

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

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PhUS Council Minutes February 07, 2022 12:00 PM

Attendance:

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

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

Guests: Alexa Nelson, Idaylia Swanson, Kiara Oleksiuk, Lindsay Swanson, Eshana Bhangu (AMS VP Academics)

Meeting called to order at 12:00 PM

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Grace Song; Seconded: Chris Xi

Standing Business:

Motioned: Be it resolved that the Pharmacy Undergraduate Society approves the club application of

Pharmacy Sexual Health Club

Moved: Marcus Wong Seconded: Isabella Woroshelo

Approved: 20; Objections: 0; Abstained: 0





Discussions:

1. President

- a. Update from faculty regarding Club events:
 - **PhUS Clubs Term 2 Events**
 - ii. Marcus W (VP Internal): Will weekly club meetings be allowed to occur in person?
 - 1. Dr. Jarvis-Selinger: Club meetings can occur as long as the room capacity is <50% (Suggestion: Book a larger room). It should be clear that social components of the meeting cannot happen (no mingling, etc).
 - 2. Ginette V: General rules for in-person meetings: Everyone must be seated, no mingling allowed, and no food or drinks (ie. no social gatherings).
 - iii. Chris X (VP Finance): Vocal ensemble - Would singing practices be considered social?
 - 1. Dr. Jarvis-Selinger: If you are not holding activities for business purposes then the university advises on not hosting such activities.
 - 2. Ginette V: Update from Safety and Risks Services (SRS) -> Submit a Safety Plan to Tony Seet. SRS will then evaluate the safety plan, and touch base with you on the protocols.
 - 3. Dr. Jarvis-Selinger: Coast-to-Coast Mental Health walk can take place as long as the activities and meetings take place outside the atrium (concourse).
 - Maria A (2023 Grad Rep): Can Cake and Champagne take place since it is going to take iv. place offsite?
 - 1. Dr. Jarvis-Selinger: Any event that is set to take place offsite should be managed with the organization/venue where the event will be held.
 - Dr. Jarvis-Selinger: Protocols may change based on the updated public health order (Will ٧. be updated Mid-February).
 - vi. Felisha T (VP Social): Could we host a social event outdoors?
 - 1. Ginette V: I am not aware of any outdoor restrictions that are in place at the moment.
- b. Eshana Bhangu AMS VP Academics
 - i. KN95 masks available at the Nest
 - 1. Grace L (VP External): KN95 masks Do we get them for free and do we have to provide our student ID?
 - a. Eshana: It is free, and there is no policing we trust the students. Please only grab 1 pack/student (10 masks/pack).
 - ii. Requesting for feedback on improving advocacy in general aspects (ie. mental health, COVID-19 - return to in-person school, etc)
 - 1. Concerns/Comments brought forward by PhUS council:





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- a. Jeremy B (President): We are very happy with our current government and faculty! Pharmacy summer practicums sometimes require students to relocate; Is it possible to provide funding to students who have financial needs while they are on practicum?
 - i. Eshana:
 - 1. I can discuss funding availability for students having to relocate at the next AMS meeting.
 - 2. In terms of housing needs we are trying to increase housing availability for students on campus.
 - 3. Campus vision 2050 [updated every 10 years] -> We will discuss improving the housing affordability as well as increasing the density of housing available on campus, and providing immediate financial aid. Housing action plan -> Discussing affordable rent, etc.
- b. Maria A (2023 Grad Rep): There are certain certificates we have to pay for which are mandatory (ie. First Aid) on top of our fees. Is it possible to have it covered by our tuition in the future?
 - 1. Eshana: I can discuss this at the next AMS meeting.
- 2. Updates on AMS initiatives:
 - a. Student Affordability task force Trying to tackle affordability through various avenues such as housing, cost of education materials (acquiring funding for OER), and setting a maximum dollar amount for outsourced assessments.
 - Digital assessment tools: Students having to buy codes to access assessments (ie. Mastering Physics). These can be expensive (\$100/code).
 - ii. UBCO has set a policy for the maximum amount of money that a student must spend on these assessment tools (Max \$65). Trying to introduce this policy on the Vancouver campus. We are aiming to set a maximum of \$65/digital access tool.
 - b. International students: Very few need-based scholarships available. There are mostly hybrid awards available (based on merit). Advocating that the university create a need-based assessment tool for students who require funding.
 - c. Food and security: Secured \$500k for UBC meal share program -> Available to UBC students (online form - \$100 provided/student). We are also working towards a long-term community-led Hub model in conjunction with UBC well-being in the efforts to tackle food insecurity.
 - i. UBC Meal Share form: https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV dg0kL2b5D1kDq62
 - d. Textbook bursary 10% in term 1; 20% in term 2 (from tuition increases)
 - i. Discount at UBC bookstore for textbooks/educational materials (automatic discount).





3. Can reach out to Eshana B at: Eshanabhangu@ams.ubc.ca

2. VP Internal

- a. New Club Application- Pharmacy Sexual Health Club
 - Idaylia and Alexa (PY3)
 - 1. Club goals:
 - a. Educate pharmacy student body on various sexual health information (emergency contraceptives, family planning, menstrual cycles, etc).
 - b. Allow for various sexual expression: promote pronoun representation pins.
 - 2. Membership and Funding:
 - a. Members will be recruited as necessary (volunteers, year representatives, sponsorship, social media and marketing).
 - b. There will be no membership charges.
 - c. Will use funding to buy: demo products (condoms)
 - 3. Initiatives:
 - a. Educate students on social media on topics of sexual health.
 - b. Presentations for pharmacy students, and high school students.
 - c. Seminars about various sexual health topics: contraceptive products, menstruation conversation.
 - d. Anonymous Q&A to debunk myths.
 - 4. Evidence based practice:
 - a. Information will be obtained from class materials and proved studies that are used to inform practice.
 - b. Presenters will be registered pharmacists or individuals who have associations with sexual health related topics.
 - Collaboration with P-Talc.
 - 5. Rationale for creating the club:
 - a. Debunking misinformation and misunderstanding on sexual health.
 - b. Pharmacists need to be able to understand the basics of sexual health to provide accurate and helpful information to patients.
 - 6. Benefits from being recognized as a club under PhUS:
 - a. Involvement in GPA, Clubs Night, Newsletter promotion for upcoming events.
 - b. Clubs Fund provided by PhUS.
 - Questions/Comments from PhUS council: ii.
 - 1. Bella W (PY2 Year Rep): This would be a nice addition to Pharmacy clubs. It will allow students to comfortably discuss these topics.
 - a. Idaylia: For sure! All students are welcome to submit their anonymous questions and we will be more than happy to address them.





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- 2. Dr. Seto: It's a great initiative to share this information with PY1/PY2 students! If you are using information from lectures, make sure you get permission from the instructors.
- 3. Ginette V: This is a fantastic initiative! You can take a look at the community-outreach policy (AP-07) for guidance on how to plan out outreach events (ie. high school presentations) [found in the Hub].
- 4. Bella W (PY2 Year Rep): The Pharmacy Pediatrics club has elected and general members and all members pay \$10. Are you guys considering having fees for general members or just execs?
 - a. Idaylia: We would appreciate any advice from the PhUS council.
 - b. Jeremy B (President): This will be dependent on expected expenditure for your club. You can charge a fixed amount if you require the extra funding. \$500/year is also allocated to each PhUS club for their initiatives.
 - c. Maria A (2023 Grad Rep): Co-founder for pediatrics club: We used the \$10 to give back to the members -> travel mugs for general members.
- 5. Jeremy B (President): There are 3 PY3s and 1 PY2 on the exec team. How will the club sustain itself after the PY3s have moved onto PY4?
 - a. Idaylia: We will be recruiting more members (year representatives), and we would like to be involved even when we are in PY4. Members will have the chance to shadow what we do with the club, and interested members can carry forward our initiatives in the future.
 - b. Alexa: Molly (PY2) would take over but we will continue to support her even when we are in PY4.
- 6. Jeremy B (President): Did you reach out to faculty if they would be interested in being involved? It is not mandatory to have a faculty advisor, however, it is a good idea to have someone who can give you guidance.
 - a. Idaylia: Larry Leung would be happy to be our advisor. We will potentially have future seminars by Jag and Karla RHSHGU module leads.
- 7. Marcus W (VP Internal): BCPhA provided free pronoun pins this year. Have you reached out to them?
 - a. Idaylia: We are thinking of creating pins and stickers for distribution. We will reach out to BCPhA.
- 8. Question from Alexa: How would we provide gift cards for the speakers or are the speakers just volunteers?
 - Marcus W (VP Internal): Clubs will apply for Clubs funds to provide speakers with gift cards (\$25), and those applications usually get approved.



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Round Table:

- NTR
- Feb 14: Next meeting - we will have our meeting in-person so we can take a group
photo for Yearbook
- NTR
- NTR
- Collected the forms for PhUS clothing - will place the order sometime this week. Will
be sending out another form for money submission.
- NTR
- In touch with Grouse (Free Ski tickets will be made available for pharmacy students
during reading break) -> Info to be posted on the Pharmacy Hub FB page.
- SRC for sports night (March) -> Info will be posted on the Pharmacy Hub FB page.
- NTR
- Tentative date for C&C: April 28 (Will solidify after reading break)
- NTR
- NTR
- NTR
- NTR

Meeting Adjourned: 12:56 PM

Moved: Isabella Woroshelo; **Seconded:** Marcus Wong Be it resolved that the PhUS council adjourns the meeting.

