

CFMS BOARD 2020/2021 TELECONFERENCE #7

Meeting Minutes

Sunday, January 31st 2021

19h00 EDT - 21h00 EDT

Chair: Victor Do

Present: Khaldon Abbas, Victor Do, Henry Li, Lucas King, Anson Lee, Yseult Gibert, Wendy Yao, Rosemary Conliffe

Regrets: Taylor Heinzlmeir

Welcome

- Motion to start
 - Moved, seconded
 - Motion carried

President Update

- Still some schools asking for more than 3 reference letters
- Language requirement
 - French schools applying to English programs
 - Some provinces and schools that have not resolved
 - Some schools have some language requirements for French students
 - Still need to be resolved
- Visiting electives still on hold due to equity, availability
 - Some schools do not have electives after certain month
 - May be disproportionate impact if portal is to be reopened at later date
- CMA (Canadian Medical Association)
 - Supportive of us in our position
 - Determine where to use some of the funds for PR support (SIF funds)
- AFMC (Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada) meeting last week
 - Unmatched CMG (Canadian Medical Graduate)
 - Discussion regarding Health Human Resource personnel planning
 - Focus on long term strategy pieces

Anti-Racism Efforts

- Board Anti-Racism board folder
- Dr. Sara Goulet (Associate Dean of Admissions, U of Manitoba) and Jackie Gruber (Director of Equity Diversity and Inclusion, U of Manitoba) currently getting group of people together
 - Close to having this complete to help with the current situation
 - Includes Indigenous elders
- Discussions about recruiting volunteers to working groups to make it a safer space and be present to get input and meeting runs smoothly

- Other than students
- Let others voice their concerns and decide how to create this safe space
- Indigenous medical students across country are willing to help in this work and passionate
- Bring up ideas about who should be compensated for this work
- Meeting (Town hall) involve GH (Global Health) National Officers, PRT (Presidents RoundTable), RRT (Representatives RoundTable), and involved parties
 - Possibly have one for general membership
 - Date potentially late February, another one potentially mid March
- SA (Student Affairs) EDI (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity) working group (WG)
 - Goal to use group as advisory group to help provide directions as move forward with Action Items
 - Creating survey to gauge from WG what success of these items will look like, how to gauge success in these recommendations
 - Goal to create anonymous place where people can voice concerns and provide feedback
 - Global Health Portfolio
- Transition meeting from resigned Global Health Dyad/Ontario Regional Director today
- Current discussions on how to select NOs (National Officers)
 - Discussion with previous NOs for recommendation for selection and restructuring GH portfolio
- Visit Anti-racism/EDI Spreadsheet weekly to update
 - Look through it and see whether you can be involved in some of the recommendations to ensure progress
 - Leave comments/thoughts on the action items regarding next steps/ideas

Education Portfolio

- Education committee for most part file leads are independent
- Overall with portfolios will have less input in them

Government Affairs Portfolio

- NDoA will be put off for now
- NDoA2 will be delayed
- A lot of work is at standstill
- Most work will be related to EDI

Communications Portfolio

- Communications Dyad is in contact with resigned Vice-President Communications
- Response to letter writers will be sent tonight
- Please review spreadsheets for EDI and call to action

Meeting Adjourned