



WAMSS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

For the Committee Meeting to be held at 6pm on 25th May 2020.

1. Executive Report

1. President

It's been another long month of strange, isolated, COVID times - I hope everyone is doing okay and remember to reach out to your exec liaison or myself if any of your WAMSS commitments (or just general life stuff) is playing on your mind, we're here to help :) WAMSS has been privy to so many of the internal workings of the Medical School these last few weeks and it's a true testament of the ongoing collaborative relationship we have with them. They are always happy to receive feedback from us, and they are always happy to give us feedback and let us know what we should be focussing on or doing better. I go to many Guild meetings, and I can tell you that this relationship is unique to medicine. No other student societies have this relationship with their Faculty, or the ability to easily bring up issues and advocate for their students. We are so lucky to have this relationship with our school and I'm so happy that we do! It allows us to have meaningful discussions and make changes that benefit all medical students. Keep up the hard work everyone!

Collection of random updates:

1) I met with the head of Faculty Service Delivery and the UWA Project Manager about the WAMSS/medicine common room redevelopment that is going ahead. Now that most classes for Medicine are at the QE2 block instead of the Crawley campus, it makes sense to move our common room. The current plans are for the FJ Clark Computer room to be renovated into our common room area, which is going to have a relaxed and chilled vibe. From the feedback in the committee page, I voiced that we wanted a kitchenette area with sink and fridge (we own microwave and sandwich toasters already), some comfy couches, as much natural light as possible and ideally a TV and fuse ball/ping pong/hockey tables. We might have to speak to MDOs about these recreational things but everything else sounds doable! I will give some more detail in the meeting

2) Core Curriculum Summaries: I've got to speak about this project, I think it's incredible what we've been able to pull together in just a few weeks. This resource is involving every MD2 student and so many MD3, MD4 and clinicians and is going to be such a thorough and useful resource for years to come. I wanted to say a huge thanks to everyone who has helped out with this, it's been a huge amount of work but I know Helen and the rest of the Medical School are extremely appreciative of your hard work.



3) WAMSS helped a few of our students get Internship positions at Integrated Energy and so far the reports about their success and contributions have been overwhelmingly positive. Just another thing that confirms how amazing all our medical students are and what we have to offer :)

4) The MD4s are all in the midst of intern applications and by the time this meeting comes around they will be in their last week of putting it all together! Best of luck to everyone, I'm sure your applications will be great and that you'll get your first preference. Don't forget to sell yourself properly and let everyone know how much of a boss you are!

Elective & Exchanges Officer:

Rudra has had the difficult task of working out how to run our Alan Charter's night in the virtual space but she has done such a brilliant job! It is still scheduled to go ahead on June 10th this year, in a completely digital ZOOM format. Thanks so much for all your hard work with this Rudra, I'm sure it's going to be a huge success! Submissions for photos for the night have closed, but please make sure to come along if free. It is a great way to hear about some of the MD4 elective experiences and to see some amazing photos.

International Officer:

Sherwin has continually impressed me with the professionalism and skill that he has taken on the huge role of International Officer this year, especially in such a difficult year! He is always looking out for the best interests of our international students and is a pleasure to work with.

Marketing Officers:

Bravide has been hard at work in collaboration with our UCO Liv, designing the new logo for the big relaunch of our Associate Membership program! I know they also have some ideas for even more awesome merchandise (I know, how can we get even MORE cool merchandise in 2020???) but just like most things this year, COVID has put a dampener on that. Hopefully now that things are starting to go back to normality, we can put our thinking caps on again for all things WAMSS-paraphernalia!

Indigenous Representative:

Tamika has got some amazing ideas for Indigenous-focused events that she wanted to run this year. COVID put a halt on these temporarily, but similar to most other portfolios hopefully these can get back on track now that things are starting to free up a bit! Stay tuned for some really awesome Indigenous events including movie screenings and BBQs.



2. Vice President Internal

A bit of a smoother month it has been compared to the last few. Everyone is getting into the swing of things with their new online rotations and for some of our final year students, back to clinical placements. Lot's of great things are happening outside of uni as some of the social distancing measures are reeled back! I hope everyone had a great month xx

Current Major Issues

COVID-19

Placements are now proceeding for almost all final year students on internal medicine, selective, emergency, palliative care. Online theory based rotations are continuing as planned for oncology, anaesthetics, surgery, rural GP with majority good feedback from MD4 students. Great news for the 8 RPH ED spots which have now been reinstated! IMP1/2 are progressing with their online based theory rotations
Portfolio activities for 2020 have now been confirmed (see Helen's emails) under much deliberation from the LEAPS committee. I hope that everyone has something on there that they can answer, I really pushed for a depth of questions to reflect the diversity of everyone's COVID experience

Core Curriculum Project

Now well and truly underway with Helen trying to have the clinician allocation out ASAP
Some minor group member participation issues (but these were anticipated)
The 8 "sat out" RPH ED students from the last rotation also helped to write some great clinical case scenarios!!! What a phenomenal effort from everyone involved

OSCEs and other assessments

RCS ran their online video OSCE with some minor issues
New assessment plans are still awaiting confirmation. We have pushed for these to be available at the earliest convenience due to high levels of student stress regarding assessment
MD1 will proceed with exemplify online written exams in the UWA Semester 1 examination period and this will inform the Med School regarding everyone else's exams

Ungraded pass fail

The UWA Medical School proposal is now sitting with the AMC for approval
It is in line with what other medical schools Australia wide have proposed



Portfolios

- Education Chair - HE Numbers are finally getting sorted!
- First-Year Reps - JT and Shanae have been great with relaying feedback to Liam from their cohort. Quite a few issues pending at the moment; exemplify, anatomy labs/lecturer feedback, stress and cohort mental health
- Second Year Reps - Kate and Jasper have helped to transition their year group to the "clinical rotations" by collecting great constructive feedback for each discipline. Majority of this has been communicated to the Medical School and discipline coords
- Third Year Reps - Dev and Nicole have been a dream team this month. MD3 is understandably one of the most disrupted year groups currently and they have done an awesome job relaying this to Jo Somerville. Also eagerly awaiting release of a more finalised placement / assessment plan
- Final Year Reps - Congrats to these two for pulling off the first online WAMSS/ND internship information seminar and fantastic CV Workshop so professionally. They have had lots of projects on the go this month too - final year jumpers, yearbooks etc Have been great with liaising with the rotation reps to get feedback about SKG's latest return to placement tetris
- RCS Rep - Students who vacated their sites are starting to return! RCS had their FOSCE last week which was run via zoom.

3. Vice President External

- Looking like there's a bit more clarity on what events can go ahead in the next 2 months
- Have now implemented an opt-in system for receiving sponsorship promotional material for any future WAMSS webinar events
- Looking at getting some entertainment items (tv, foosball table etc.) in our new common room through sponsorship
- Another AMBOSS group discount being organised for May
- Working on WAMSS membership benefits with foundations (discounts etc.)
- Currently getting quotes for institutional access using RoA money (Osmosis, Amboss, Oscebank), if anyone has any resources they think that would be great for WAMSS to fund for students, let Foundations or me know :)
- Obtained prizes for MD1 pictionary, WAMSS Mayday (2nd place rn great job sports team!),
- MSAND were super keen to have the Avant Professionalism workshop so that went ahead with WAMSS getting on board
- MIGA sponsorship for WAMSS quiz night, thank you social for being so accommodating <3



- Updated some old WAMSS logos that were floating around on the internet (if you see any more let me know, but we should be all good)
- Not much to update regarding portfolios other than SGR doing a great job this month with core curriculum project queries

4. Treasurer

No big updates on the treasury front for this month. COVID is keeping our expenditure right down (but also our fundraising and events). Some of our sponsorship payments have started to come in for the year, which is nice to have something to help replenish the accounts.

Return of Assets - I have calculated a preliminary figure for the Return of Assets for 2020: ~\$33000. This figure is subject to change, but has been passed on to our amazing team in Foundations who are working through what best to spend our money on. RP donation for 2019 should also be paid before this meeting starts: an impressive \$12558.76 raised by our 2019 Coordinators!

Portfolios:

- Interhealth - Dimy are absolute stars as always - Had their first meeting post-quarantine to start to get back into things. More exciting things to come in the future :)
- Academic Events - Tithi and Ayesha are already on the ball, starting the enquiries early for the MD3/MD4 mock OSCE. Planning is difficult at this stage with the final format/date of OSCEs TBD. Keep being amazing girls!
- Med Dinner - Good news this month received from the Westin: ball deposit is transferable to a different date if the event is cancelled due to COVID. Thanks to Jimmy, Izzy and Emma for checking this with The Westin, you guys are legends!
- MD1 Orientation - MD1s orientated.
- Social - Quarranquiz was a huge success!! Congrats to Kierra, Em and Matt for running the night so smoothly. Good to see such a tight competition down to the final round of questions.

5. Secretary

Travelling along happily with the general Secretary duties i.e. emails, exec / group meetings, ++ group chats, Committee meeting planning, and now starting to have a look into preparations for our July SGM, August elections and October Ball awards. I think the Education portfolio is to be commended once again for their work in the new COVID rotations. Killing it.



Portfolios:

- Communications - going well with their engagement on Facebook posts and every time there's a report / Insta story it literally warms my heart.
- Website and IT Officer - Jono is a pleasure to work with and literally the best bloke / IT officer around. I have never felt so happy when contacting IT in my life
- UCO - Liv the gun keeps her subcommittee in check and is progressing with their promo video. We'll have to vote on the WAMSS Connect name change / logo soon
- Allied Health - sadness. Next exec meeting it's become a point to address those portfolios that have had their events taken away from them so watch this space!
- Sports - turns out UWA MD people are extremely sporty and we're killing the ladder. Everyone submit some burpee videos to AMSA sport for next week.

2. Education Portfolio

1. Education Chair

I have finally got in touch with Alison Wallace regarding reinstating of the many expired MD3/MD4 student HE numbers. The final list will be emailed tomorrow morning (25/05/20) and hopefully reactivated ASAP

2. Year 1 Representatives

- Ran MD1 pictiory event with MIPS (May 15 2020) and sponsorship gifts
- Postponing MD1 Advice poster for semester break when both of us have more time
- Correspondence with unit coordinator and lecturers regarding lecture feedback
- Answering MD1 student questions regarding exams (taking notes, exemplify FAQs)
- Making a question survey next week (Week of May 18th 2020) for the unit coordinator regarding Exemplify/ end of semester exams
- Reaching out to other MD1 students about their mental health
- JT collaborating with WAMSS Mental Health for weekly meditation sessions

3. Year 2 Representatives

We have instated Rotation Reps which have definitely helped us coordinate between 4 rotations a lot easier. We have been helping with the Curriculum summaries project which we believe is going exceedingly well.

4. Year 3 Representatives

Continuing with online learning and SGR tutoring for the MD2s. Just been fielding questions from students about whether we're having a break next week and the year-plan for MD3 teaching/placements.



5. RCS Representative

Currently helping faculty get student feedback on the recent formative OSCE held over zoom, looks like most people found it a valuable activity so far! Also keeping an eye on some rural sites that are getting significantly less online teaching than others, Liaising with faculty to even out the quantity of tutorials as much as possible.

6. Year 4 Representative

- UWA Careers CV Writing Workshop - Well attended, some tech issues, great value session.
- Internship Applications open - Continuing to provide students with info & support
- Avant Professionalism Seminar - First session this evening, hosted by ND with UWA encouraged to attend.
- Yearbook - First subcommittee meeting with role allocation and timeframe planning.
- Grad Dinner - First subcommittee meeting to be held this week (TBA), planning of non booking dependent items.
- Final Year Jumpers - Quotes and final designs retrieved from 3 suppliers and put to student vote, hoping to finalise design this week and discuss with treasurer and IT re: purchasing.

7. International Officer

I have attended the International Student Department (ISD) council meeting as WAMSS IO representative at their invitation. Important point of note is that:

- a. Withdrawal from course = refund as 100% system credit for next semester or 50% monetary and 50% system credit. Admin fee waived.
- b. COE required for visa application, UWA can provide COE and AUG happy to apply.

3. AMSA Report

1. AMSA Representative

Finished Vampire Cup!

2. AMSA Junior Representative

No report submitted

4. Social Portfolio Report

1. Social Representatives

SUCCESSFULLY RAN QUARAN-QUIZ NIGHT! [30 teams what the heck]. We hope you all had fun, we sure did! Thanks to all who came :)



2. Medical Dinner Representatives

We're living in exciting times with the relaxation of Covid restrictions. The 3 of us are still cautiously optimistic that the ball is going ahead. We originally decided on the date of October 24th as this fit in nicely between MD4s finishing exams and the other cohorts bunkering down for theirs.

As it currently stands, we're aware the faculty is considering pushing back MD4 exams, so the date for the ball is still pending until we have official word on when exams will be. Fortunately, our contacts at the Westin have been very accommodating and they are happy for us to use our deposit for another date if we have to change.

We've locked in EyeCandy (they've photographed pretty much every med ball since 1827) and DJ Rog (who has DJ'd at pretty much every med event since 1725). Obviously this is dependent on the event being on October 24th. If we have to change dates we'll just have to hope that these guys are available. They are both being super awesome and happy to receive payment later down the track once we know 110% that our event is happening.

So in summary, the date of the event is still up in the air but fortunately all the businesses we are working with are being super accommodating and understanding of the times.

3. Allied Health Representatives

Nothing - event not running

4. MD1 Orientation Events Coordinators

Nothing to report

5. MD2 Orientation Events Coordinators

We've been discussing our options for the best ways to proceed with camp(s) 2021. We will be putting our suggestions for how next year is to best run in our handover so there is less pressure for the orientation reps next year. These include, starting hype/ticket sales in late 2020, and beginning the planning process of each task earlier than in previous years.

5. Sports Portfolio Report

1. Sports Representatives

We've been participating in the AMSA May Day healthy communities challenge on behalf of UWA, which has been going great. First week came in second, managed to tie in nicely with the Push Up challenge running through WAMSS Mental Health on the second week. Very



grateful for our MIPS sports packs that we've been handing out each week to participants with the best team spirit. WAMSS for the win!!

6. Communications Portfolio

1. Communications Chair

Liaising with COVID WAMSS team to establish what is WAMSS' role in this pandemic, posting on Facebook and Instagram, decision was made not collaborate with AMA about posts as the situation in WA seems to be easing as restrictions are being eased, posts have been well received; sharing Elton's COVID infographic was a success

2. Publications Chair

Nothing to report

3. Marketing Officers

Working with WAMSS UCO to create a logo for the new "WAMSS connect"

4. Website & IT Officer

- Memberships - suspended re-design for now, awaiting decisions on changes to undergrad membership before I commit to designing new pages
- COVID-19 Help resources - helped a little with Lianne + Mental Health subcommittee's amazing work

7. Academics Portfolio

1. Student Grand Rounds Coordinators

Core Curriculum Summaries Groups

- Project ongoing
- Received very good feedback from the groups
- Meeting with the steering group: nearly finalised clinician allocations etc.
- Soft deadline in place to have summaries completed

2. Academic Events Coordinators

No report submitted

3. SHMRC Convenor

Nothing to report

8. Non-portfolio bound

1. Interhealth Chairs

- Continued online advocacy and education via socials from Code Green and Crossing Borders (inc. Online Climate Rally)



- Lookout working on volunteering avenues during isolation – see 'guide to give back'
- UWA doing well in AMSA Healthy Communities May Day Bootcamp!
- Met with Chairs of Global Health Groups around Aus – awesome to see what everyone is up to + will meet again in about a month
- Yira finalising logo
- Rest of projects are pretty much watching and waiting with easing of restrictions to resume activities

2. Red Party Chairs

Not much still, we're meeting up this week (before the committee meeting) to have a chat about what we want to try and do this year

3. Indigenous Chair

Ongoing input to Yira project with Uma (Yira Coordinator), as well as liaising with CAMDH. Also been touching back with Indigenous students across the years to see how they are coping/managing with the current situation and if there is anything to address with WAMSS.

4. WAMSS Mental Health Chairs

Random Acts of Kindness

- 30 participants
- Big thanks to Emily Wishart who helped to forward the emails on for the week
- Good: Got lots of positive feedback about this event, we could definitely run it again later in the year, and have suggestions for more sponsorship involvement..
- Learning: People not knowing about the event - will aim to promote future events with WAMSS Facebook page, and also feel less spammy about posting in Year Group pages at least once!

Weekly Meditation sessions

- Session 1: 15 participants
- Session 2: 3 participants
- Good: short and sweet, good content and good instructor! :')

Learning: again with the promo - now organised bulletin notices, graphics for Facebook and Instagram story reminders, posting reminders 30 mins before rather than 4hrs before session (all credit for this goes to JT, who runs the sessions and does the graphics. I just have the privilege of working with him and posting the graphics!)

"Help; COVID" launched 10/05/2020

- What we hope is a comprehensive student help portal, tailored to these COVID times we are now living through. Jono is a wizard and works magic.



- Good: Each WMH Subcommittee member was involved in putting together content for the website, a big team effort! :)
- Learning: Honestly, not sure how it is being received. We haven't heard much feedback on this so far. There may be a promotion issue happening here.

Push Up Challenge

- 39 members within the 'WAMSS Community'
- Good: a range of fitness abilities (from me to Emily Wishart), people logging push ups every day, a very supportive group chat - a very wholesome event.
- Learning: I think having a small group chat makes for a much warmer feel than a big public event with only a few people clicking 'attending'.

COVID-19/Mental Health Survey

- Meetings with Helen and Zaza, together with the amazing Ollie, to work out the WAMSS and Medical School actions following the results from the survey
- Results published in Helen's 11/05/2020 update or see the "Help; COVID">>>"What WAMSS is doing" for more details on our education advocacy

Brainstorming phase

- Meeting with JT + Shanae about what supports would be most helpful for MD1s.
- Imposter Syndrome event (Late July/pre-resumption of placement)
- Some more structured Quarantene Chats-type event ideas (ft guest speakers, fixed pre-requested topics)
- General wellbeing hub - for the post-COVID life. How do you exercise when you haven't done it for a while? How do you rediscover hobbies when you feel like life has eroded you away? How do you 'take a break' for people that can't turn off? All these self-care tips we give to people assuming they know how. If it was so easy, I'm sure they would have done it already :)

5. Undergraduate Communications Officer

Plugging away at WAMSS Connect. Some things that I have been up to:

- Planned a pre-launch hype video with the subcommittee
- Talked to Foundations regarding a mentoring program
- Liaised with Stu and Jono about Financial Associate Membership
- Chatted to marketing about our new logo
- Considered a redesign of the bulletin with the new branding

6. WAMSS Electives & Exchanges Officer

Organising Alan Charters



7. Foundation

Since the last committee meeting, I've caught up with the sub com members working on each project, and everyone is making really good progress! Massive thanks to Saish and Stu for their help across various projects as well! We have our next Foundation Subcom meeting coming up the week of the WAMSS committee meeting, so looking forward to catching up with everyone.

- Membership benefits: Duji is making good progress with brainstorming various potential membership benefits and companies to approach, which we will progress onto in the second half of the year.
- Thanks to everyone for filling in the Return of Assets survey from our last meeting - there's been some really good suggestions, and we're just waiting to hear back on pricing for a few options. We also have an estimated RoA amount from Stu, which has been super useful with planning
- Associate Outreach: Kate and Deepaysh have been collaborating with Liv re associate members, and have some exciting projects in the works, including the early stages of planning a mentorship program
- Census: still early days with the Census, but Liv has been starting to plan questions, as well as analysis of previous years results

8. Queer Chairs

- Drafted a strategic plan that is still in the process of being finalised. Current working draft can be found here;
(<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NBtG-hYB70In6nK0XK5jBUm-wxcafNqhmkCoMrZpFM4/edit?usp=sharing>)
- Planning an online Pride month event at the end of June with an external speaker
- Posted a callout for a Wavelength med ed group to determine if this is a resource that would be useful to present to faculty
- Attended an AMSA Queer Leaders meeting with other national Queer Reps/Chairs. The intention of attending was to gauge the feasibility of creating a private facebook group for UWA Queer identifying med students. It sounds like it was a good idea based on the feedback from the other attendees. Curtin's recently appointed Queer rep was also present and would be keen on the idea of making a state wide group. This would have to be followed up with UNDF.
- Created an infographic for IDAHOBIT day that will hopefully be posted on WAMSS social media.