50, from September 2020 to May 2021.

Moved: Mimi ; **Seconded:** Sherry

Approved: 9 (Sam); Objection: 6 ; Abstained: 2 - Motion Passed





Discussions:

1. UpToDate Referendum - Sam

- a. Total \$22025 USD for subscription to UpToDate. After conversion (4:3, USD:CDN) to Canadian dollars = \$29366.67
- b. Funding from Pharmacist's Letter: \$6470.20
- c. Funding from TILAK Technology Fund: \$7900 + \$1000
 - i. The accumulative total is not conserved each year, thus the funding amounts will vary. (ie. we will not be receiving \$7900 each year, only \$1000 off the annual interest rates)
 - ii. If students pay \$25 CDN per year, it will work to average out the \$7900 and maintain a sustainable amount for subsequent years
 - iii. If we decide to only go with a 1 year subscription, then cost will be \$17 CDN per student due to the additional \$6900 in funding
- d. Total Funds going towards subscription cost: \$14370.20
 - i. If we sign a multiyear contract with UpToDate, we can negotiate lower the costs
- e. Subscription is not currently available for alumni, only for PhUS members
 - i. Current 4th years would no longer be PhUS members by next year so this service will not be applicable to them (ie. they will not have to pay so they will not get access)
- f. Concerns surrounding use of UpToDate and conflict with IA
 - i. Faculty has been contacted with regards to possible conflicts and concerns about the usage of UpToDate, none has been expressed.
- g. UpToDate VS Pharmacist's Letter
 - i. Cost of Pharmacist's Letter vs UpToDate
 1. Pharmacist's Letter was not free, it was integrated into our budget, and therefore a part of the student fees
 - ii. Pharmacist's Letter was discontinued because only a handful of students utilized the resource from surveys conducted in the past 2 years.
 - iii. Concerns surrounding graduates using Pharmacist's Letter on PhUS subscription
 - iv. Evidence Appraisal Plus was a more affordable resource but feedback was that the resource was difficult to navigate and it was confusing in finding information that is needed, it is also American based so only presented non-Canadian guidelines
 - v. Prior discussions surrounding UpToDate only had cost of subscriptions as the primary concern
 - vi. Positive feedback from users that had access to UpToDate while on practicum
- h. Referendums for increasing fees would require:
 - i. Notification for students 7 days before voting starts. After voting, AMS council must draft report to Board of Governors
 - ii. Referendum must be held in winter session (ends in April)
 - iii. Must give Board of Governors enough time to approve referendum
 1. Concerns over getting fee increase by September 2019 - Students may question the delay
 2. Concerns over making decisions for the incoming class of Pharmacy students
 - a. UpToDate is used as both in school and on practicum, the impact on 1st years may not be as great on upper years who are on rotations, where



benefits of the resource is maximized. We should also advocate for our current students and their welfare as well.

2. Pharmacy Building Operations Concerns - Jenny and John

- a. UBC Pharmacy currently has no convenient means of contacting building operations
 - i. Suggestion for building operations phone number to be readily displayed in situations where immediate response is required
- b. Concerns with security
 - i. Non-pharm students are still in building after 6PM
 - ii. BYC uses our building and takes up study space for current students
 - iii. Behaviours from non-pharmacy students in our building: vaping, puking
 - iv. Security does not check ID for students in general spaces, but does for people in study rooms
 - v. Loss of lamps in general study area during Spring Break
 1. Building operations expressed that they were stolen
 2. Suggest the use of TILAK Technology Fund to buy lamps that are cemented onto tables
 3. Previous response from building ops: lack of outlets limit the installation of lamps
- c. Atrium is an underutilized space that could be renovated to increase study spaces
- d. These concerns should be brought to building operations office

3. Elections Transparency - Jenny

- a. Concerns over truthfulness of claims made in platforms during elections
 - i. While it is a PhUS election, it is the Elections Committee that deals with the election
 - ii. If concerns are brought to a PhUS council member those concerns should be directed to the elections committee and elections officer
- b. One candidate during 2019 first-slate elections claimed that he was in contact with OEE for out of province placements and rent free practicums as part of his platform
 - i. Concerns were raised to elections committee and elections officer
 - ii. Elections committee verified with OEE and OEE stated it was something they were working towards
 - iii. Concerns were resolved and no further action was pursued
 - iv. The fact that this has been brought up again shows that there is confusion surrounding this entire scenario. As these accusations that the candidate is producing false claims are still unsubstantiated even after the clarifications made by the elections committee, there is reason to believe that the negativity resulted from these comments could have influenced a non-significant to significant population of voters over the voting period.
- c. In the future, election issues should be raised with elections committee and elections officer
 - i. PhUS should not be recommending anything in the development of candidates' platform
 - ii. There are no current rules regulating what candidates can campaign as part of their platform and the Elections Committee will not be regulating each candidates' platform.



“Truth” is hard to define, and attempts to regulate claims may result in less innovative ideas and less willingness to expand roles and provide new services to students.

- iii. Suggestions were made to review candidates’ speeches along with endorsements and candidate blurb prior to speech times to regulate the content

4. Feedback on Student Representation on Faculty Committees - Sam - Tabled

Round Table:

Faculty	
President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attendance issues - First Slate by-elections, 4th year Rep, and grad rep call for nominations
Secretary	
VP External	
VP Internal	
VP Academic	
VP Social	
VP Sponsorship	
VP Finance	
Communications	
Senate	
Sports Rep	<p>Faculty vs Students Hockey Game - went well</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$182.82 raised in cash for HEROS - more to come from Faculty - Follow-up with Jason Min on what could be improved for next time - 1 injury to a CDRD player - Transition report to be made <p>Storm the Wall Contest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 teams entered - 2 competitive, 2 JFF <p>Sports Night 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - meeting with Gloria to plan wheelchair basketball today at 1 pm - no teams signed up officially yet - tell your friends/class
Grad Rep	
1st Year Rep	<p>PhUS Turnover Dinner for current and incoming executive council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Date: Friday, March 29
2nd Year Rep	
3rd Year Rep	
4th Year Rep	

Meeting Adjourned: 12:55

Moved: Jenah; Seconded: John

Be it resolved that PhUS council adjourns the meeting.

