



THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL STUDENTS' SOCIETY

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WAMSS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Committee Meeting to be held in Wilsmore LT commencing at 2pm on 22 February 2020

Attendance:

1. Britt Suann
2. Saish Neppalli
3. Grace Wilkerson
4. Stuart Purdie
5. Ollie Dearsley
6. Shane Jupp
7. JT Yeung
8. Kate Dowden
9. Jasper Brooksbank
10. Dev Gammanpila
11. Nicole Wong
12. Tithi Kulkarni
13. Ayeesha Thevar
14. Tristan Lee
15. Kayley Crebbin
16. Jana Crous
17. Brie Nolan
18. Jonathan Pang
19. Dinnu Devarapalli
20. Amy COLLins
21. Angela Burvill
22. Olivia Tan
23. Lianne Leung
24. Matt Cransberg
25. Kierra O'Grady
26. Emily Wishart
27. Sarah King
28. Ci Chia
29. Emily Hackett
30. Luke Percy
31. Rudra Bhatt
32. Ashley Chandra
33. Ruolin Qin
34. Alex Armanios
35. Elise Salleo



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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: Angela Burvill

Seconded: Alex Armanios

The motion passes.

3. **Acceptance of Agenda**

Ordinary Procedural Motion

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

Moved: Dev Gammanpila

Seconded: Dinnu Devarapalli

The motion passes.

4. **Declarations of conflict of interest or potential thereof.**

5. **Apologies**

1. Katherine Middleton
2. Francis Winfield
3. Jasmin Rose Begovich
4. Sherwin Xie
5. Hannah Matthews
6. James Nguyen
7. Davide Tomassoni
8. Emily Anderson



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9. Nishani Jayawardena
10. Andrei Sincari
11. Hayden White
12. Tamika Ponton
13. Tatiana Ninkov
14. Tom Russell
15. Izzy Atlas
16. Emma Lu
17. William Morris
18. Jordan Ladwig
19. Kriti Sharma
20. Erin Hassett
21. Vikas Bhat

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

1. Executive Report

- 1. President** - as read
- 2. Vice President Internal** - as read
- 3. Vice President External** - as read
- 4. Treasurer** - as read
- 5. Secretary** - as read

2. Education Report

- 1. Education Chair** - absent
- 2. Year 1 Representatives** - as read
- 3. Year 2 Representatives** - as read
- 4. Year 3 Representatives** - as read
- 5. RCS Representative** - absent
- 6. Year 4 Representative** - absent
- 7. International Officer** - absent

3. AMSA Report

- 1. AMSA Representative** - as read
- 2. AMSA Junior Representative** - absent

4. Social Portfolio Report

- 1. Social Representatives** - as read
- 2. Medical Dinner Representatives** - as read
- 3. Allied Health Representatives** - as read



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4. **MD1 Orientation Events Coordinators** - opening up MD1 Cocktail to Committee to meet the first years. You will have to buy tickets (\$20). The event is this Thursday at Tav.
5. **MD2 Orientation Events Coordinators** - absent
5. **Sports Portfolio Report**
 1. **Sports Representatives** - as read
6. **Communications Portfolio**
 1. **Communications Chair** - refer to presentation
 2. **Publications Chair** - absent
 3. **Marketing Officers** - as read
 4. **Website & IT Officer** - as read
7. **Academics Portfolio**
 1. **Student Grand Rounds Coordinators** - as read
 2. **Academic Events Coordinators** - as read
 3. **SHMRC Convenor** - as read
8. **Non-portfolio bound**
 1. **Interhealth Chairs** - as read
 2. **Red Party Chairs** - as read
 3. **Indigenous Chair** - absent
 4. **WAMSS Mental Health Chairs** - also updating the website in terms of the 'I Need Help' guide. If you hear students who want more resources in a specific form of mental health area. Charlie's medical Exec team to see how we can better address bullying within hospitals
 5. **Undergraduate Communications Officer** - as read
 6. **WAMSS Electives & Exchanges Officer** - as read
 7. **Foundation** - as read

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

Part III – Items for discussion and/or decision.

1. **Secretary - Executive Elections**

How do we want to increase engagement with WAMSS committee / sub-committee positions? With subcommittee applications are coming in now, do we think people will apply during the next 24 hours before the closing date

SK: Maybe individual projects should lecture bash, more likely to listen

AC: Even having a chat on O-day improves engagement

LL: Get a post scheduled for the Year pages before tomorrow



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AC: Each group has been posting individually on the Year pages, it would be better to be streamlined to avoid spamming the pages

DD: If certain projects don't have positions, would we re-release the positions that aren't filled?

AB: In terms of feedback from the WAMSS foundation, one of the criticisms of the MD cohort was that there isn't enough communication. One way to get around that might be to ask the Faculty to include guidelines about engaging with WAMSS committees and subcommittees

GW - what they meant by that is that there isn't really enough input into the Course from the medical student, rather than from the medical students into the community

AB - but still could be a good thing to include into

OD - we were invited to talk to the Assured medicine lunch and the Faculty spoke about us. On O day, heaps of people came because of that talk. So I think you're right, it's a good way to engage people

2. Treasurer - Engaging MD1s - How do we increase engagement specifically with MD1s?

SJ: Lecture bashing does seem to be the way. Because there's so much going on the Year pages, the reps have been told that people have been turning off

JC: first couple of months, they don't have exposure to anyone else apart from the MD1 Orientation reps and maybe some of the Committee. WAMSS should look into having a WAMSS Orientation week for medicine once the MD4s have come back. A social event which is a mixer to meet everyone. But put it all in one week so that they feel like there has been exposure to other groups.

SK: Possibly talking to Faculty to have the students over in Meddent, because having them in QEII campus could make it easier to engage

AC: We already run barbeque, projects night, etc, but if we package them into one week, that'll be a nice way to tie it all in together

JC: Finish the week off with the social night

SK: Be aware of running all events at night after Uni, people who use public transport are not going to attend that many events after Uni

LL: I just want to hear from Shanae and JT in terms of the calendar etc.

SJ: I was from Perth, so it was easier

JL: The Faculty orientation was quite overwhelming, more icebreakers on that first day or week would have been more helpful. A lot of people who go to UWA are from Perth, so many knew each other from UG. There are still people I am intimidated to talk to because they are in their groups

SJ: Small group activities on the first day are good. For getting involved in Committees, a lot of people told us to get involved but people don't want to get involved because they're worried about balance. Fear of overcommitment



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BS: Camp will move back into MD1 after the course change

JC: Should be much easier from next year.

KC: Possibly we could add number of hour commitment in the Subcommittee guide. Or some testimonials from other people. For example, for Teddy Bear hospital you only run one event

3. **Allied Health:** Club culture

Club culture appears to be dying down, do we want to maintain the 3AM tradition for Allied Health?

TK: Is it the same fee if you have it until 12AM or 3AM?

AA: Yes it is the same price

TK: What would be the benefit of cutting it at 12AM?

CC: I think 3AM is what we're going with

UN: How is the low attendance related to the length of opening?

CC: In terms of reputation of the event, it may reflect poorly if its empty

JC: it's probably better to go to a venue that stays open later.

JB: If you're thinking about ticket sales, if you go to an event this year that knocks you off at 12AM, you might not go next year.

AB: Don't stress about it too much, go with what you can

SK: Last year the event finished at midnight but the club opened to the public until 3AM. I can't remember Capitol but I think I liked it.

CC: Going back to metros an option, but may be more expensive, is it worth potential hype bringing back more sales? (kinda risky tho)

AA: Do we go for a small venue and hope that we sell out, or go for a bigger venue and have more flexibility with ticket sales?

CC: Metros has a new rooftop bar but the price for the main ground is much more expensive. If we don't sell enough tickets we can go upstairs, where the venue hire is lower.

AB: There would be a lot of merit in it being a small event which is a WAMSS event, instead of a huge Allied Health event targeted to 2000 people.

SN: Med Dinner selling out last year probably gives it more hype this year. The selling out factor is important

OD: Fundraiser purely for WAMSS, it used to get us crazy amounts of money (around 20K) whereas now it is around 4-5K.

KO'G: We have Curtin people coming to our social event. Speaking to the Curtin rep, the CAMS group doesn't run social events, so that would be a good way to get a whole other group involved. So there definitely is opportunity to get other groups involved

OD: When Saish and I were social reps, the CAMS social reps emailed wanting to work with WAMSS (which we never answered) but they're definitely interested to collab on basically anything

JC: A lot of the Allied Health groups across WA don't have social events, so definitely still worth trying to reach out to these groups. I have lots of contacts to pass on



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AA: Send any contacts through

EH: From sports, we had NDSS rep email us about getting involved and the Curtin Med Soc also were super keen. But you can contact them through their mainstream ways.

4. **Marketing:** Merchandise

OD: Firstly, awesome job Brie

BN: Might have other stuff coming soon, but help us to plug the merch

5. **SHMRC** - Naming options

What are everyone's thoughts on changing the name of SHMRC?

TL: SHMRC is a bit of a mouthful

DG: I think that SHMRC is great

LL: Also great

JN: Brand name now has hype, so changing it might lose that marketing power. Also because it's closely named have NHMRC, changing the name would move away from that as well

AB: Do you have any alternative names?

TL: No, just wanted to hear opinions

STRAW POLL: Would we like to change the SHMRC name?

Yes: 0%

No: 100%

6. **Social:** Upcoming events and timings

KG: Everyone buys tickets to the event! Everyone get friends and friends of friends to get tickets to the event

KG: A student has suggested that events on Fridays often clash with work commitments/some religious commitments. Should social events be run on a different day? This suggestion came through the MD2 reps

OD: Venues are more expensive on Saturdays, and Saturdays are more likely to be booked up. Attendance is more likely to be better on Fridays.

KD: Jasper and I are the MD2 reps, from our perspective we were concerned that there might be a subset that consistently are unable to go because of Friday night / Saturday morning events. We don't want to be seen to be doing nothing for those students who don't

JN: Ball is on a Saturday night this year. Makes it easier to organise on Saturdays too because it's easier to set up for

SK: Out of all of the events that WAMSS runs, so many are not on Fridays

SP: MD1 events were not on Fridays so everyone was free



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EW: Year reps can run events whenever but they already have three events and pub crawls are going to have to be on a Friday as well

JB: Just wanted to get a gauge how possible it was

UN: When was the masquerade and Red Party going to be?

JC: Normally on Fridays

LL: There are lots of events on all days, maybe it would be good to pop that in the bulletin and address it. "When and where possible we are looking to accommodate as many people as possible..."

7. Website and IT - Logo hunting

JP: If you find a logo, hit up www@wamss.org.au. We're also trying to keep the website updated as much as Facebook so send me your events and posts as they come. Or save them as drafts for me to check and post later.

AC: We should try to accommodate people without Facebook, so let's make sure the website is current

8. MD1 Orientation - buy a ticket to the MD1 Cocktail night

SK: Will post the link to the thing on the WAMSS page as it's in the MD1 page

Part IV – Other Business

1. **VPI:** Committee Member of the Month
2. **UCO** - Is anyone able to help on Wednesday 4th March for Associate Member Sundowner to help get it started?
 - OT: Starts at 4PM so if anyone can come down earlier to put out banner out and start making sausages, let me know
 - OD: We're not as engaged with Undergrads and I think that affects the number of people applying as well
3. **SGR: JN:** Faculty are trying to engage e.g. Against Our Oath screening 5th March. Doctors will be there.
 - OD: Helen Wilcox said that they wanted to regain a relationship with students and are keen to help with our events. If you have an event which you think could benefit from a Faculty team-up
4. **Mental Health: LL:** Claremont Grill'd will have a tub for WAMSS Mental Health for all of March