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WAMSS COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes

For the Committee Meeting held in the FJ Clark Loft commencing at **6pm** on **Wednesday 10th June**

WAMSS COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Kiran Narula	Samantha White	Alex Hansen
Malcolm Teo	Lily Lougham	Chris Hall
Vibhushan Manchanda	Rhiannon Hicks	Sarah Picard
Georgina Carr	Maddison Pierre	Alexander Shvarev
Catherine Honey	Alma Corker	Weijie Weng
Daniel Ross	Bec Civil	Tom Bartlett
Guy Armstrong	Emily Alfonsi	Monique Juhe
Dan Dorevitch	Ellen McGuckin	Sarah Cole
Andrés Noes	Kuroush Ardeshtirian	Julian Chung
Katherine Ong	Zoe Krisnadi	Connie Smith
Tom Jewell	Catherine Jolghazi	Molly Gilfillan
Oliver Righton	Matt Palladino	Cameron Payne
Verity Moynihan	Madhu David	Emily Frost
Kate Wilson	Ranesh Palan	Emily Stern

1. Welcome to Country

2. Acceptance of Minutes

Ordinary Procedural Motion

That the committee accept the minutes of the last committee meeting as a true and accurate representation of what took place.

Moved: Malcolm Teo

Seconded: Catherine Jolghazi

The motion passes / the motion does not pass

3. Acceptance of Agenda

Ordinary Procedural Motion

That the committee accept the agenda for today's meeting.

Moved: Malcolm Teo

Seconded: Sarah Cole

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The motion passes

Ordinary Procedural Motion

That we add two items - Wellbeing and Interfac Sports to part II Items for Discussion/Decision , and Metrics to part IV Other Business

Moved: Malcolm Teo

Seconded: Kiran Narula

The motion passes

4. Declarations of conflict of interest or potential thereof.

5. Apologies

Sophie Doherty
Mel Still
Katherine Ong
Rebekah Tan
Raymond Chester-Wallis
Wong Hong Lian

Clarissa Soh
Alwin Lian
Cassandra McCloskey
Portia Smallbone
Rachel Ozanne

Part I – items for communication to be dealt with en bloc. See attachment.

1. Executive Reports

- 1.1. President's report**
- 1.2. Vice President Internal's report**
- 1.3. Vice President External's report**
- 1.4. Treasurer's report**
- 1.5. Secretary's report**

2. Education Report

2.1. Education Officer

- spoke to Vivien about HE numbers
- still haven't been invited to sit on IMP 1 committee - will need to push on this it's really important that we sit on that committee
- Re: Mentorship - Paul McGurgan emailed Emily asking for feedback on Mentorship - 2nd year reps have given some but if anyone else has any, let Emily know and she'll pass it on

2.2. Year 1

- Got our steth's today! Woo
- Jan Dunphy has confirmed that Faculty will fund new carpets and furniture for Common Room

2.3. Year 2

- Mostly as tabled - Systems Meeting happened after, next is on the 18th
- Results for Systems have been released - some people know they have to sit supps.
- Still waiting on Portfolio results

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- Portfolio was submitted! Woo!

2.4. Year 5

- as tabled

2.5. RCS

- as tabled

2.6. Year 6

Met the Year 6 committee for the first time this year. Had a very productive convo about computer access. Many were also outraged about the loss of the common room - hospital staff were offering storage space in the interim and hospital beds for Bedpush.

2.7. International Officer

3. AMSA Report

- ThinkTank is coming up on the 17th June - to be held in FJCLT
- 13 policies to discuss - people can vote on which we want to talk about before the night itself so we can run it efficiently
- LDW - have an awesome speaker list (we're sending a letter to Prince Harry!!). To be held at Notre Dame this year in August. Changing it this year. In the past it was on a weekday and people skipped uni. Then we moved it to a weekend - also didn't work. Have now moved it to an afternoon and evening event with a selection of workshops that people can peruse and select from - i.e. personalising it
- AMSA Council is coming up - rego is open to anyone who's an AMSA member, please talk to Casa if you're interested in going.

3.1. AMSA Rep

3.2. AMSA Junior Rep

- Jumpers are going well

4. Social Portfolio Report

4.1. Social

- as reported

4.2. Medical Dinner

- as tabled

4.3. Orientation Events

- as tabled

4.4. Allied Health

- as tabled

5. Sports Portfolio Report

- as tabled

6. Social Justice Portfolio Report

6.1. Indigenous Reps

- have been approached by Interhealth re: organising a speaker for their upcoming event - in contact with CAMDH about this

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6.2. Lookout

6.3. Wellbeing

- as tabled

6.4. Code Green

- as tabled

6.5. WAMSS Mental Health

- would just like to state that as Mental Health chair she supports merger with Wellbeing
- working well this year and matches most other Medsocs' structures

7. Interhealth Group Report

7.1. Red Party

- Quiz night last Thursday - raised \$6000, sold out 3 days before :)
- also working on a new project - combining with GHC girls to run a more education-related Red Party night. Speakers/workshops/tutes etc.
- Secure Capitol/Amplifier for Red Party this year - in conjunction with GHC, will be awesome

7.2. Interhealth

- Currently organising jumpers for GHC - 246 participants just from UWA!!

8. Communications Report

8.1. Marketing

- as tabled

8.2. Publications

- as tabled

8.3. IT

- as tabled

8.4. UCO

- as tabled

9. Academic Events Report

9.1. SGR

- as tabled

9.2. Academic Events

- as tabled

9.3. SHMRC

- as tabled

10. IPP Report

11. Foundation Report

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- as tabled

Part II – Items for decision to be dealt with en bloc.

Part III – Items for discussion and/or decision.

1. Discussion about Unifi in hospitals (Guest speaker)

- address from Steven from UWA Business Information Technology Services (BITS)
- BITS has been in contact with PCH - we will have unifi there when it opens
- currently meeting with other hospital groups about the possibility of getting unifi into these institutions
- hospitals are reluctant because they have IT challenges in their hospitals as is
- therefore unlikely to happen quickly if at all
- long-term plan is to get unifi into all teaching hospitals (probably order of years rather than months)
- short term aim - achieve unifi in one or two major hospitals
- current priorities of students on BITS understanding is:
 - SCGH
 - PMH/PCH
 - RPH
 - Graylands
 - Osborne Park
 - Bentley
 - Joondalup - harder because it's not state-run
 - Rockingham
 - FSH currently at bottom

Sarah Cole: We already have pretty good unifi around KEMH

General agreement

Steven: Is there anywhere you think needs to go up the list?

General consensus: FSH

Matthew Palladino: May be privacy issues at FSH, cyber security

Vibhushan Manchanda: I think we should prioritise hospitals where there is currently nil unifi access e.g. KEMH and Joondalup currently have areas you can access it.

Catherine Honey: E.g Charlie's you can go to FJ or the ED therefore FSH should be higher than Charlie's

Steven: General idea seems to be that FSH should be higher up then?

Everyone agrees

Steven: we currently have SCGH at the top - should that stay there?

SC: We should probably keep it up there - but maybe 2nd or something, FSH above.

Straw poll proposed by Malcolm Teo: Should FSH be placed at the top of the list?

Majority are in favour.

Alex Righton: Can I ask a question about unifi on campus?

Steven: Yes of course

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AR: Murdoch LT currently has no unifi at all. Heavily used by 2nd year students. Would really appreciate unifi there.

Steven: Yes we were aware there are some issues there. Currently have priorities to fix unifi in 5 main locations: Guild building, Reid Library, Business school, Geology, Oral Health. Aiming to have improved access by sem 2 this year.

Guy Armstrong: Medical common room is also a blackspot. There's one corner that works but otherwise can't access unifi at all. Have reported to faculty but haven't had much traction.

Steven: Ok, do you know about the unifi blackspot form? Filling that out might get things to move faster

MP: Yes thank you, we've filled that out

Tom Beyer: Also if further feedback occurs after this meeting maybe feed it back to us via Sophie?

Sarah Piccard: Meddent library collaborative library is also a black spot

Steven: At the moment we're focusing on putting 200 new access points into those 5 priority areas then will look at adding it to other spots.

Catherine Jolghazzi: Also, don't be tricked in Murdoch! It will say you have wifi but you can't download even 1 MB!

Steven: yes that's a symptom of overloading - currently it's designed to host like 30 connections so that could be why...

Malcolm Teo: Thanks to Steven for coming and talking to us and listening to us, it's really appreciated

2. Curtin Medical School update (Kiran)

KN: Firstly, thank you to everyone who helped out, especially Casa who was working from Halls Creek; Sam who was running the AMSA Twitter; the Presidents of MSAND and AMSA Pres who were doing excellent Federal and State advocacy; also to Keren Whitcombe who gave an extension on my GP assignments so I could work on this.

What Curtin Med School means - an increase in medical student graduates. Currently about 300, will increase to about 400. Do I need to go through why we don't want to increase student numbers? Would like to clarify that an increase in student numbers from UWA or Notre Dame would be met with the same opposition.

VM: Did UWA increase student numbers moving from MBBS to MD?

KN: It's a bit confusing because of interplay between whether they fill quotas for Comm Supported/rural places etc but essentially no; hasn't increased this year.

Brian Owler, head of the AMA, has been running awesome national campaign. Prof Riley, Acting Dean since Prof Puddy's retirement, has been very supportive too.

Procedural Motion

That we move the discussion in camera.

Moved: KN

Seconded: MP

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3. Holding Exec elections before other elections. (Exec)

VM: Main reasons for this proposal:

- means people who miss out on exec can apply for other positions
- makes exec elections more competitive (people who might otherwise not apply will be happier to do so knowing that failure to be elected won't completely exclude them from being on WAMSS)

CH: IS there a precedent in other facsocs for this?

MP: Yes I think UQ.

Georgina Carr: Yes Blackstone at UWA I think.

Cameron Payne: This happens in a lot of facsocs via AGM elections.

Connie Smith: The issue is with that that it becomes a popularity contest, rural students are disadvantaged who can't attend etc

KN and CP: Valid points but I don't think we're proposing to change to that model, just to move exec elections earlier.

Andres Noes: I think it's an awesome idea, also allows more handover. Would the actual time at which the new exec took over the reigns move?

VM: No, would just allow more time for handover.

Daniel Dorevitch: Can confirm that at least 4 other medsocs do this - haven't got replies from some so could be more.

AN: Awesome. Do we have a timeline for how this would work in terms of election dates?

KN: Exec elections 3 weeks before committee

Danielle Malatsky: What were the timelines for other medsocs?

MP: I know talking to other medsocs they've really liked it.

VM: I would just be aware of election fatigue if you have too many weeks of campaigning, nominations etc.

AN: I just want to really really reiterate that - so crucial - people get so sick and tired of it and it just ends up with them not caring about WAMSS or elections. Is it worth it for 1 week earlier though?

CJ: I think it's a really good idea. Just to note, whether it's fair or not, our year group were the biggest voters. Notably because we didn't really know the people running, when people ran for multiple positions I think the overall impression was that they were indecisive/covering their bases/don't care so I think this could avoid that somewhat unfair assumption for people interested in exec and non-exec positions.

I also think this would mean that the newly elected exec might have to be super careful about accidentally/intentionally swaying people's votes in the Committee elections following

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GC: I think this is currently covered in the election guidelines.

KN: Yes it;s in the election guidelines.

VM: I think we can discuss this later, not relevant to the decision today.

SC: Why don't we just trial it for one year and see whether voter fatigue happens?

MP: I think that's a good idea, and we can always fine tune it for future years.

KN: Pros - that we get those benefits of breadth of applicants, more handover etc. Cons - more work for secretary, potential voter fatigue. We don't need to pass this at an SGM but bear in mind that it has to be done in time for elections in August i.e. probably the July meeting.

Motion

That the committee endorses the proposal to hold WAMSS Exec elections before the general WAMSS elections.

Moved: Kiran Narula

Seconded: Matt Palladino

The motion passes.

4. Motion to direct Foundation to prepare a committee guide. (Daniel & Kiran)

DD: One of the issues noted by Foundation is a difficulty with handovers within WAMSS. Potential solution - make a "How to WAMSS" guide, that gives people some guidance, especially over the summer months.

*Straw Poll proposed by Dan Dorevitch that Foundation puts together a "How to WAMSS Guide".
Everyone is in favour.*

RH: Can we move committee getaway earlier? As it is a lot of people had already performed the majority of their work for the year before they had the guidance that CG provides.

KN: Yes, it's a good idea, an issue this year was that ⅔ of the exec were 6th years who only returned from electives at the start of March. It probably won't be an issue in the future.

GC: Good discussion point but lets take it to a different meeting.

DD: Will this guide just be really long and boring and people won't look at it?

GC: No, the idea is that you look at your section and "control F" to find guidance on the particular issues you face.

SW: I think this might impair actual face-to-face/interpersonal handover between positions, which I think is really important.

KN: It was more for general things e.g. how to make an email signature, how to make a calendar event etc.; not to handover for entire roles.

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RH: Can we have it as a google doc that people add to so it remains current?

DD: (Excited) This was one of our ideas! Have a Portfolio Google drive with all of your documents, metrics etc

SW: I think it'll be a really good supplementary doc for Committee Getaway.

Ordinary Motion

The Committee directs the Foundation to create a guide that assists new and existing committee members in undertaking their role.

Moved: Daniel Dorevitch

Seconded: Catherine Honey

The motion passes.

5. Wellbeing Role

KN: Hong came into the role this year with little to no direction, and no scope to make new events as we were trying to streamline. Wellbeing Officers have been placed in a similar situation for the last few years. Therefore we were thinking of phasing the role out, but this needs to be discussed at an SGM

SC: WAMSS Mental Health advocates for general mental health awareness/mental health of all students - Wellbeing was just for medical students....it does sound like they have somewhat different roles. Are we losing this?

GC: I guess the problem was Wellbeing's role was sort of covered by a couple of other positions e.g. Lookout runs Yoga and Pancake Days (sort of like student welfare);, and WMH, along with AMSA, provides awareness of mental health support services; and Publications already put together a logistical "support guide" for med students in the form of the Med Handbook. As a result Wellbeing has struggled to have much of an identity the last few years, and certainly I think Hong has felt a bit directionless this year.

VM: You can direct any further queries to Kiran, get discussion prepared for SGM etc. Just be aware it's on the table.

5. Common Room Update

KN:

- We have a room in K block - ours for 5-10 years, quite convenient to access!
- Until they build over it in the future.... but that's another issue
- had a chat with the architect re: plans, needs
- I will put up a form to get student input on this
- Main issue is how much we have available to spend on it - we do have money but it would be a pretty big hit to our bank account which Malcolm won't allow
- We are currently trying to seek compensation - issue is that Shane Kelly from North Metro Health, who was going to help us with this, is retiring to QLD
- Ideas: get the faculty/AMA to help us seek compensation. Talk to MDOs for sponsorship etc. Approach the Guild for a grant.

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DD: Who rents the room for us?

KN: Ideally we or the Faculty would sign a document saying we'd rent it.

DD: As in we'd have to pay for it?

KN: No they'd be giving it to us as a gratuity

MP: I think it was a situation where we paid like \$1 for it in the past to make it a rent agreement

CH: Do we have any idea how much this is going to cost? Can we justify not paying for this given it would be a "WAMSS" Common Room. I think WAMSS has the money and that would be reasonable. I think the Committee at least needs to see budgets, estimates, figures of proportions we'd be willing to pay.

MT: Why would we pay if we can rent it for free?

CH: No I mean set up costs.

MT: We can try to put some money in but we might be able to get a grant from the Guild, MDOs etc

KN: Yes I guess it's a situation where, if we can get it for free, why not? But otherwise if we have to spend \$20,000 and that's what the committee want to do, we'll do it.

MP: Yes I think we might as well try to get someone else to pay, especially since the hospital threw out \$20000 worth of stuff.

TB: I think we've already budgeted to spend \$20,000 on Common room refurbishments

6. Preclin Common Room

Tom Jewell: So quick question - has anyone been in there recently?

Several people agree, some groan.

TJ: To give an overview of discussions to date - Jan Dunphy has said they'll paint the walls, redo the carpets. She was asking about whether we wanted to pay for furniture/try to get them to etc. Maybe I'll post it on fb and get peoples' feedback?

General agreement that this is a good idea.

TJ: Ok I'll do that then.

RH: Do people actually use hospital common rooms?

VM: Yes definitely e.g. if you don't want to buy cafeteria food, you go and use the microwave there etc.

RH: Ok just wondering because at the moment no one uses the preclin one.

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CH: In the past the WAMSS Common room was also used for large scale WAMSS events e.g. like Scrubber Day

TJ: Yes the first years spend so much time in that area around the preclin common room, I think they'd use it if it were nicer.

6. Interfac Sports

DM:

- I've been emailed by this guy Michael - he's very keen to get ALL of the facsocs involved in interfac sports, he's currently got all but 2.
- Issues - in the past, we could hardly field a team, even with 3 years on campus. Now we only have 2. So we would just like a straw poll and some input (esp. from 1st and 2nd years) on whether we think it would be feasible/beneficial to sign up for interfac sports again
- 1) Do you think we should get involved?
- 2) Do you think we could field a team (1st and 2nd years)?

MT: 4 years ago the committee decided not to do interfac sports because it wasn't popular. I think it'll be the same.

DM: This time we won't have to pay and they're really trying to revamp it - dodgeball, foodstalls, music etc

MP: Do we know when it'd be?

DM: Every 2 weeks for all of 2nd sem, Wednesday afternoons. Wouldn't have to go to every event, could pick and choose.

TJ: I think that'd be really popular actually - our cohort does like to do things unless it's the week before an exam, esp. if on campus. Looking at our schedule for next sem I think Weds are pretty free.

SP: Will this clash with GHSC?

All: No it won't

SP: Ok, could be good!

KN: It's a good idea to get us more involved with the rest of the uni, especially since we're seen as pretty isolated. Also might help us get money from the Guild? My main question is though - do you have a plan as to whether this would add to/replace current events?

AN: In the past it was run concurrently

GC: I don't think that should influence our decision anyway. If we think it's a good idea we might as well trial it and we can always cut things if we find it's too much for you guys.

CJ: We have at least 4 social sports teams in our year - I reckon we could get a team up.

RH: Yes we have like the biggest touch team ever (35 people)

DM: Do you think this would work with your timetables 1st and 2nd years?

AN: I think it's a great idea - could also get us brownie points for best facsoc.

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Straw poll - people were overwhelmingly in favour

DM: Personally against it - we have to organise it. Also worried about constitutional memory loss.

CH: Yes it was hard to get people to go.

CJ: Yes but I think the 1st and 2nd years are less apathetic than students were in the past.

MT: Straw poll doesn't mean much - don't worry, we'll see what the response is when we put it to students. :)

Part IV – Other Business

1. Reminder that Foundation and Secretary would like a copy of everyone's handover documents - please send to Dan and Georgina :)
2. Where to direct complaints/concerns within the committee
 - please go via your exec liason not via the Committee Facebook page if you're upset about something! We want to help! :)
 - Also try not to target complaints at specific committee members, keep them broad
3. Congrats to:
 - Everyone who managed to get a place at GHC - it's going to be excellent!
 - Ellen for elective photo competition
 - Interhealth for their Zonta birthing kit assembly night
 - RedParty for the Red Aware quiz!
 - Second years getting through their exams!
 - Kiran, Casa and everyone else involved for their excellent work advocating about medical workforce issues!
 - Committee for just generally being amazing! Keep it up!
4. Googledrive coming to a cinema near you. Get Excited.
5. Early Happy Birthday to Kuroush, Zoe who have their birthday this month!
6. Metrics - please do them. Plz. Plz.