



WAMSS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

For the **Committee Meeting** commencing at **6pm by Zoom** on **30th March 2020**

1. Acknowledgement of Country

The Western Australian Medical Students' Society acknowledges the Whadjuk Noongar people as the traditional custodians of this land, and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, strength, beliefs and connection with this land.

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:

Seconded:

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:

Seconded:

The motion passes / the motion does not pass

4. Declarations of conflict of interest or potential thereof.

5. Apologies



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

- 1. Executive Report**
 - 1. President**
 - 2. Vice President Internal**
 - 3. Vice President External**
 - 4. Treasurer**
 - 5. Secretary**
- 2. Education Report**
 - 1. Education Chair**
 - 2. Year 1 Representatives**
 - 3. Year 2 Representatives**
 - 4. Year 3 Representatives**
 - 5. RCS Representative**
 - 6. Year 4 Representative**
 - 7. International Officer**
- 3. AMSA Report**
 - 1. AMSA Representative**
 - 2. AMSA Junior Representative**
- 4. Social Portfolio Report**
 - 1. Social Representatives**
 - 2. Medical Dinner Representatives**
 - 3. Allied Health Representatives**
 - 4. MD1 Orientation Events Coordinators**
 - 5. MD2 Orientation Events Coordinators**
- 5. Sports Portfolio Report**
 - 1. Sports Representatives**
- 6. Communications Portfolio**
 - 1. Communications Chair**
 - 2. Publications Chair**
 - 3. Marketing Officers**
 - 4. Website & IT Officer**
- 7. Academics Portfolio**
 - 1. Student Grand Rounds Coordinators**
 - 2. Academic Events Coordinators**
 - 3. SHMRC Convenor**
- 8. Non-portfolio bound**



1. Interhealth Chairs
2. Red Party Chairs
3. Indigenous Chair
4. WAMSS Mental Health Chairs
5. Undergraduate Communications Officer
6. WAMSS Electives & Exchanges Officer
7. Foundation
8. Queer Chairs

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

None

Part III – Items for discussion and/or decision.

- **Academic events** - Cancellation of 'how to OSCE' event (scheduled for may)
- **International officer** - Should there be a post / Q&A for International students regarding AHPRA English Requirements?
- **Indigenous representatives** - Further input for Indigenous Rep to Yira project
- **Sports representatives** - WAMSS policy on non-essential events that are technically within current guidelines but still likely pose a risk of transmission/contact. Do we as medical students have a responsibility to be thinking beyond what current guidelines are and doing what is actually the most beneficial?
- **Social representatives** - Events in the future re: corona. We wanted to know what everyone thinks about putting tentative dates in for an event at the end of the year...
- **Academic events** - Will mock osce events still run?
- **Communication chairs** - What is the best way for us to communicate COVID-19 issues? What are important public communications that we need to distribute during this crazy time? And who will be responsible for flagging content to repost or providing original content? Also, should we put a limit on volume of



COVID-related posts? What can we post about in the interim? Everyone NEEDS A BREAK from the overwhelming COVID-19 content, but it's hard to know what to post about when literally everything is cancelled :(any ideas are super welcome! How can we best look after the mental health of one another, and of UWA med students in general during this truly nightmarish time of social distancing? What is WAMSS' stance on individual participation in social activities/gatherings by committee members? Should we have internal guidelines released for what's recommended for individual medical students in terms of our responsibilities? Also, would this be helpful or just more depressing?

- **MD2 Orientation** - We propose that the position of MD2 Orientation representatives is appointed before the md2 examination period with tickets to go on sale in December - January of uni starting. This will give the orientation reps the best chance to optimise the budget in terms of booking transport/accommodation/food etc. Clear budget decisions also need to be clear and upfront much, much earlier.

We struggled to book services and pay invoices due to the treasurer handover not happening until ~10 days before camp! This resulted in us having to pay for things out of our own pockets to be reimbursed at a later date. This isn't a criticism of the current exec, however, it is something that must be addressed moving forward. We could have been much more economical in our budgeting had we had clear camp numbers and were in a position to pay invoices earlier.

- **Fourth Year Representatives** - WAMSS to share resources for how to run a ZOOM meeting for those of us still running events (Like internship application info night pls help)
- **Second Year Representatives** - Is it worth us trying to start planning halfway dinner?

Should we be telling students to use the Library to study, or is that promoting poor social distancing? Some people struggle studying at home, but don't want to be telling students the wrong thing.

- **AMSA Representatives** - Please support Vampire Cup is one of the few things that can still be run as things are being cancelled left right and centre. Blood donation centres are receiving 800 cancellations a day and donations are at an all



time low. Would be great to set an example as a committee during this really sad time.

- **International Officer** - Should there be a post / Q&A for International students regarding AHPRA English Requirements?
- **Vice President Internal** - In light of this situation all of us need to be ensuring we are spreading positive attitudes about what the faculty is doing for us. We also need to make an attempt to stop fear mongering and rumour spreading, especially through the FB groups.
- **President** - COVID19 update
- **Website and IT Officer** - Can we ditch/update the photos on the front page?

'Latest news' section is not particularly up to date - either ditch or find a good use for it? COVID updates on website - y/n? (e.g. latest from faculty, how to zoom, idk what else)

- **Third Year Representatives** - I want to discuss setting up a group of students that doctors in SCGH PCH and around WA can reach out to for child care should schools close down and the COVID situation get much worse. Consultant in PCH said that students in Canada did this and although this isn't front lines stuff, it's helpful to allow doctors to be able to work (and it makes sense considering we have WCCs).

Also update on which events are cancelled. e

- **Treasurer** - Changes to WAMSS Member/Financial Associate member pricing. Thoughts on whether med students should pay more/less/same as financial associate members (aka. non med students).

What are things for people to do in 14 day self-isolation?

- **Electives and Exchanges officer** - Speak to faculty re: elective situation
- **MD1 Orientation** - could we use WAMSS Committee Meeting pizza money as a donation to COVID19-related charities?



Part IV – Other Business

- **First Year Representatives** - Medical students' gym access
- **Communication Chairs** - ***SOS*** as extroverts, both Jana and Vikas are NOT COPING with social distancing - please don't hesitate to add us on snapchat, insta, facebook and feel free to spark up a chat/snap streak/meme-sharing whenever!!! We're all living a nightmare (apart from those blessed introverts among us who have barely noticed a change hehe) and we need to band together in these dark days <3 much love from us to all you amazingly inspiring and all round beautiful WAMSS committee members xoxoxox
- **Fourth Year Representatives** - How to alleviate hysteria (people just need to calm down!)
- **Marketing Officers** - If anyone would like to buy merch, let us know :) We can organise pick ups/drop offs since we will not be having WAMSS meetings face-to-face in the near future.
- **Queers Chairs** - The Pride Flag has been reinstated to its position on the fifth flagpole out front of UWA on Stirling Hwy. This is following a period where it was removed, and UWA refused to explain precisely why. Our understanding is that UWA intends to review this again at a later date, although we doubt it will be soon given the circumstances. When this occurs we will look to echo other campus voices in calling for the Pride Flag to continue to fly.
- **Treasurer** - Please submit year budgets by 1/4/20!!!!

Best chip/pringles flavour?