



PhUS Council Minutes
January 17, 2022
12:00 PM

Attendance:

President	Jeremy Bulatao	P	1st Year Rep	Alecz Reyes	P
VP Internal	Marcus Wong	P	1st Year Rep	Ronak Sardari	P
AVP Internal	Sahib Janjua	P	1st Year Rep	Thazin Maung	A
VP External	Grace Li	P	2nd Year Rep	Isabella Woroshelo	P
VP Academic	Lilyan Jia	P	2nd Year Rep	Hajer Mahmood	P
AVP Academic	Grace Song	P	2nd Year Rep	Alyssa Azote	P
VP Finance	Chris Xi	P	3rd Year Rep	Alicia Klaassen	P
VP Social	Felisha Teja	P	3rd Year Rep	Zyrel Zapparilla	P
AVP Social	Radha Gupta	P	3rd Year Rep	Mariam Mouhajer	P
VP Communications	Marcus Lo	P	4th Year Rep	John Lee	R
Secretary	Kruti Shukla	P	4th Year Rep	Parsa Shahbazi-Amin	R
Senator	Kanika Khosla	R	2022 Grad Reps (4th Year)	Celine Jeon Ayah Kapani	R
Sports Reps	Owen Li Sunny Singh	R R	Faculty	Sandra Jarvis-Selinger	R
Sponsorship Coordinator	Aamir Ladak	P	Faculty	Katherine Seto	R
2023 Grad Reps (3rd Year)	Maddison Gahagan Maria Ahmed	P P	Faculty	Marion Pearson	P
Faculty	Jennifer Chatterton	R	Faculty	Ginette Vallee	R
Faculty	Emma Riek	R	Faculty	Gloria Cheng	P

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

Guests: Amit Gupta (PY3 - UCTF)

Meeting called to order at 12:01 PM

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Isabella Woroshelo; **Seconded:** Hajer Mahmood





Discussions:

1. President

- a. Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Underserved Communities Strategic Plan - Amit Gupta (PY3)
 - i. [Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Underserved Communities Strategic Plan \(Summary\)](#)
 - ii. Amit: Dean Coughtrie and the UCTF are working towards improving Faculty engagement in underserved communities, with the primary focus on providing suitable pharmaceutical care and education in these areas. I am asking the PhUS council to provide any feedback regarding the wording or anything they would like to add onto the document for further discussion.
 - iii. Suggestions/Questions from the Council:
 1. Kruti S (Secretary): I am all for this initiative, and it would be great to implement it. Are there action plans set in place that will showcase how the changes discussed in the document (ie. expanding the diversity of the faculty) will be implemented?
 - a. Amit's answer: This is a broad document that is meant to inform the action plans which will be carried forward in the future. I am open to suggestions brought on by the council which I can discuss with the UCTF team.
 2. Jeremy B (President): I appreciate that this initiative is being implemented. How will this change the admission process? Has this document been forwarded to other programs within the faculty?
 - a. Amit's Answer:
 - i. It is a bit too early to set an action plan. Hopefully the discussions we have here today, will inform the future course of action. This is meant to be inclusive of all programs (BPhSc, Masters, PharmD, and PhD) being offered within the faculty.
 - ii. Yes, there are representatives from the respective programs who have been asked to share this document within their programs to receive feedback.
 3. Marcus W (VP Internal): This is a great initiative. What has been done previously - is there a framework that is already in place or is this the very first time we are implementing this? Don't we already reach out to remote communities?
 - a. Amit's answer: There is no coordinated policy that is focused on improving equity within the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences. There are different rules for admissions from rural communities and for admissions from the lower mainland, however those are not under the same document or committee. This document will help coordinate the admission procedures for the future. We don't have the same structure as UBC Medicine in that UBC Medicine has 4 sites across BC (Lower mainland, Prince George [UNBC], UBCO, and Vancouver Island [UVic]),



and that is something we are discussing to potentially introduce in Pharmacy.

- b. Follow-up question: Marcus W (VP Internal): That would be a great idea. Does that mean that the PharmD class would be split into 4 sites?
 - i. Amit's Answer: It is still too early to determine how these changes would be implemented. However, there are other factors we need to consider such as feasibility and productivity of introducing new sites into our program. About half of the students within our program are from the Vancouver area but I am assuming there would be plenty of students who come from rural or non-urban areas of BC. It would be nice to know their take on this approach.
4. Isabella W (PY2 Rep): Introducing new sites for our program will benefit many students as it can be hard to move down to Vancouver if you are from rural communities. Would you clarify what you mean by 'sites'? Are these places where students would be studying or will these act as training sites?
 - a. Amit's Answer:
 - i. It would be similar to how UBC Medicine has organized their MD program. Each UBC MD class is split into 4 sites, and UBC Medicine has partnered up with 4 universities across BC to help deliver their program. For example in a class of 300 students, 200 of them would study at the UBC Vancouver campus, 25 students would be placed up north in Prince George, 25 students would be placed on the Island, and the remaining 25 students would be placed at UBCO. It's meant to improve access to students from rural communities.
 - ii. In terms of Pharmacy, this program is piloting to allow students from remote communities to do their pharmacy rotations within their remote communities. There are many avenues that we can take on as we are still in the early parts of this program. Examples include but are not limited to: partnering with different universities across BC such that students can have their IA sessions at their respective universities, and zoom into lectures being delivered at the main UBC Vancouver campus, etc.
 - iii. I am happy to hear that you see value in expanding this initiative. I can't promise that the ideas we talked about will be put into place, but this is something I will bring forward to the faculty and the UCTF.
5. Chris X (VP Finance) - These are all fantastic ideas. Have you thought of incorporating rural practice to the PY4 2 month specialized practicums (PHRM 473) to highlight the disparities and introduce the concept to the students? Students from rural areas would be very interested if this were to be offered.
 - a. Amit's Answer: This is a very nice idea. I know that UofA Dentistry and Pharmacy have mandatory rural rotations. This is something that we have



discussed at one of the meetings. However, we haven't discussed anything regarding specialized electives. Nevertheless, this is a great idea and I can discuss this further with UCTF.

6. Alicia K (PY3 Rep): It is nice to give exposure to rural practice to people who aren't familiar with it and it will also be beneficial to students from rural communities. It is a lot to contemplate to fully build a new campus, but would it be possible to discuss funding availability for students going to remote locations for practicums? I know that some funding is already available for students who move for practicum - up to \$500 within 4 years.
 - a. Amit's Answer: This is a great point, and it is something I can discuss with the UCTF committee.
- iv. Any PhUS member who has suggestions for this initiative can reach out to Amit G. at: amit.gupta@bccdc.ca
 1. Amit: I appreciate the feedback, but can't make any promises on what will be implemented. This document will act as a conversation starter within the faculty on how to improve the way we train and recruit pharmacists throughout the province.
- b. 2022 President's Student Leader Recognition
 - i. This initiative is an opportunity for the UBC community to honor both undergraduate and graduate student leaders, whose outstanding achievements have positively contributed to UBC and the greater community.
 - ii. The nominations of student leaders should exemplify the following qualities:
 1. Inspired other students to get involved;
 2. Contributed consistently to the success of your program and demonstrated sustained involvement;
 3. Excelled as ambassadors of your program and UBC; and/or
 4. Spearheaded new initiatives and created innovative programs
 - iii. 3 students can be nominated from each program. The Faculty of Pharm Sci and the PhUS council will submit their respective nominations separately.
 - iv. Dr. Pearson's Question: The nominations from the faculty side are coordinated through the office of student services. Are we collectively nominating 3 students or are there separate nominations from the faculty and from the PhUS council?
 1. Jeremy B (President): We will be sending separate nominations (Faculty and PhUS).
 2. Dr. Pearson's suggestion: Touch base with Jennifer Chatterton to determine appropriate nominations.
 - v. The deadline for the nominations is January 30, 2022.
- c. Edward JC Hossie Award
 - i. [Edward JC Hossie Award Description](#)
 - ii. Faculty to nominate 1 student from the program.
 - iii. The deadline for the nomination is January 30, 2022.



Round Table:

Faculty	- NTR
President	- NTR
Secretary	- NTR
VP External	- NTR
VP Internal	- NTR
VP Academic	- NTR
VP Social	- Gala - There are no updates as of now. The hotel told us that as of the current provincial health orders, we cannot have maximum capacity at the venue. - We are waiting to hear Dr. Henry's update on provincial restrictions.
VP Sponsorship	- NTR
VP Finance	- NTR
Communications	- NTR
Senate	NTR
Sports Reps	- NTR
Grad Rep 2022	- NTR
Grad Rep 2023	- NTR
1st Year Rep	- NTR
2nd Year Rep	- NTR
3rd Year Rep	- NTR
4th Year Rep	- NTR

Meeting Adjourned: 12:30 PM

Moved: Marcus Wong ; **Seconded:** Alicia Klassen

Be it resolved that the PhUS council adjourns the meeting.