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Meeting Minutes  
Nursing Undergraduate Society Meeting  
November 7, 2020  
11:00 – 12:20  
Online Zoom Meeting  
Taken by: Claire Gallagher

Attendance: Joanne Louis, Lesley Mak, Jessica Goncalves, Lindsay MacLennan, Claire Gallagher, Rachael Shaw, Emma Isai, Julia Schafrick, Agazit Hadera, Priya Prabhakar, Ray Martinez-Rodriguez, Louise Biggar, Amanda Reynolds, Sarah Lem, Jonathan Young, James Mangaliman, Meredith McKinnon, Hailey Goldberg, Bukama Muntu, Hailey Vlahos, Rachelle Eldik, Paula Utomi, Alexandra Moysakos, Naomi van Walraven, Gautham Rajendra, Zachary Donaldson-Hall, Raman Deol, Rebecca Doyle, Neena Sharad, Jessica Kushla, Emily Sherwood, Robisa Pulendrarajah, Lisa Russell

Regrets: Evan Gammon, Melissa Holmes, Erica Lipworth, Lucky Malazogu, Shahram Zaheer

1) **Opening Remarks**

2) **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: Emma Isai                      Seconded: Rebecca Doyle                      Passed: Yes

3) **Approval of Minutes of August 10 Meeting**

Motion: Rachael Shaw                      Seconded: Bukama Muntu                      Passed: Yes

4) **Report from the Executives**

- President & Vice President-----Jessica Goncalves & Lindsay MacLennan
  - Jessica and Lindsay attended the faculty council meeting October 28. An update can be viewed at the link below:
    - [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SMJIMzmmzpQ4Z5DdWE4-0l\\_8gZDu4q1/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SMJIMzmmzpQ4Z5DdWE4-0l_8gZDu4q1/view?usp=sharing)
  - Anti-Racism Forum
    - NUS asked the Dean for a response to the Statement of Solidarity published earlier this year. No direct reply was given, but the Dean will address these issues through virtual town halls. Information from these townhall sessions will be compiled and distributed to the student body. A non-biased moderator was requested to be a part of future town halls.
  - Dean's Forum - participation required:
    - Next Dean's Forum: Wednesday, November 11, 2020.
    - NUS Executive members are to attend each Dean's Forums.
    - Other NUS members must choose to attend at least one Dean's Forum in either the Fall/Winter or Spring terms. Those attending the Fall/Winter event are: Ray Martinez-Rodriguez, Paula Utomi, Naomi van Walraven, Meredith McKinnon, Ramen Deol, Louise Biggar, Alexandra Moysakos,

Lindsay MacLennan, James Mangaliman, Priya Prabhakar, Rebecca Doyle, Bukama Muntu, and Hailey Vlahos.

- Graduate Panel
  - Nov 18, 2020 at 7PM.
  - More information on the Graduate Panel will be posted on Facebook.
- GNSS and NUS Blood Drive
  - Weeklong, holiday-theme blood drive that will take place November 23-27, 2020
  - Participants will be able to sign up online through the Canadian Blood Services website. Link to be shared soon.
- Anti-racism subcommittee
  - Please contact Lindsay MacLennan if interested in joining this sub-committee.
- Finance-----Emma Isai & Julia Schafrick
  - First-year NUS executives (Rachael, Lindsay, and Julia) were added to the BMO account on November 4, 2020.
  - Emma continues to prepare the audit for the past year.
  - Reimbursements:
    - Emma will be mailing out reimbursement cheques for CNSA conference.
    - Members are reminded to please deposit checks as soon as they receive them. Unfortunately, e-transfer is not currently an option.
    - How to submit reimbursements:
      - Keep your reimbursement form (or invoice form) to one page;
      - Include the receipt(s);
      - Add your mailing address, for the cheque to be mailed to; and
      - Email receipts and reimbursement form to [finance.uoftnus@gmail.com](mailto:finance.uoftnus@gmail.com).
  - Emma spoke to Josh (Coordinator, Student Policy Initiatives) about student fees and the possibility of setting up a scholarship. Josh is willing to help but mentioned that it may take a couple of months.
  - Emma thanked Lesley for taking and distributing the first-year gift cards.
  - Please note that all budgets are lower this year due to loss of ticket sale revenue associated with decreased events.
- Communications-----Claire Gallagher & Rachael Shaw
  - The November 2020 NUS calendar has been updated and new events will continue to be added as they are offered.
  - The NUS Quercus 'Course' and functionalities will be disabled and a Listserv of both the Class of '21 and '21 will be established by Lesley Mak as a means of communicating news and events with the cohort.

## 5) Report of Committees

- Equity Coordinators-----Agazit Hadera, Priya Prabhakar & Ray Martinez-Rodriguez
  - Updates from the curriculum meeting
    - Virtual Care
    - Equity Diversity and Inclusion
  - Updates from the town hall with the Dean regarding anti-Black racism in the Faculty
    - No concrete action items.

- Information was shared about the upcoming creation of an EDI committee expected to launch in early 2021, with which the Equity team will work in concert.
    - The townhall caused significant distress to BIPOC students, particularly Black students who felt unsupported and disrespected.
  - Fundraiser for Joyce Eshaquan
    - Equity will be partnering with No More Silence to coordinate funding for this initiative. A fundraiser blurb for NUS approval and release will be sent out next week.
  - GNSS and NUS potential collaborations
    - GNSS would like to host a Black History Month event and NUS would like to support the planning efforts.
    - Similarly, NUS will have GNSS support on the webinar series expected launch date January 2021.
  - Webinar
    - Equity is working to complete the grant for this initiative by next week.
    - As such, Equity is currently looking for potential speakers and would love to hear from NUS members if there are individuals who they think would be interested in sharing their expertise. Please make your recommendations [here](#).
  - Addressing Anti-Black and Anti-Indigenous Racism at Bloomberg – A subcommittee:
    - Members are being recruited for the above-mentioned subcommittee.
    - If other NUS members would like to support the coordination process of this initiative, they are encouraged to reach out to Equity.
- RNAO Delegates-----Erica Lipworth & Lucky Malazogu
- Nursing Students Week! (See CNSA)
- CNSA Delegates-----Louise Biggar & Amanda Reynolds
- CNSA Regional Conference (October 23-25, 2020): Thanks to the Executive team for mobilizing so quickly to sponsor additional students to attend the conference. Here are a few highlights:
    - Considered the active conscious process that is allyship and serving different members of the community.
    - Discussed the changing landscape of nursing as newer nurses are making up more of the workforce.
    - Highlighted Brene Brown as a good inspirational storyteller, to help practitioners build tools to manage mental health.
    - Medical American Sign Language Workshop.
    - Altering its internal board structure in an attempt to de-colonize its culture by changing from an executive board to incorporating an identity-based caucus structure. For more information, contact [president@cnsa.ca](mailto:president@cnsa.ca).
  - CNSA Administrative issues:
    - CNSA has submitted its first quarterly report and have submitted the annual UofT CNSA membership package.
  - National Nursing Students' Week (NNSW): Free Zoom session on the following topics will take place during NNSW:

- Nov 15: Possible Bloomberg Zoom event - Coffee & Convo. Preliminary ideas:
    - Kick of NNSW, highlight all NNSW events
    - Conversational prompts and games
    - Explain what the CNSA and RNAO are with an emphasis on how they benefit & support students
  - Nov 15: Indigenous Nurses/ Nursing Day
  - Nov. 16: Critical Care
  - Nov. 17: International Nursing
  - Nov. 18: Maternity/ Pediatric/ Midwifery
  - Nov. 19: Political Nursing
  - Nov. 20: Street Nursing
  - Nov. 21: Nurse Practitioner
- IPE Representatives-----James Mangaliman & Sarah Lem
    - First-years CORE IPE session: Monday, November 9, 2020.
    - James will confirm when the next second-year CORE IPE session is to take place (Case Based Palliative Care).
    - IPE representatives will speak with the Centre for IPE for more information regarding make up sessions for CORE IPE sessions missed due to clinical.
  - IHI Delegates-----Jonathan Young & Shahram Zaheer
    - The IHI pumpkin carving competition was a success! Amazon gift cards were handed out to the top 4 contestants.
    - U of T IHI will be releasing more speaker series on its website.
    - U of T IHI is planning an online conference from May 19-21, 2020. Time TBD.
  - UTSU Representatives-----Meredith McKinnon & Hailey Goldberg
    - Ratified the Board seat at the UTSU Monthly Board Meeting on October 31, 2020. As such, Meredith McKinnon now sits on the UTSU Board of Directors as Director of Nursing. Their first meeting was held last week, but the responsibilities of this role are still unfolding. An update will be provided at the next NUS meeting.
    - UTSU has liaised with the Advancement Office. They will be updating NUS on any events that students can be included during the upcoming year.
    - UTSU has been working on getting detailed information about the StudentCare Health & Dental Plan. More information to follow.
    - UTSU is working on a Google form to get feedback on what students need from NUS.
  - Social Coordinators-----Bukama Muntu, Hailey Vlahos & Rachele Eldik
    - A social survey was sent out to the cohort. Different options for online social events are being explored.
    - Social attended the Awards Committee meeting to get a sense of how donors are solicited and awards are created. The November 5, 2020 meeting has been cancelled.
  - Year Representatives-----Paula Utomi & Alexandra Moysakos
    - Year representatives have been in contact with the UofT Bookstore as well as Trademark Licensing and have set up Bloomberg Nursing merchandise to be purchased by students during the month of November, 2020.
      - There will be orders available for quarter-zip hoodies, full-zip hoodies, crew neck sweaters, and regular hoodies.

- The quarter-zip hoodies and the full-zip hoodies have the Bloomberg logo on the top left-hand corner of the sweater, with the 100 years logo on the left arm. The crew-neck sweaters and regular hoodies have the Bloomberg logo (larger) in the centre of the sweater, with the 100 years logo also on the left arm.
  - These sweaters will be available to all students for purchase on the Bookstore website.
  - Unfortunately, the school does not allow the selling of this merchandise for longer than one month at a time; therefore, it will be sold now, one month prior to the holidays to account for holiday sales. After this time, sales may be opened up for another month in the spring.
- Year representatives are also in the process of ordering NUS t-shirts for everyone on the team.
  - The t-shirts have the NUS logo on the front of the t-shirt (the same as the navy t-shirts that many have from last year), and the colour of the shirts will be a light pastel blue.
  - Will the NUS t-shirt costs be covered by NUS, or has each NUS student individually purchased these t-shirts in the past?
  - The NUS t-shirt order will not be available on the Bookstore website for purchase. Everyone's sizing preferences will be obtained shortly via a Google document and shirts will be ordered in bulk.
- Last meeting Year representatives brought up the idea of doing some sort of student appreciation event within lab groups each month.
  - Thinking of ordering Bloomberg mugs through the UofT Bookstore for one student from each lab group to win each month.
  - Does NUS have extra funds for this initiative?
- Grad Photos
  - Studio (New Paramount Studios) is open for grad photos. This announcement has been advertised on Facebook and Quercus.
    - There are 2 locations for photos.
    - Cost is \$15.
    - Instructions for booking are on Quercus /
    - Studio deadline is May 8, 2020.
- Athletic and Recreation Representatives-----Naomi van Walraven & Gautham Rejendra
  - The October Walking Challenge had a big turnout and seemed to be a success!
  - Athletics is finalizing a Registered Dietician and Strength & Conditioning Coach to speak via Zoom on November 17, 2020.
- Publications Coordinators-----Zachary Donaldson-Hall, Evan Gammon & Raman Deol
  - Publications completed and submitted last year's yearbook. They sold 64 copies (of the 74 copy goal).
  - No yearbooks have been sold in the early bird special for this year. As such, it might be worth considering not doing a yearbook/exploring other options for this year.
- Global Health Representatives-----Rebecca Doyle, Neena Sharad, Jessica Kushla & Emily Sherwood
  - The first virtual speaker's corner of the year will take place on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 3PM via Zoom.

