

Pharmacy Undergraduate Society 2405 Wesbrook Mall Vancouver, B.C. Canada V6T 1Z3

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# PhUS Council Minutes February 22, 2021 12:00 PM

### Attendance:

President	Parsa Amin	Р	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Rep	Isabella Woroshelo	Р
VP Internal	Jeremy Bulatao	Р	1 <sup>st</sup> Year GC	Marcus Wong	Р
VP External	Kevin Kang	Р	1 <sup>st</sup> Year GC	Aman Sara	Р
VP Academic	Giordano Bua	Р	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Rep	Sunny Singh	Р
VP Finance	Jessica Jiang	Р	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year GC	Aamir Ladak	P
VP Social	Radha Gupta	Р	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year GC	Christina Jeon	R
AVP Social	Felisha Teja	Р	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Rep	Lillian Chen	P
VP Communications	Marcus Lo	Р	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year GC	Gabe Mason	Р
Secretary	Vanessa Cheng	Р	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year GC	Lisa Gao	P
Senator	Nick Pang	Α	4 <sup>th</sup> Year Rep	Elisa Colasurdo	R
Sports Rep	Chris Xi	Р	4 <sup>th</sup> Year Rep	Kathleen Lau	R
Sponsorship Coordinator	Grace Li	Р	2021 Grad Reps (4 <sup>th</sup> Year)	Dane Chapman	Α
				Gina Sangha	Α
2022 Grad Reps (3 <sup>rd</sup> Year)	Celine Jeon	R	Faculty	Sandra Jarvis-Selinger	Α
	Ayah Kapani	R			
Faculty	Jennifer Chatterton	Α	Faculty	Kerry Wilbur	P
Faculty	Emma Riek	Α	Faculty	Ginette Vallee	Α
Faculty	Marion Pearson	Р			

P (present) | A (absent) | R (regrets) | L (late)

**Guests:** Janice Yeung (OEE), Shivani Mehta (AMS AVP Academic), Meghan Lui & Hanna Taykandy (MIF), Lilyan Jia (AVP Academic), various students from PY1-4 (~40 attendees)

Meeting called to order at 12:00 PM

**Approval of Minutes** 

Moved: Parsa; Seconded: Jeremy

**Standing Business:** 

Motioned: Be it resolved that the Pharmacy Undergraduate Society approves the MIF application (Substance Use Disorders: Supplemental Resources) by Meghan Lui and Hanna Taykandy for \$100

Moved: Jeremy; Seconded: Giordano Approved: 18; Objections: 0; Abstained: 1





#### **Discussions:**

#### 1. VP Internal

## a. MIF application by Meghan Lui and Hanna Taykandy

- Purpose: To give students the opportunity to better understand opioids and substance use disorders so that they can help patients in this sector
- The current third year class regarding substance use disorders has limited capacity. This ii. resource allows students who don't take the class to have access to educational materials
- Involves supplemental resources such as learning materials, updated information, and 4 iii. audio podcasts of interviewed guests with firsthand experience
- Resource to be sponsored by Dr. Price and continuously updated in the future iv.
- MIF application is for 4 x \$20 gift cards to the speakers for their time being interviewed, ٧. and 4 x \$5 gift cards to students for providing feedback

#### 2. VP Academic

## a. Shivani Mehta (AMS AVP Academic) & Proctorio Update

- Main work this year amongst AMS VP & AVP Academic has been with the fight against using Proctorio for exam invigilation
  - UBC's contract with Proctorio hasn't been renewed but has been extended until December 2021
  - 2. There is a motion being proposed to Senate by the Teaching and Learning Committee in March 2021 that requires a formal consultation
    - a. Involves AMS giving a presentation to the Teaching and Learning Committee and meeting with the Chair privately to ensure that student voices are being heard
  - 3. Currently also conducting research with other undergraduate societies and student unions within Canada to coordinate which faculties require Proctorio require Proctorio for accreditation purposes, so that the limitations of Proctorio can be further constrained in this upcoming motion

### b. Practicums and COVID Vaccines (Dr. Janice Yeung)

- OEE has been working with BC student practice education committees and practice educators in health authorities
- Vaccine roll-out and phases are being overseen by health authorities under provincial ii. government direction (currently in Phase 1)
  - 1. All healthcare students are considered healthcare workers within the roll-out but allocation is dependent on the area that they work in
  - 2. Hospital pharmacy students are considered Phase 2 unless in a high-risk area (unlikely, since OEE is asking Practice Educators not to place students there)
  - 3. Community pharmacy is considered Phase 3 under provincial guidelines so students with practicums in community would be included as well
  - 4. It seems that areas that are experiencing more outbreaks and higher numbers are being vaccinated quicker





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- iii. OEE is asking sites not to place students in wards where COVID cases are located, and to remove students from outbreak areas to sites in the hospital where they can continue their practicum safely
- iv. In regards to the student-directed briefing note addressed to the Ministry of Health, it seems that the more appropriate and effective way to express concerns would be to contact associations and governing bodies related to Pharmacy
  - 1. May consider bringing the issue up to UBC Health Student Caucus instead
- v. Hospitals that are administering vaccines tend to call in hospital staff who may not be directly in Phase 1 if they have outstanding doses that don't want to be wasted

# vi. Questions, Comments:

- 1. What is UBC doing in regards to students who may be at higher risk due to secondary comorbidities?
  - a. Connect with Centre for Accessibility who may be able to assess and accommodate to try and mitigate risk
  - b. All practice sites are required to have appropriate PPE for students as well as a self-assessment
- 2. When Phase 2 or 3 comes around, does UBC have a plan to ensure student vaccination?
  - a. Currently health authority leadership is determining the priority list and contacting people to be signed up, but unsure how the process will work in Phase 3 when more people are eligible
  - b. OEE will update students once information is confirmed
- 3. A reminder to the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences and to OEE that it's important to students to have transparency and assurance with their Faculty when it comes to informing students about COVID-19 and upcoming plans
- 4. If students are potentially exposed to COVID-19, does OEE have any plans to prevent them from being held back?
  - a. Nobody has had to be held back due to potential exposures yet. Each situation is unique and handled differently to keep students on track as much as possible (e.g academic concession, relocation, remote work, etc)
  - b. Please notify OEE if you feel uncomfortable about your site placement!



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### **Round Table:**

- Town Hall: March 5, 2021 (Friday) 4pm confirmed
- NTR
- AGM takes place this Friday at 4:30 PM
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Meeting Adjourned: 12:55 PM Moved: Parsa; Seconded: Jeremy

Be it resolved that PhUS council adjourns the meeting.

