



PhUS Council Minutes
 January 24, 2022
 12:00 PM

Attendance:

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

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

Guests: Taran Thandi, Jeffrey Lam, Allan Ma, Phalon Schleppe, Anmol Sooch (Pharmily Mentorship Program), Priya Bains, Brooke Murray, Aarushi Sharma, Harbir Johal, Herdrine Ntsama, Sanjit Bains, Taylor Lee, Breanna Tomlin, Harman Waring (Pharmacy Yearbook club), Idaylia Swanson, Kiana Yu, Tanya Dee, Naheed Ahmedi, Rezkalla Farkouh, Dani Laurillard, Indraj Uppal, Jeffrey Chew, Jennifer Ho, Alexa Nelson, Sharmain Ho, Val Carvalho, Wesley Phan, Anna Tse, Annita Giang, HaeReen Kim, Kareem Meguid, Nadia Hassanpour, Samuel Menzke, Sara Tavoossi, Joon Lee, Parisa Safavi

Meeting called to order at 12:02 PM

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Grace Song; **Seconded:** Chris Xi





Standing Business:

Motioned: Be it resolved that the Pharmacy Undergraduate Society approves the Pharmily Mentorship Program's revised Clubs Fund application (\$1510).

Moved: Marcus Wong **Seconded:** Jeremy Bulatao

Approved: 16 ; **Objections:** 0; **Abstained:** 1

Motioned: Be it resolved that the Pharmacy Undergraduate Society approves the Pharmily Mentorship Program's Clubs Fund application for giveaways at the Interclub event (\$400).

Moved: Marcus Wong **Seconded:** Thazin Maung

Approved: 14 ; **Objections:** 0; **Abstained:** 2

Motioned: Be it resolved that the Pharmacy Undergraduate Society approves the Pharmacy Yearbook Club's Clubs Fund application for their Valentines Day Candy grams fundraiser (\$220).

Moved: Marcus Wong **Seconded:** Jeremy Bulatao

Approved: 17 ; **Objections:** 0; **Abstained:** 1

****Note:** Voting was done outside the meeting time due to time constraint.**

Discussions:

1. Faculty

- a. Feedback from students regarding the plan to fully return to campus on February 7, 2022.
 - i. PY2 Year Reps created a survey to obtain student feedback regarding full return to campus on February 7, 2022. (Open to students from all years - received 295 responses and counting)
 - ii. Bella W (PY2 Rep): Survey Results:
 1. Majority of students would feel comfortable with attending in-person: Practice labs and Exams
 2. Majority of students would NOT feel comfortable with attending in-person: Lectures and IAs (Cases and Tutorials)
 3. Most students would prefer to limit in-person activities.
 - iii. Suggestions from the student body based on survey results:
 1. Bella W (PY2 Rep):
 - a. Provide masks, hand sanitizers, wipes for students to use upon arrival for labs.
 - b. Physically distance students as much as possible. (6 feet apart)



- c. Provide more asynchronous lectures to reduce long lecture days.
 - iv. Concerns from the student body based on survey results:
 - 1. Bella W (PY2 Rep):
 - a. There are concerns over the second device requirement for zoom invigilation (connection issues, bandwidth problems, etc).
 - b. There is no exam review available after the assessment completion.
 - c. Students would like some clarity on the protocol for when they miss assessments due to sickness.
 - d. Taking the transit to UBC can potentially expose students to COVID.
 - v. Dr. Jarvis-Selinger's Response:
 - 1. Thank you for conducting the surveys. We will be using the responses gathered by the student leadership (PhUS) and faculty leadership to send off to the university. The university will view the responses from all 12 of the faculties to make decisions on how to carry forward the semester post February 7, 2022.
 - 2. There is a process in which we need to wait for the university to communicate their response to us, which we will use to interpret our decision-making and communication. The university provides the general framework for the faculties to then make specific decisions for their respective programs.
- b. Questions/Comments from the student body and the PhUS council:
 - i. Herdrine N (PY3): Why did the second device come into picture? After removing Proctorio last year, we moved to Canvas based exams and Zoom based invigilation (on a single device), which I thought worked better. Why was there a need to introduce ExamSoft and a second device for Zoom based invigilation?
 - 1. Dr. Seto's response: This decision was essentially based on the feedback we received during the second semester in 2021 (January - April 2021). Many students were concerned that the faculty was not doing enough to protect the integrity during closed-book examinations. Therefore, the faculty decided to take this approach. Other faculties such as Arts and Sauder school of Business also follow this approach to closed-book online examinations.
 - 2. Follow-up Question: Dr. Seto: There have been concerns brought forward by the student body regarding the use of a second device for online exam invigilation purposes. However, this will be the approach we will have to take during the interim period (Now till February 7, 2022). Have the students reached out to OETLD to discuss their concerns? If the issue hasn't been solved then the students can reach out to the SPA team to set-up a live exam invigilation at the Pharm Sci building in a physically distanced setting. What can we do as faculty to provide support for students during this interim period?
 - a. Bella W (PY2 Rep): It would help if the students were made aware of these options (ie. reaching out to OETLD/SPA teams). The students would feel more at ease knowing that there are other options available for them to take their examinations.
 - b. Dr. Seto's comments:



- i. I can send out a canvas announcement to let the student body know about these options. It would be helpful if PhUS would be able to send out this message to the student body as well.
 - ii. Furthermore, from what I understand only one device that is being used for Zoom invigilation will require internet access. The device on which the students will be taking the assessment will not require internet access, as ExamSoft is programmed to turn off wifi for the duration of the examination.
- ii. Parisa S (PY3): I think the two device protocol may potentially be useful, but it sort of came out of nowhere. I wish we knew about this during the holidays so we could at least make some arrangements. (use an ipad, etc rather than an unreliable cellphone)
 1. Dr. Jarvis-Selinger's response: We understand that it seems like an abrupt decision from the faculty. However, during the holidays we were preparing for a fully in-person semester. It wasn't until after the New Years that we had been notified about the university's decision to move the classes back to an online platform. The faculty had to make some quick decisions in a small time frame. Moreover, the return to in-person learning was further delayed and so we had to make decisions which would allow us to run assessments as planned, whilst we wait for the university to confirm the return to in-person learning.
- iii. Kiana Y (PY2): Will the Nephrology EOB (January 31, 2022) take place online or in-person?
 1. Dr. Seto's response: An email was sent a few weeks ago, stating that the Nephrology EOB will take place in-person. We will be placing students in 3 different rooms with less than 50% the capacity per room. We will provide more information in the next 12-24 hours.
- iv. Parisa S (PY3)/Maddison G (Grad Rep 2023): Will there be more leniency regarding tech issues with regards to the 2 device protocol? It is difficult to keep on checking the second device while you are taking the exam. There are zoom connectivity issues on cell phones, as it doesn't stay connected to the internet for a longer duration of time. Is it possible to send a notification through Examsoft to let us know if our second device has been disconnected on zoom?
 1. Dr. Seto's response: Unfortunately, it is not possible to send out an ExamSoft notification during the examination. However, if you have had previous issues with dropped zoom calls on your primary device then I would suggest that it's best to write the exam in-person at the campus. I would advise you to contact your year level SPA manager to set that up prior to the exam.
- v. Mariam M (PY 3 Rep): Many students would appreciate having in-person lectures as it is beneficial for their learning. Having the live-stream option would accommodate all students.



- vi. Alicia K (PY 3 Rep): I agree that having in-person lectures available for students will be beneficial. Maybe it would be a good idea to have a sign-up sheet to determine the number of students attending lectures in-person. I don't know if this is true but I have heard that it is expensive to run lectures in-person and simultaneously livestream them.
 1. Dr. Seto's response: We already have the technology in place to livestream in-person sessions (Media-Site), and so it shouldn't be a concern.

- vii. Alicia K (PY3 Rep): Would it be possible for the clubs to run meetings in person? Will that be dependent on the university's mandate or is that determined by the faculty?
 1. Dr. Jarvis-Selinger's response: It is difficult to say anything regarding this matter as of now. Other big institutes (SFU, BCIT, UNBC, UVic) are opening up fully in-person today (January 24, 2022), and UBC will be watching to see what happens in those settings. We don't know if the university is limiting certain activities (ie. teaching, research, student organizations). We are waiting to hear from the university with regards to the approach to take for activities offered at our campus. For instance, if the university mentions that we are allowed to have 50% capacity (without specifying teaching, research, etc), then we will take the 50% capacity rule across everything we do. We haven't heard about how different activities at the university will be handled, and so we are waiting to hear how specific or general UBC's message will be (teaching activities vs. gatherings). UBC will provide guidelines which will be interpreted by the faculty members for their respective programs. We aren't expecting to have a lot of limits set in place post February 7 but, we can't be too sure as of now.

- viii. HaeReen K (PY3): What are the COVID protocols in place for the E2P-PharmD program? The current rule is to isolate for 5 days and return to work/school afterwards, provided that the student/staff doesn't have fever/other symptoms. Would it be okay for the student to miss the assessment if they don't feel comfortable attending the assessment even after they have completed their isolation period and are symptomless?
 1. Dr. Jarvis-Selinger: We will follow the public health order. The current guidelines are that a person can begin their work or return to school on the day after their symptoms abate. Each ACR will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Every student is able to submit an ACR as long as they can provide a rationale for their request. However, I cannot guarantee that their request will be granted. That decision will be made based on the case and the rationale provided by the student.
 2. Kiana Y (PY2): According to the BCCDC, "If you test positive for COVID-19 and are fully vaccinated, you need to self-isolate at home for 5 days AND until your symptoms improve and you no longer have a fever."
<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/self-isolation>



3. Val C (PY3): If you have symptoms of COVID, I assume the rule is don't come to school as it has been for the entirety of the pandemic.
 - a. Dr. Jarvis-Selinger's response: Absolutely, please use the ACR form if you are feeling unwell on the day of an assessment, regardless of whether it is related to COVID.

- ix. Aarushi S (PY2): I definitely think that the online option is valuable. However, I have heard from my peers that there were several occasions in the in-person IA labs where there were students who were showing symptoms (coughing). Personally, it is difficult to judge whether that person has COVID or not. It is alarming when we are uncertain given the current times, and it is of concern especially for students who live with the elderly/immunocompromised. It would be great if we can have a strict enforcement of the covid-self assessment.
 1. Dr. Jarvis-Selinger's response: We want to reinforce that students feeling unwell should stay at home, and we will continue to do so. We will continue to closely check the COVID self-assessment throughout this period.

- x. Hajer M (PY2 Rep): Will all of the EOBs (IID [PY1], Reproductive health [PY3]) be held in person?
 1. Dr. Seto's response: Those EOBs are set to take place outside of the interim period, and their delivery will be dictated by UBC's response post-interim period.

- xi. Val C (PY3): I think a lot of students feel pressured to come in for exams even if they have mild symptoms because they are afraid of the repercussions (exams being worth more later on etc.)
 1. Dr. Seto's response: We have asked symptomatic students to not take the assessment and to submit a concession form. Re-weighting of the assessments is something that we have done pre-pandemic, and so that policy will remain in place. We do ask students to stay at home if they are feeling unwell. We will continue to ask the students to show their COVID self-assessment results before entering labs/exams to help alleviate concerns.
 2. Jeremy B (President): Follow-up Question: Is it possible to administer exams online for students who aren't able to take them in person?
 - a. Dr. Seto's response: We don't have the capacity to administer online exams for students who are not able to write the exam in person. There is a lot of behind the scene work that has to be done in order to run the assessments smoothly, and so at this time we are unable to offer that to students.

- xii. Mariam M (PY3 Rep): For IAs there are students who had to miss IAs due to COVID and were not offered the possibility to join a different IA group - we all value our learning so it would be great if people who had to miss their IAs due to COVID feel reassured that they will have the chance to catch up on the learning they missed. Is there any possibility of doing an online session for students who cannot be rescheduled?



1. Dr. Seto's response:
 - a. We have received multiple ACRs this past year. It is difficult to accommodate multiple students in different lab sections. Rescheduling is based on the capacity we have available to move the students around, and we cannot guarantee that all the students who missed their IA session will be rescheduled to a new session. This was the case pre-pandemic as well.
 - b. Running an online one-on-one is difficult to reschedule for a student who may have missed their session.
 - c. I would strongly advise students who have missed a particular IA session to reach out to their fellow peers and their year specific module IA leads to catch up on the missed content.

xiii. HaeReen K (PY3): Is the general plan to wait for UBC to announce updates on February 7, before making any decisions for classes/IA post-feb 7th?

1. Dr. Seto's response: We are waiting to hear from UBC to determine the protocols post February 7.

xiv. Brooke Murray (PY2): I feel like it would be a good idea to let the students know that these protocols (re-weighting of the assessments, and catching up on missed IAs) were in place before COVID happened, especially since the majority of the student have done all/most of their learning during the pandemic.

1. Dr. Seto's response: I would be happy to let the students know that these protocols were in place pre-pandemic but it would be nice to have PhUS or pipeline send out the information to the student body to ensure that the information is being delivered to the students.

2. VP Internal

a. Status of in-person events mid-February and moving forward into March

i. Marcus W (VP Internal): Some events (MN, PAM) have been planned for months in advance. Is there a way we can find out if these events can take place in-person (depending on the specific/general rules set out by UBC [ie. 50% capacity overall])?

1. Dr. Jarvis-Selinger: We are hoping to hear from UBC by the end of this week, which will allow us to respond to these types of questions. Based on the announcement made by UBC, I can work with PhUS and the clubs to determine what this means for their planned events. I would advise to be conservative in terms of planning these events, and push the events further back if possible (March). If the Omicron peak has been reached as it is being projected then I would assume that we would have more certainty by March compared to that in February.
2. Marcus W (VP Internal): Follow-up question: Few events (First Aid course offered by LKS) have been approved to take place in person on campus. Should clubs email you on a case-by-case basis to see if it's possible to run their events in-person?



- a. Dr. Jarvis-Selinger: The First Aid event was approved because it falls under “educational programming”. It is a certification that students need to have. However, there is a different protocol for social events (ie. Halloween Event). Clubs can contact me if they are uncertain as to which category they fall under. However, as of now I have more uncertainty about restarting social events than restarting educational events. All guidelines must be met for any event that is set to take place on campus.
3. Marcus W (VP Internal): Follow-up question: Would PAM events be considered educational or social because it is in a bit of a gray area?
 - a. Dr. Jarvis-Selinger: They fall more so under the social gathering category, as they are not considered program requirements.
 - b. Ginette Vallee: Make sure to include the operations team (Rehana Aziz, Jonathan Van Drunen, Jamal Kurtu) in the contact process to ensure that the clubs are using the most up-to-date safety plan templates for submissions. This is because the guidelines and safety plan templates change regularly due to the changing circumstances.
 - i. Safety Plan template:
<https://srs.ubc.ca/covid-19/covid-19-safety-plans/>
 - c. Dr. Pearson: Latest PHO on events (January 17, 2022):
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-gatherings-events.pdf>
- b. Clubs Fund Application - Pharmily \$1510 (revised)
 - i. Marcus W (VP Internal):
 1. It was previously voted that for the Interclub event each club would be given \$100. However, it would be better to convert it into something more productive such as potential giveaways per club (as this event will now be taking place online).
- c. Clubs Fund Application - Pharmily Mentorship Club \$400
 - i. [Pharmily Mentorship Program CF Application for giveaways at the Interclub Event](#)
 - ii. Anmol S:
 1. We would like to provide giveaways during the Interclub event from the Pharmily Mentorship Club. I know that other clubs are also doing a lot of giveaways for this Interclub event. If we aren't able to give away all of the prizes at this event then we will move them forward to our other events.
 - iii. Door prizes:
 1. 5 x \$20 Starbucks Gift Cards (\$100)
 2. 5 x \$20 Amazon Gift Cards (\$100)
 3. 8 x Pharmacy Pins (\$115)
 4. 2 x Custom Pharmacy Tote Bags [bag and printing] (\$85 - projected)



d. Clubs Fund Application - Yearbook Club (\$220)

- i. [Pharmacy Yearbook Club's CF Application for Valentine's Day Candy Grams fundraiser](#)
- ii. Harman W:
 1. UBC Pharmacy Yearbook is planning on hosting Candy gram sales.
 2. Each Candy gram will consist of candy and a valentines day card (students can write personalized note on the card)
 3. Cost of 1 candy gram - \$3; Cost of 4 Candy grams - \$10
 - a. Cost of adding a sticker - additional \$1
 4. The sales will take place on Monday February 7 (online if classes are online; atrium if classes are in-person).
 - a. Distribution to take place in the week of Valentines Day
 5. Profits will go towards covering the deficits for the yearbook club from last year.
 6. If funding does not get approved then we will host the event on a smaller scale and buy the bags of chocolates with the money they have available.
 7. \$220 will cover the costs of the bags, chocolates, cards, and stickers which will be included in the candy grams.
 - a. Cards (10 cm x 6 cm) - \$70
 - b. Stickers (2 in x 2 in) - \$120
 - c. Gift bags - \$80
 - d. Candy (Costco) - \$100
 - i. Total cost = \$370
 - e. Remaining costs (\$150) will be covered by their projected sales.



Round Table:

Faculty	- Dr. Jarvis-Selinger: Thank you for sharing your perspectives.
President	- NTR
Secretary	- NTR
VP External	- NTR
VP Internal	- NTR
VP Academic	- Requesting the Year Reps to post the pipeline concern google form for their respective years: https://forms.gle/zZuTpd7cxLsCimjQ7
VP Social	- NTR
VP Sponsorship	- Immunize.io session set to take place on zoom on February 2 (Topic: HPV vaccine)
VP Finance	- NTR
Communications	- NTR
Senate	NTR
Sports Reps	- NTR
Grad Rep 2022	NTR
Grad Rep 2023	- Conducted a survey for C&C, and the majority of the class voted for last week of April as the tentative date.
1 st Year Rep	- NTR
2 nd Year Rep	- NTR
3 rd Year Rep	- NTR
4 th Year Rep	- NTR

Meeting Adjourned: 12:59 PM

Moved: Marcus Wong; **Seconded:** Bella Woroshelo

Be it resolved that the PhUS council adjourns the meeting.