

SPRING GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

(Zoom Platform)

DAY 1: SATURDAY, APRIL 18th, 2020

Welcome

- Moment for individual Indigenous Land acknowledgment
 - Indigenous Land Acknowledgement App: <https://native-land.ca/>
 - Canadian Association of University Teacher's resource: <https://www.caut.ca/content/guide-acknowledging-first-peoples-traditional-territory>
- Chair Dr. Franco Rizzuti (CFMS president 2016/2017)
- Zoom Meeting Instructions
 - Change Zoom name for easy dispatch into breakout sessions
- CFMS SGM 2020 Bingo Instructions

President's Update

- What is the CFMS?
 - Mission: Connect, support and represent our membership as they learn to serve patients and society
 - "Tomorrow's physicians leading for health today"
- Strategic Plan 2017-2022 Focus Areas
 - Operational Directions
 - Improve efficiency of committees and general assembly
 - Engage and Develop Member Volunteers
 - Enhance Board Structure and Regional Representation
 - Increase Human Resources and Financial Health
 - Midpoint Strategic Plan Review
 - Midpoint of the 2017-2022 strategic plan
 - Opportunity for organizational review along with pulse check
 - Group of individuals external to board involved in review
 - Operational Focus
 - Collaboration/Partnerships
 - Membership Engagement and Communication
 - Improving Strategic Focus of portfolios
 - Collaboration/Partnerships
 - Finalized CMA Funding Agreement
 - Signed new CFMS-CMA MOU
 - Strengthened partnership with other learner organizations and representative groups
 - Membership Engagement and Communication

- President's Blog/President's Tour
 - Attended meetings of all roundtables
 - Significant increase in Communique Subscribers
 - Increased Social Media Engagement
 - Development of Portfolio Strategic Plans
 - Each Portfolio creating 2020-2022 strategic plan
 - Guide overall direction in alignment with completing current 2017-2022 strategic plan
- Some Areas of Focus this year
 - Physician Resource Planning and Unmatched Medical Graduates
 - Continues to be top priority
 - Press regarding this years match to be released Monday
 - Continue to call for increased residency positions
 - Comprehensive support program developed
 - Student Wellness, Health Promoting Environments & Medical Culture
 - New HHR (Health Human Resources) Task Force Launched
 - Tool and interface for students to be launched at AGM
 - Wellness:
 - Health Promoting Learning Environments
 - Increased partnerships
 - Canadian Conference Physician Health Presentations
 - CFMS National Leader on Physician and Learner Wellness
 - Leadership Development
 - Equity, Diversity & Inclusivity
 - Task Force Launched
 - Indigenous Health
 - Representation Working Group
 - Week of Action
 - Technology and Innovation in Medicine
- COVID-19
 - CFMS COVID-19 Community Care Initiative Grants
 - Up to \$10,000 available for CFMS member Med Socs to apply to in order to support community care initiatives to support Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic response
 - Due April 3rd, 2020, 11:59 PM EST
 - #Medstudentscare
 - First Two Days: Day 1 (Friday)
 - Member Memo #1
 - Board Update
 - Suspension of all CFMS-related business travel issued
 - SGM Contracts (hotel and catering cancelled)
 - SGM registrants, national officers, travel and leadership award winners notified of cancellation

- Initiated consultation and info gathering re: med ed changes
 - Note to staff re: working from home
 - In contact with Dr. Moineau and the AFMC
 - Discussions underway SGM to virtual meeting
 - Touched base with RDoC and FMEQ
 - All info communicated on social media, communicated with PRT, RRT
 - Contact with MCC re: MCCQE Part 1 postponed
 - Begin assessing impact on IFMSA exchanges
- First Two Days: Day 2 (Saturday)
 - Member memo #2
 - LMCC memo
 - Continued to stay up to date on developments in general
 - Monitored discussions from MedSocs (concerns, developments etc)
 - Help amplify the student community care volunteering initiative
 - Continued communication all national organization
 - Next steps in assessing financial impact
 - Board Update
- Since then
 - 6 member memos total, other follow-up memos
 - Hundreds of hours of meetings from board members
 - SGM now virtual
 - Minimal disruptions in organizational operations. All portfolios operating at almost full capacity
 - Over thousand direct interactions with students through meetings, emails
 -and more
- Our Focus
 - Medical Education Advocacy and Representation
 - Continue supporting Student Initiatives
 - Preparing for the “new normal”

CFMS Board of Directors- Portfolio Updates: Communications

- Communications Portfolio Structure:
 - Director of Communications
 - Communications Dyad
 - National Officer IT
 - Communications Committee:
 - Three positions mentioned above
 - Portfolio Liaisons
 - Annual Review Editor
 - Communique Editor
- Different areas of communications
 - Supporting all portfolios and assisting in communications planning/strategy
 - Engage + outreach to members

- External communications
- All while staying relevant to the membership
- Annual Review
 - Call for Submissions: CFMS Annual Review Cover Art
 - \$100 prize
 - Theme: Art & Humanities in Medicine
 - Due: December 15th, 2019
 - Call for Submissions: CFMS Annual Review (articles, poems, art)
 - Due: January 5th, 2020
- Communique
 - New ways to subscribe to Communique
 - Tick box when create a CFMS website account
 - Tick box when edit profile on the CFMS website
 - Audience Growth in past year ~2,000 subscribers
- GSuite Transition
 - Move CFMS email from Tiger Technologies to GSuite
 - Benefits
 - More intuitive
 - Better security
 - Better network stability
 - Better protocols for outgoing emails - not marked as spam anymore
 - Better self-management of email accounts
 - New neat features: Hangouts, Drive, Calendars
- CFMS Website
 - Ongoing CFMS App exploration working group
 - Website optimization
 - Privatization of our code repositories. Shifting to more modern website building service (Netlify)
- Other CFMS projects
 - HHR Task Force Platform
 - Electives Database
 - Interview Database
- Social Media
 - Facebook: 7,100 fans
 - Twitter: 10,000 followers
 - Instagram: 1,200 followers
 - New Approach
 - Reducing amount of advertisements
 - More focus on high engagement content
 - Showcase Thursday
 - Initiatives in other portfolios (perspectives in medicine, MDs in GH)
 - More videos
 - Timely, more visual communications (press releases, member memos)

- Other items
 - Complete reorganization of the communications committee to provide more support to portfolios
 - More bilingualism to come!
- Communications- COVID considerations
 - Even more important to reach out to a higher number of people
 - CFMS will assure quick and efficient communications

CFMS Board of Directors- Portfolio Updates: Education

- Education Committee
 - uCMG
 - Peer Mentorship Network, updating uCMG section of Matchbook, updating CFMS backgrounder with CaRMS 2020 data
 - CBME
 - Creation of Transition to Residency Guide
 - Policy Liaison
 - Reviewing Education position papers, creating Ed position paper tracker
 - IPE
 - Drafting position paper regarding IPE curricula at each school
 - Tech & Innovation
 - Drafting of position paper regarding Artificial Intelligence in Medicine
 - Matchbook
 - Updating and revising to publish for Class of 2021
 - Accreditation
 - Reviewing ISA toolkit, improving efficacy of tool
- Research Committee
 - Receives brief introduction to research ethics in Canada
 - Research in Medicine Podcast Series
 - Research Spotlight
 - Scholarship Database
 - Infographics/Research Resources
- Associations of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC)
 - Portal Steering Committee
 - Presented CFMS AFMC Portal WG Position Paper
 - Advocating for shorter application window, 26 --> 24
 - Standardizing response times
 - Automatic Home School Verification Pilot
 - Updated Visiting Elective Guide
 - Application Fees/Refunds Working Group
 - Formulated universal refund policy
 - Advocacy for removal of elective fees
 - Portal Data Analysis Working Group (PDAWG)
 - Continuing to provide student perspective regarding data

- Immunization Working Group
 - Standardizing requirements, updating AFMC Immunization Form
- Electives Network
 - Collaborating to shorten application window, identifying barriers/delays
 - Gathering data on rate limiting steps to guide advocacy
 - Standardizing communication regarding required documents for 3 timepoints:
 - Prior to application submission
 - Upon confirmation of elective
 - Prior to arrival
 - Schools to organize institution pages to ensure accessibility for students
 - Capacity reports – working to get schools to generate reports/communicate on AFMC Portal
- Future Admissions of Canada Think Tank (FACTT)
 - Finalized FACTT Strategy Paper
 - Determined key principles to guide MD Admissions
 - Discussion of nation-wide MCAT threshold policy
 - Improving GPA reliability & validity
 - Determining methods to promote EDI within admissions
- Entry Routes Harmonization Task Force
 - Enacting action items outlined by Entry Routes WG
 - Consolidating harmonized entry routes, such as Medical Microbiology & Medical Genetics
- AFMC Response to Opioid Crisis - Content Reviewer
 - Reviewing opioid crisis curriculum resources
- Canadian Residency Matching Service (CaRMS)
 - Application Review Committee (ARC)
 - Notifying students regarding program description changes
 - Tracking progress of documents & placeholders within applications for required documents
 - Program requirements extraction tool
 - Making bilingual platform more accessible
 - Discussions around utility of MINC
 - Best Practices in Application & Selection (BPAS)
 - New program description templates & refinement
 - Interview Communication Tool
 - Tried for R-1 Match
 - Conduct analysis of feedback from students
 - Joint Match Violations Policy Committee
 - Feedback for revised Match Violations Policy for both applicants & programs, holding programs accountable
- Royal College
 - Specialty Education Videos

- Collaborating to create promotional videos for specialties with low student exposure
 - Radiation Oncology
 - Medical Microbiology
 - General Pathology
 - Drafting blueprint for videos in collaboration with FMEQ
 - Plan to begin filming/production post-COVID-19
- Medical Council of Canada (MCC)
 - MCC Representative
 - Continuing to advocate for lower fees
 - Tasked with creating objectives for disaster management with focus on climate change
 - CFMS HEART leading this work, completed and collaborating with FMEQ to finalize
- Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools (CACMS)
 - Consultation Group participation to review challenges of accreditation process for medical schools
- CMA
 - Virtual Care Task Force Report
 - Member of Education Working Group
 - Collaborated on Education section of VCTF Report
 - Published Feb. 11, 2020
- Additional Projects
 - National Annual Survey
 - Launched today!
 - Analysis & generation of CFMS Report
 - Match Supports
 - Collaborating with Student Affairs to organize supports/resources for students
 - Collaborating with external stakeholders, such as MDFM to advocate for student supports

CFMS Board of Directors- Portfolio Updates: Global Health

- CFMS Global Health Leadership Structure
 - Director of Global Health
 - Global Health Dyad
 - National Officers
 - Partnerships
 - Indigenous Health
 - Global Health Education
 - Sexual and Reproductive Health
 - Human Rights and Peace
 - Global Health Exchanges

- Incoming
 - Outgoing
- Goals for 2019/2020
 - Increased collaboration
 - Internal Collaboration
 - Increased frequency of National Officer meetings
 - Global Health national project
 - External Collaboration
 - Increased frequency of meetings with external organizations such as the IFMSA Québec
 - Increased involvement with the IFMSA
 - The International Federation of Medical Students Associations:
 - Network connecting medical students from 123 countries
 - Traditionally the CFMS:
 - Sends a delegation to IFMSA annual meetings
 - Takes part in exchanges
 - Increasing involvement:
 - Increased frequency of meetings with IFMSA Québec
 - Re-allocation of human resources within the CFMS Global Health portfolio
 - Increased efficiency and effectiveness of portfolio
 - The CFMS Global Health structure:
 - Involves National Officers who oversee Local Officers at each CFMS member school
 - Local officers:
 - Facilitate CFMS Global Health initiatives at the local level
 - Take part in national initiatives
 - Increased effectiveness:
 - Clarification and standardization of the Global Health Liaison Terms of Reference
 - Increased general member engagement
 - Communications:
 - New position – Global Health Communications Assistant
 - Streamline Global Health communications to CFMS Communiqué
 - Website:
 - Updated with new resources and initiatives
 - Initiatives:
 - Day of Education
 - CFMS Indigenous Week of Advocacy
 - Increased diversity within medicine
 - Indigenous Representation Exploratory Working Group:
 - Increasing representation within the CFMS
 - Groundwork for future advocacy

- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Task Force:
 - Collaborative Task Force with GA
 - Increasing EDI within medicine and the CFMS
 - CFMS Indigenous Week of Advocacy:
 - Global Health national project
 - March 23-27th – postponed due to COVID-19
 - What's next for Global Health?
 - Continued fulfilment of goals
 - Continued prioritization of general member engagement
 - Reflection on COVID-19 implications to the CFMS Global Health portfolio

CFMS Board of Directors- Portfolio Updates: Government Affairs

- Government Affairs Portfolio at a Glance:
 - Director of Government Affairs
 - Government Affairs Dyad
 - GAAC Representatives Roundtable
 - National Officer Political Action
 - National Day of Action Topic Selection Committee
 - National Day of Action Research Committee
 - National Officer Health Policy
 - Committee on Health Policy
 - Rapid Response Team Lead
 - Rapid Response Team
- Main areas of focus:
 - Relevant Advocacy
 - Health Advocacy Education
 - Engagement of Stakeholders
 - Effective Communication
 - Advocacy Follow-through
- National Day of Action
 - 24 February 2020, a success
 - Follow up plans postponed due to pandemic
- Advocacy Portal
 - Large amount of advocacy produced each year
 - Some duplicated, worked on co-currently without any communications
 - Students interested in Advocacy will have somewhere to start
- New Task Forces
 - Social Determinants of Health Task Force
 - Health and Human Resources Task Force
- The Future of Government Affairs
 - Continue to develop portfolio in main areas of focus
 - Development of advocacy portal

- Rapid response team to work on COVID-19 – contribute to updating the CFMS COVID-19 webpage
- Resolutions will occur at the Annual General Meeting
- Longitudinal Advocacy Elective brought nationally, spearheaded by U of T

CFMS Board of Directors- Portfolio Updates: Student Affairs

- Wellness Roundtable (WRT)
 - Monthly meetings
 - Connection and communication between wellness reps at all member schools
 - Observers and guests welcome to share Wellness related content, activities, initiatives and issues that can be addressed at a national level
- Wellness Initiatives (National Officer Wellness)
 - National Wellness Challenge (NWC)
 - More than 650 students participated in the 2020 NWC
 - Opportunity to collaborate with FMEQ and ensure FMEQ member schools ability to participate
 - National Wellness Challenge survey:
 - Enjoyable for students
 - Improves medical student wellness
 - Perspectives in Medicine
 - Collaboration with OMSA
 - 11 stories shared thus far
 - #PerspectivesInMed
 - <https://www.perspectivesinmedicine.ca/stories.html>
 - Safe Spaces
 - Peer-support for COVID-19: Personal and Academic Changes
 - Teleconference with option of anonymity
 - In attendance:
 - Med Students from across country
 - Moderator
 - Director of Student Affairs
 - 2 guest residents
 - Hosted first session January 29, 2020 – UofA Moderator
 - Special Edition March 5, 2020 – Unmatched, UWO Moderator
 - Next session May 5, 2020 – McGill Moderator
 - CFMS Connects in COVID
 - Facebook page
 - Wellness activities, study groups, fitness, games, recipes
 - Launch end of April 2020
 - Recruiting team members and activity leads
- Services (National Officer Services)
 - Interviews Database

- Launched January 2020
 - Number of Interview Database reviews to date: 35
 - Goal to increase reviews
 - Electives Database
 - Completed uploads of elective lists of all schools
 - Number of Electives Database reviews:
 - Incl. Western Electives Guide transcriptions: 89
 - Excl. Western Electives Guide transcriptions: 49
 - Goal to increase reviews
 - Partnerships
 - New partnerships: PEPID, UWorld, HMX Harvard Medical School, Visual Anatomy, AMBOSS
 - Renewed partnerships: Air Canada, Westjet, Choice Hotels, Wolters Kluwer/Lippincott, Pharmacology You See, CanadaQbank, medskl, MDF Instruments, Osmosis, VisualDx, 3D4 Medical, Skyscape, USMLE-Rx, Medelita, Running Room, UpToDate
 - New team members, greater institutional memory and structure to maintaining partnerships and discounts
 - Identify advertising strategies to improve awareness of CFMS services amongst CFMS members
 - Adopted a new strategy comprising emails sent to CFMS reps at every school via the RRT leader. Emails contained ads and requests to reps to distribute to their students however they see fit
- Task Forces
 - Wellness Curriculum TF
 - Goals
 - Support Canadian medical faculties by creating an evidence-based wellness curriculum framework for Canadian medical education
 - Support faculties in training healthier physicians for the future
 - Work Completed
 - Set of goals and objectives that fall under five domains of wellness created
 - Physical, Emotional, Professional fulfillment, Social Relationship, Spiritual needs
 - Detailed Dissemination Plan for the wellness curriculum framework
 - Upcoming
 - Consultation with national stakeholders involved in medical education (SA Deans, Royal Colleges, faculty Curriculum Committees)
 - Health Promoting Learning Environments TF
 - Goals

- Support Canadian medical faculties by creating a framework of individuals-targeted and systems-based strategies for providing health promoting environments for students across all faculties
 - Work Completed
 - First draft of position paper completed
 - Upcoming
 - To be submitted at AGM 2020
- Mistreatment TF
 - #CFMSCelebratesCultureChangers
 - 172 nominations received
 - #CFMSCelebratesCultureChangers
 - Pins to be worn on May 1st, 2020 National Doctor's Day (Canada)
 - Annual campaign
- Leadership Development
 - Development and submission of a Strategic Innovation Fund application looking at developing an Educational Leadership Community Engagement Plan and the release of the campaign in late Summer or Fall 2020
 - Development of a Leadership Development Position Paper to be submitted at AGM 2020
- Collaborations
 - FMEQ/ RDoC/ CMA
 - All Wellness activities
 - Incoming R1 Facebook groups
 - Multiple meetings
 - CaRMS interview video blog
 - Social Media
- Other Activities
 - Collaboration with Education portfolio on CFMS National Survey
 - Longitudinal Wellness Initiative
 - Strategic Plans for Student Affairs portfolio
 - Phlebotomy Bowl/ Blood drive
 - Wellness Wednesdays
 - STRIVE/ Resiliency curriculum
 - Leadership Awards
 - Communications strategies/ Awareness Leads
 - Institutional memory/ Google Suites/ Structure

Board Q & A Session

- Students send questions to the Chair through a Zoom text message. Chair reads a question out loud and addresses the Board member to answer it
- Question: What is CFMS continuing to do on uCMGs post second iteration numbers?
 - Answer: Preparing a statement, reviewing data from CaRMS and continuing advocacy to note that there is still not a 1: 1.2 ratio of medical students to

residency positions. Need better HHR planning and continued supports for those not matched. Remains top priority for CFMS

- Question: What are the exact deliverables of the EDI task force?
 - Answer: Group works on strategy plan, position paper and other more immediate actionable initiatives. Still recruiting, please let know if interested

Finance Report

- Notes documented in the in-camera meeting minutes

Leadership Award Winner Presentations and Special Acknowledgement

- 15 winners presented (one per each school)
 - Nolan Chem (UBC)
 - Michael Taylor (Alberta)
 - Crystal Liu (Calgary)
 - Lucas King (Saskatchewan)
 - Joseph Darcel (Manitoba)
 - Erika Lau (NOSM)
 - Montana Hackett (Western)
 - Betty Zhang (McMaster)
 - Andriy Katyukha (Queen's)
 - Kaitlin Andres (Ottawa)
 - Milani Sivapragasam (McGill)
 - Michael Mackley (Dalhousie)
 - Jillian McCarthy (Memorial)
 - Jessica Vandendorre (CFMNB)
 - In Memory of: Mohammad Asadi-Lari (Toronto)

Introduction to CFMS Elections

- Contested elections are a sign of a healthy organization
- Our elections run using “instant runoff voting”
- All uncontested positions require majority vote of confidence
- Election Process:
 - Bios/Intent, CV/Resume were posted to SGM Website on Tuesday, 14 April
 - Presidential candidates: 5 minute speech followed by 10 minutes Q&A
 - Director and VP candidates: 3 minute speech followed by 3 minutes Q&A
 - Candidates running for the same position will be put in the virtual waiting room, while their peers provide their speech
 - Deliberation time after conclusion of all candidates on Saturday and Sunday
 - Each member school (Medical Society) is encouraged to deliberate with their members before emailing their vote

2019-2020 CFMS Presidential Election

- Lucas King (Saskatchewan)
- Henry Li (Manitoba), elected
- Michael Mackley (Dalhousie)

CaRMS: Brief Presentation and Q and A Session

- John Gallinger, CaRMS CEO and Ryan Kelly from CaRMS attended
- Provided a brief overview presentation focused on the CaRMS forum dataset
- No CaRMS forum at this time given everything happening with COVID and medical education
- Slide set: <https://www.carms.ca/pdfs/2020-carms-forum.pdf>
- Highlighted different parts of the CaRMS dataset
- AGM attendees asked questions based on the CaRMS dataset

Portfolio Topics Breakout Groups Discussion

- Students are moved into different Zoom rooms for updates and discussions
- Students signed up for 1 portfolio topic for each discussion round
 - Education: Impacts in Med Ed as a result of COVID-19 and AFMC visiting electives portal
 - Student Affairs: Coping with Transitions during medical school, promoting culture change in medical school
 - Government Affairs: Relevant Advocacy: How can the CFMS make its advocacy efforts most relevant to medical students?
 - Global Health: Global Health in the Era of COVID-19
 - Finance: Financial Literacy for Medical Students
 - Communications: Next Steps in a CFMS App

Meeting Adjourned

DAY 2: SUNDAY, APRIL 19th, 2020

Welcome Back

- Reminder to change one's Zoom name

2019-2020 CFMS Vice-Presidents and Portfolio Directors Elections

- VP Communications
 - Clara Long (Dalhousie)
 - Vivian Tan (Dalhousie), elected
- VP Finance
 - Victor Kang (McGill)
 - Anson Lee (McGill), elected

- Director Global Health
 - Kathy Huang (McMaster)
 - Farnaz Javadian (UBC)
 - Yotakahron Jonathan (McMaster), elected
 - Andrew Terence Lam (Toronto)
 - Tracy Pham (Alberta)
 - Aishwi Roshan (UBC)
 - Kelan Wu (McGill)
- Director Education
 - Avrilynn Ding (Queen's), elected
 - Kathleen MacMillan (Dalhousie)
- Director Government Affairs
 - Sehjal Bhargava(Saskatchewan), elected
 - Joseph Darcel (Manitoba)
 - Angela Dong (McMaster)
 - Justin Fernandes (UBC)
 - Rafael Zaki (Manitoba)
- Director Student Affairs
 - Emily MacPhail (Calgary)
 - Lucas King (Saskatchewan), elected

Communities of Interest Breakout Groups Discussions

- Students are moved into different Zoom rooms for updates and discussions
- Students signed up for 1 topic for each discussion round
 - Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity in Medicine
 - CFMS EDI Task Force- The CFMS Strategy
 - Medical School Admissions
 - How are students leading the way in re-imagining medical school admissions processes
 - COVID-19 Community Care Initiatives
 - Medical Students have stepped up and taken significant leadership roles during the COVID-19 pandemic response. How do we continue this momentum?
 - Technology and Innovation in Medicine
 - How do we harness technology as part of medical education? How do we promote innovation and creativity amongst medical students?
 - Health Human Resource Planning
 - HHR Task Force- What role do learners play in shaping HHR planning for the future?
 - Climate Change and Health
 - Next steps in promoting Climate Change and Health

AFMC Presentation and Q and A

- Dr. Moineau (AFMC President) and Dr. Karwowska (AFMC VP Education) gave an update to attendees on the work that AFMC has been doing in response to COVID-19. They acknowledged significant effects on medical education
- Dr. Karwowska presented a document that was passed by the AFMC board: "Ten Principles for Medical education during COVID-19". Outlines factors to be taken into consideration as education decisions are made
- Dr. Moineau discussed AFMC's response to the latest match numbers
- AGM attendees asked questions based on the presentation and other changes happening in medical education

Regional Roundtable

- Students split up into different Zoom meeting rooms for an update, discussion and Q&A with students from other Universities in their region. Lead by the Regional Directors
- Atlantic Region
 - Ways the CFMS has been involved with the Atlantic region
 - Campus visits
 - Teleconferences
 - Atlantic Task Force
 - No concerns or issues brought up by students.
 - Discussion centred around the Atlantic Task Force project on physician retention
 - Lots of interest from all the schools
- Ontario Region
 - Welcome, Agenda Review
 - Updates from the Ontario Regional Directors
 - Meetings with Med Socs
 - Visited each med soc once
 - Except U of T given circumstances
 - Meetings with Med Soc Presidents
 - Been meeting with Med Soc presidents for the past 4-6 weeks
 - Collaboration with OMSA
 - Meeting with OMSA at their meetings
 - Update on CFMS projects
 - Provide national perspective into their topics of discussion
 - Two new exciting collaborations
 - Education:
 - OMSA has a seat on the COFM (Council of Faculties of Medicine) with UE Deans. Can only attend Full COFM meetings which is infrequent.
 - Written a letter together with OMSA to increase CFMS representation at the meetings, and to have a student invited at the COFM meetings (with just the Deans)
 - Student Affairs:

- At an OMSA meeting, Dr. Lam spoke about wellness, which the CFMS has worked extensively on
 - Get students to write a “white paper” for hospitals and preceptors to support wellness in the clinical environment.
 - CFMS has been working on the health environment and learning TF.
 - Decided to write a policy paper together for best practices for preceptors to follow.
 - To be released by OMSA and then CFMS
- Question: For the SA collaboration: Has there been any collaboration with AFMC so that the proposal takes into account their opinions and what they think?
 - Answer: CFMS has a person who is within AFMC to help champion this paper (one of the SA Deans) to be a faculty advisor. Paper is OMSA-led currently
- Question: For COFM Meetings: How would the information flow occur?
 - Answer: Need to increase communication with local Med Socs to discuss concerns
- Discussion Topics
 - Feedback and/or ideas for OMSA collaborations
 - Feedback on Med Soc Meetings: How to make them more helpful?
 - Suggestions how to make it more worthwhile to med socs to have an ORD attend meeting
 - Question: Is there a report or a blog to update this?
 - Answer: Med socs take their own minutes. The minutes we take are not publicized
 - Question: Is there any way to have just one med soc meeting? Some sort of system where to get monthly meeting minutes and scan issues that come up?
 - Answer: Six medical schools, difficult to plan meetings. Has been helpful to meet biweekly with med soc presidents. To allow ORD to be up to date with what is happening. Have all found it very valuable. Could be taken up by Med Soc presidents and have ORD included.
 - Answer: Could be useful for ORD to chair these. No need to be every two weeks. Meetings with ORD super useful. In regards to minutes, have a document to include important points useful to CFMS
 - Answer: Highlight that the OMA has their presidential campaign with two candidates. It is important to engage within that process. Would be useful to actively reach out to those candidates
- Student Choice Initiative
 - Last year the Student Choice Initiative was created to have students opt out of fees that support Med Socs.

- Similar to having advocacy occurred at WMSAM with round table advocacy, could have a BMSAC rep there to advocate.
 - Component that functions within admissions equity
- When putting out topics for what students want to vote on, sometimes equity for underrepresented groups don't get votes as they're underrepresented.
 - Perhaps reserve 1-2 topics during WMSAM for those groups.
- Letter to be sent to Deans of all medical schools coming from the community of support program (U of T) to advocate for eliminating financial inequities that affect these communities.
 - CFMS could collaborate with programs that are already doing this
- SK can't hold the Ice Bowl in the foreseeable future. All rinks in Saskatoon and Regina don't open up their schedules until a couple months before so UGME isn't supportive. Want to work on solutions.
 - What if we hold it in a more rural area? Is it easier to get ice time in a more rural area? Rural Physicians of Alberta group runs weekend skills events. Collaborate with SK equivalent?
 - Within 1 hr radius hard to book ice and transportation

Meeting Adjourned