



WAMSS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

For the **Committee Meeting** to be held in **FJ Clark** commencing at **6pm** on **31st August 2020**

Attendance:

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| 1. Ollie Dearsley | 16. Ayesha Thevar |
| 2. Lauren Masi | 17. Tithi Kulkarni |
| 3. Stuart Purdie | 18. Amy Collins |
| 4. Britt Suann | 19. Hayden White |
| 5. Francis Winfield | 20. Luke Percy |
| 6. Sherwin Xie | 21. Matt Cransberg |
| 7. Shanae Jupp | 22. Ci Chia |
| 8. Kate Dowden | 23. Alex Armanios |
| 9. Tatiana Ninkov | 24. Dewruwan Gammanpila |
| 10. Olivia Tan | 25. James Nguyen |
| 11. Jasper Brooksbank | 26. Katherine Middleton |
| 12. Emily Wishart | 27. JT Yeung |
| 13. Kierra O'Grady | 28. Angela Burvill |
| 14. Davide Tomassoni | 29. Tristan Lee |
| 15. Emily Hackett | |

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: Dewruwan Gammanpila

Seconded: JT Yeung

The motion passes.



3. Acceptance of Agenda

Ordinary Procedural Motion

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

Moved: Dinnu Devarapalli

Seconded: Dewruwan Gammanpila

The motion passes.

4. Declarations of conflict of interest or potential thereof.

5. Apologies

Lianne Leung

Tom Russell

Emma Lu

Sarah King

Erin Hassett

Jasmine Begovich

Vikas Bhatt

Kayley Crebbin

Thomas Drake-Brockman

Nicole Wong

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** - absent

4. **Treasurer** - total amount raised for Red Party was \$9195.19

5. **Secretary** - Ball award planning will be starting soon and the Committee position nominations are commencing today as well!

2. Education Report

1. **Education Chair** - as read

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** - as read
7. **International Officer** - as read
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** - will be formally releasing the event on September 6th and will be revealing the theme at the same time
 3. **Allied Health Representatives** - as read
 4. **MD1 Orientation Events Coordinators** - as read
 5. **MD2 Orientation Events Coordinators** - as read
5. **Sports Portfolio Report**
 1. **Sports Representatives** - as read
6. **Communications Portfolio**
 1. **Communications Chair** - as read
 2. **Publications Chair** - absent
 3. **Marketing Officers** - as read
 4. **Website & IT Officer** - absent
7. **Academics Portfolio**
 1. **Student Grand Rounds Coordinators** - make sure all SGR tutors submit their sheets for the Core Curriculum
 2. **Academic Events Coordinators** - as read
 3. **SHMRC Convenor** - absent
8. **Non-portfolio bound**
 1. **Interhealth Chairs** - as read
 2. **Red Party Chairs** - as read
 3. **Indigenous Chair** - absent
 4. **WAMSS Mental Health Chairs** - absent
 5. **Undergraduate Communications Officer** - as read
 6. **WAMSS Electives & Exchanges Officer** - as read
 7. **Foundation** - absent
 8. **Queer Chairs**- as read



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

Part III – Items for discussion and/or decision.

- **SGR Coordinators - James Ngyuen, Alex Mehl, Hannah Matthews** - In the lead up to exams for everyone is there anything in particular people want us to organise ?? (i.e. tutes, lectures, workshops etc.)
 - KD: Would be keen to have practice exam questions, MD2s aren't sure what to expect of the exam at the end of the year
 - DG: ECG and CXR interpretation tutorial
 - JN: Would you rather go broad topics or more specific?
 - TN: For MD3, being more broad will be nice. High yield topics and crash courses.
 - SP: Exam and sign correlation to disease for MD2s
 - HW: Will the exams be online?
 - LM: To be confirmed. The options will be paper based or Exemplify
 - KD: Popular opinion is paper based but Helen loves the data from Exemplify
 - JB: They would prefer to have everyone perform the exam at the same time
 - LM: They're trying to make it so that opting out option will occur at the same time as the online Exemplify

- **Mental Health Chair - Lianne Leung** - WAMSS Mental Health was formed after the fusion of Students Passionate About Mental Health, the psychiatry interest group, and the WAMSS Wellbeing Reps. Should we be:
 - A) Reviving the psychiatry interest side of WAMSS Mental Health? OR
 - B) Splitting again? Surgery, physician, rural, GP, O&G interest groups are all separate...
 - OD: In Lianne's opinion, WMH should be more about the mental health in students and less about the clinical interest side of psychiatry
 - AC: Leave it until the point where someone who is very interested in psychiatry is willing to start an interest group
 - JC: If Lianne is keen to see that happen in the future for it, if she knows of anyone in the younger years keen to set it up could reach out.
 - Consensus: agree that the Mental Health chair should focus on the Mental health of medical students.



- **Mental Health Chair - Lianne Leung** - perhaps lianne could bring to wamss the issue of cohort cohesion & culture. with massive changes in course structure, covid etc conversations like these are less fostered amongst peers and medical students alike. I guess no one really has an answer but worth a mention"
 - KG: MD2 cohort has been great, there hasn't been any glaring issues
 - JB: Was saying to Shanae that when you are put into random clinical groups where you don't know the others, you end up making friends across all backgrounds.
 - HW: Now that MDs have in-person classes, cohort cohesion is much better
 - OT: Felt very much that you had 4 weeks of meeting people and then nothing. But now that we are meeting people behind the screens it has been better.
 - LM: How about before you went online?
 - OT: Okay but we needed more time to feel settled with the other cohort
 - JC: MD3 cohort struggled with the cohort cohesion at the start of MD2 but now we have mostly forgotten who is Medsci and MD
 - SJ: We don't know everyone in MD1 yet. People were walking into the exam on Friday and we weren't sure who they were.
 - JY: There was some contact in lectures with the Medscis however they're mostly still segregated, even on Zoom.
 - LM: We are looking to overhaul the Faculty Orientation with Year Reps and Brelen to hopefully improve on how people are introduced into the degree.
 - TN: Cross-cohort cohesion has probably decreased. At the start of next year it might be good to have some more social start-of-year events to meet the rest of the year groups
 - AC: Early handovers will facilitate this so you can organise events early
 - JY: Is the interfac sport meant to be for all?
 - LM: Historically has been MD1 for being on-campus
 - EH: The MD1s are not on campus at the moment and we're trying to coordinate players for this to take the pressure off the same people
 - KD: Could we try to coordinate inter-year Med teams for UWA social sport?
 - DG: That could be a great idea, we could coordinate through the Facebook page. **Add to handover for sports**
 - LM: Our year group was social so we went to events and met people in other year groups at social events.
 - JN: Harder because our year group is made of a larger cohort of interstate students.



Part IV – Other Business

- **Mental Health Chair - Lianne Leung** - How is it going with the Med Common Room?
 - OD: They're going to renovate the computer room downstairs, with a kitchen next to it and the back room. There will be a new carpet and ceiling, they will be taking out the desks and replacing it with TVs and couches. Lots of plants for plant people. The kitchen will have a new fridge and microwave. New bathrooms as well. The plan has been approved by the University now (this is huge).
 - JB: Will we have a ping pong or air hockey table?
 - OD: WAMSS will have to buy it or we can have MIPS donate for it
 - OD: There will also be plans to renovate FJ Clark Lecture theatre. Hopefully the MD1s get to experience it at some point in their degree.

- **Interhealth - Dinnu Devarapalli and Amy Collins** - Would any of you guys have suggestions for people to come speak at the Subcomm get together?
 - LM: They've often used Jasmine Sekhorn who now works at King Eddies - she did her elective at the United Nations and WHO.
 - LM: Nick Coatworth is currently leading the WA force for COVID19 and gave the MD4 Orientation Talk. He has spoken at AMSA and GHC before and is an ex-UWA

- **Queer Chairs - Thomas DB and Anthony Kopeland** - LGBTQI Medical Education Survey - Thomas and Anthony will be able to post the survey links within the 3rd and 4th year Facebook groups. We would be very appreciative if someone in the 1st and 2nd year Facebook groups could also post a link (Most likely year reps if possible!).
 - LM: To be the next big survey after the Student Experience one. Ongoing talks with Brelen about how much we are surveying students. Faculty is making a conservative effort to streamline the process to avoid survey fatigue

- **Vice President Internal - Lauren Masi** - Remember to send me any Service Learning projects your portfolio might have for 2021. If you are thinking of using a 2021 Committee position as your Service Learning project please send me an email xx
 - LM: Have posted this in the Facebook groups for you to look at prior to the Expo
 - OT: If you use a committee position, do you have to be re-elected the next year?
 - LM: No you don't have to.
 - LM: WAMSS portfolios can be submitted for Service Learning

- **Vice President Internal - Lauren Masi** - Committee Member of the Month - Red Party for their tremendous effort this month