



Calgary Medical Students' Association

Q2 Report

April 2023 - July 2024

For any questions regarding the progress updates presented in this report or any other inquiries regarding the CMSA, please contact us at cmsa.studentgov@gmail.com. We thank you for your engagement in the CMSA and look forward to hearing from you!

Rafael Sanguinetti

President, Calgary Medical Students' Association



Rafael Sanguinetti | President

April 2024:

Provincial Day of Action (PDoA) - April 6-8, 2024

- Attended PDoA in Edmonton to meet with provincial MLAs and advocate for primary care reform in Alberta

CFMS - Spring General Meeting (SGM) - April 11-14, 2024

- Attended CFMS SGM in Vancouver
- Attended sessions related to CaRMS, financial planning, CFMS meetings, and iCAM sessions, among others

CBC News Interview Request - April 17, 2024

- Was contacted by CBC News journalist Travis McEwan for an interview regarding the PDoA, but the interview was offered to another student

Class President's Meeting - April 23, 2024

- Discussed progress on a potential CMSA statement on Israel/Palestine, questions about the Dean's Exam, and concerns about the proposed near-peer teaching program

Accreditation Lunch Meeting with Dr. M. Mintz - April 23, 2024

- Did not attend, but helped organize and promote the mini-ISA information session and promotion of the survey with the class

Inquiry into Switching Lockers - April 24, 2024

- Contacted UME Administrative Supervisor Sharon Litton regarding the possibility of allowing students to switch lockers given that the third-year students are leaving for residency
- Was told that students cannot switch lockers, and that the current vacant lockers are already reserved for the incoming first-year class

Meeting with VP EDI K. Yang, VP Global Health G. Pinnington, VP External National M. Gandhi, VP External Provincial M. Kimura - April 29, 2024

- Discussed progress on a potential CMSA statement on Israel/Palestine

CFMS Canadian Medical Student Research Competition (CMSRC) - April 29, 2024

- Forwarded CFMS CMSRC promotional material from c2025 student Dayoung Kim to VP Communications L. Iliscupidez for class distribution

Meeting with CFMS Director of Education Astha Burande - April 30, 2024

- Discussed potential platform points for presidency campaign and issues to highlight at UCalgary

May 2024:

CMSA Meeting with Palestinian Advocacy Group - May 6, 2024

- Discussed progress and challenges faced in creating a potential CMSA statement on Israel/Palestine

CFMS - PRT - May 12, 2024

- Discussed concerns regarding the Match Process going up to tender, and concerns regarding other MedSocs getting pressure to release a statement on Israel/Palestine

AMBOSS at Orientation - May 13, 2024

- Forwarded AMBOSS contact information to VP Communications L. Iliscupidez to potentially organize having AMBOSS support the c2027 orientation

Town Hall Booking - May 14, 2024

- Booked Clara Christie Theatre for the Palestinian Advocacy Group to host a town hall with the class

CMSA Meeting - May 14, 2024

- Discussed progress and challenges faced in creating a potential CMSA statement on Israel/Palestine, discussed potential next steps

Accreditation Steering Committee - May 17, 2024

- Discussed updates for the Accreditation process

Meeting with Western Canadian MedSocs - May 17, 2024

- Met with representatives from USask and UAlberta to discuss releasing a joint statement condemning the use of police violence on student protestors

CFMS - Elections - May 18, 2024

- Participated in the CFMS elections alongside VP External National M. Gandhi and VP External Provincial M. Kimura

CMSA High School Mentorship Program - May 18, 2024

- Emailed assigned mentee to discuss questions surrounding university and applying to medical school

CFMS - Western Roundtable Meeting - May 26, 2024

- Met with representatives of UAlberta, USask, UManitoba, as well as the current and incoming CFMS Western Regional Directors, to discuss final updates and future goals within the Western region

Meeting with USask - May 26, 2024

- Met with VP EDI K. Yang and USask MedSoc President Mimi Moustapha to discuss progress and next steps on a joint statement between Western schools

Meeting with Baby Animal - May 28, 2024

- Met with a first-year medical student interested in learning about the CMSA

AMBOSS Merch - May 29, 2024

- Coordinated incoming AMBOSS merch for the first-year students with VP Communications L. Iliscupidez and UME

June 2024:

Meeting with Canadian Association of Latin Medical Students (CALMS) - June 2, 2024

- Met with other members of CALMS to revise and update the constitution before ratification

Canadian Federation of Medical Students (CFMS) Marking: Governance/ President's Portfolio - June 2, 2024

- Evaluated applications for positions in the Governance and President's Portfolios

Class President's Meeting - June 4, 2024

- Discussed updates regarding the clerkship lottery timeline (occurring in August), the upcoming changes between CaRMS and the Match process starting in 2027, issues regarding attendance at large group sessions, and questions surrounding the Student Professionalism Committee.

Accreditation Steering Committee - June 7, 2024

- Discussed updates for the Accreditation process, as well as the Pre-Accreditation Survey and Report for the Class of 2026

Meeting with Dr. Todd Anderson, Dr. Beverly Adams, and Dr. Lisa Welikovitich - June 13, 2024

- Discussed updates regarding the upcoming changes between CaRMS and the Match process starting in 2027, potential joint UpToDate funding between UME and PGME, and upcoming meeting with other student groups at CSM

Upper Year Buddy Matches - June 24, 2024

- Received notification of first-year mentees for the mentorship program

July 2024:

CMSA Welcome Podcast - July 2, 2024

- Sent a welcome podcast to the UME to distribute to the incoming first-year class

Meeting with Baby Animal - July 3, 2024

- Met with a first-year medical student interested in learning about the CMSA

Inquiry about UpToDate funding - July 4, 2024

- Contacted UME to locate UpToDate agreement/contract details

Class of 2026 Pre-Accredation Report - July 4, 2024

- Submitted the Pre-Accreditation Report with the results of the pre-accreditation survey and recommendations to the Accreditation Steering Committee

Contact with Students' Union (SU) Representatives - July 14, 2024

- Was contacted by the new SU Cumming School of Medicine representatives Ali Beg and Hannah Kim regarding issues affecting medical students. Copied VP External Provincial M. Kimura and VP External National M. Gandhi onto email.

Feedback on Class of 2026 Pre-Accreditation Report - July 15, 2024

- Was contacted regarding collecting class feedback on the Pre-Accreditation Report, delegated task to VP Academic S. Ivaturi due to being on vacation

Contacted by Samaritan's Purse Canada - July 18, 2024

- Was contacted by International Disaster Response Director Katrina Annunziello regarding setting up a presentation and a facility tour for medical students to learn more about their organization. Awaiting further response.

Invitation to Calgary Bio Challenge - July 20, 2024

- Contacted to participate as a keynote speaker for the Calgary Bio Challenge on August 17th

CFMS Annual General Meeting (AGM) Bookings - July 23, 2024

- Visited UME Office to pay for flights, hotel, and registration for the upcoming 2024 CFMS AGM in Moncton, New Brunswick. Flight bookings for the three incoming first-year representatives are still pending.

Meeting with VP Communications L. Iliscupidez - July 23, 2024

- Discussed upcoming CMSA elections timeline for the Class of 2027, updates to the elections manual, and updates to the constitution

Updates on UpToDate Funding - July 23, 2024

- Contacted Senior Associate Dean of Education Dr. Lisa Welikovich regarding updates on discussions for a joint UME-PGME subscription to UpToDate. Further discussions are pending.

Students' Union (SU) Clubs Training Sign-Up - July 24, 2024

- Registered for ClubHub101 training on August 22 alongside VP Communications L. Iliscupidez and VP Finance J. Wytsma as part of the club re-registration process

Canadian Medical Hall of Fame - Discovery Days Workshop - July 25, 2024

- Was contacted by Program Manager Juliana Aguero regarding re-running an "Intro to Procedural Skills" workshop for visiting high school students in October. Copied fellow classmate Rayna Sharma and PGY-1 family medicine resident Alice Ko to assist

Clubs Fair - July 25, 2024

- Helped with distributing food and promoting the CMSA booth, answered general questions about the CMSA and the role of the President

Outreach for Multiculturalism in Medicine Showcase event - July 25, 2024

- Contacted several community organizations to participate in the upcoming Multiculturalism in Medicine Showcase on September 27th (Argentinian Canadian Association of Calgary, Brazilian Community Association of Alberta, Asociacion De Mujeres Latino Americanas, Venezuelan Canadian Association of Calgary, the Hispanic Arts Society, Aucamapu Chilean Folk Society)

Meeting with VP Events A. Soumbasis & T. Nguyen-Pham and VP Finance J. Wystma - July 29, 2024

- Discussed the funding process for representatives to travel to conferences such as the CFMS AGM/SGM

Meeting with VP External Provincial M. Kimura and VP External National M. Gandhi - July 29, 2024

- Briefly discussed potential funding plan for bringing representatives to Moncton for the 2024 CFMS AGM

Alam Randhawa & Shiva Ivaturi | VP Academics

Exams and Assessments

- Students are assessed on a variety of competencies at the end of the block to determine progression forward in the Re-Imagined Medical Education (RIME) curriculum. These competencies include but are not limited to: summative cards-based unit examinations, Objective Structured Clinical Exam (OSCE), Entrustable Professional Activity (EPA), In-Training Evaluation Report (ITER), and completion of formative assessments/surveys.
- Students can voice concerns about the content and/or methodology of assessments through consultation with the VP Academics.
- Advocated for exam results to be released in a timely fashion. Current policy is assessment results will be released within a maximum of 14 business days. This facilitates better engagement with students and supports, including SAWH. Factors that may delay exam result release include: holidays where faculty are not available (e.g. winter break) and reliance on preceptor commentary prior to distributing results (e.g. OSCE).
- Advocated and successfully organized information sessions prior to the OSCE taking place where individuals in the UME that coordinate assessment were able to answer questions about what is testable for students or not.

Portfolio

The VP Academics have the largest portfolio in the CMSA, with approximately 60 student representatives and 30 committees. The portfolio is designed to facilitate academic learning in preclerkship, clerkship, and additional resources/supports for curricular matters. The VP Academics worked in conjunction with portfolio members to implement the following:

- Clinical Skills Representatives: Worked with the Director of Clinical Skills (Dr. Ornstein) to establish more time allocation for procedural skills in the curriculum. Students have expressed interest in exposure to procedural skills, particularly for clerkship readiness across a wide range of specialties.
- Anatomy Representatives: Met with the Director of Anatomy (Dr. Sarah Anderson) to create more of an emphasis on interpreting diagnostic imaging for students. This is a skill that students often utilized in

clerkship and that students advocated for more inclusion of, in addition to the existing components of the existing anatomy curriculum. Interpretation of imaging is a focus of Block 2 and will continue to be the case for preclerkship.

- Block Representatives: Regular meetings and an open channel of communication with the Director of Block 2 (Dr. Theresa Wu) and Block 3 (Dr. Adam Bass) to address student concerns. Excellent response and engagement with the UME, including card decks/lectures being uploaded in a timely manner, slides being provided for students, captions being provided for lectures, as well as inclusion of more lab values/investigations in tutorial groups to better reflect clinical settings that will be encountered in clerkship.

Memberships

The VP Academics holds membership to all following committees/organizations as representatives for the Class of 2026. Each committee has a distinct purpose and role in facilitating medical education for students.

- Undergraduate Medical Education Committee (UMEC)
 - Oversees all aspects of undergraduate medical education, including curriculum development, policy implementation, faculty development, and innovation, with final authority over curricular decisions. Seeks approval from the Strategic Education Council for policies with significant impact and presents annual reports to the SEC
- RIME Pre-Clerkship Committee (RPCC)
 - The RPCC's primary duties include ensuring alignment of institutional and course objectives, meeting accreditation standards, evaluating student performance methods, monitoring course quality, recommending curriculum improvements, leading initiatives in medical education research, and providing a platform for faculty and student feedback on the medical school curriculum.
- Clerkship Committee (CC)
- Student Evaluation Committee (SEC)
 - Develop comprehensive policies for student evaluation encompassing various aspects such as assessment methods, frequency, reliability, validity, fairness, and sustainability. This includes establishing procedures for preparation, review, and administration of evaluations to ensure consistency and quality in assessing student performance across courses and clerkships. Additionally, formulate strategies for standard setting, data collection, and analysis to address unusual performance patterns and collect student feedback on evaluations.
- Calgary Medical Students Association:
 - Attend monthly meetings
 - Present concerns and initiatives related to portfolio and the student body
 - Work with other CMSA Executive Council members on initiatives
- Canadian Federation of Medical Students Academic Round Table:
 - Work with VP-Academics across Canada on important academic matters and national initiatives
 - Advocate and collaborate to solve issues relevant to the CSM at a national level
 - Receive pertinent updates and information from the CFMS on topics like CaRMS, AFMC electives, etc.
- Wellness and Academic Roundtable:

- Organize and run the WAR meetings in collaboration with VP SAW to meet with small group representatives
- Communicate information and questions between the roundtable to the CMSA, SAW, UME, and student body as a whole

Conferences

- In 2023:
 - Western Dean's Conference
 - CFMS Fall Annual General Meeting
- In 2024:
 - CFMS Spring Annual General Meeting
 - Western Dean's Conference
 - CFMS Fall Annual General Meeting

Clerkship and CaRMS

- Clerkship information sessions are scheduled to discuss elective rotations, clerkship lottery system, and residency matching/CaRMS. We collect student feedback and questions, circulate them in advance to the UME to be equipped for these sessions, and provide follow up information to the class on updates following clerkship presentations.

Policies

- Students are able to refer to the Preclerkship Student Handbook as well as the Clerkship Student Handbook for relevant policies.
- Students have a maximum allocated number of 3 full days/6 half days that are designated flex days, where students are permitted to take an absence of their own accord.
- Students can request an excused or unexcused absence. Students can also take a leave of absence (LOA) with consultation with the UME for certain matters.
- Students must complete a Scholarly Activity as part of their preclerkship experience.
- Students must attend at least 10 out of the 13 Community Engaged Learning (CEL) shifts. Students can refer to a detailed handbook on Community Engaged Learning placements for more information on the expectations associated with placements

Tutorial Groups

- Wellness and Academic Roundtable (WAR) meetings take place with the VP SAW throughout preclerkship where student representatives from each tutorial group engage in discussions about the functioning of the tutorial groups.
- Advocating for more guiding questions to ensure that learning is equitable, and topics are being covered across tutorial groups, accounting for variability in group dynamics, preceptor involvement, etc.

Andrea Soumbasis & Teresa Ngyuen-Pham | VP Events

April

- Met continuously with Orientation Director (Lexyn Iliscupidez) to prepare Orientation documents for the incoming class including Lunkarya Guide to Medical School, Student-Run Events descriptions and Meet the CMSA
- Planned and organized the student-run orientation calendar for the incoming class. Started contacting venues and solidifying event plans
- Involved and continuously met Social Directors (Annmarie Lang-Hodge and Derek Zhang) as well as Athletics Director (Umberto Serghi) in our planning of Orientation
- Continued to liaise with Dr. Bromley, UME and VP EDI (Kerry Yang) to plan the Welcome to the Profession Ceremony for incoming class

May

- **May 2:** Provided a free Rumble boxing class to students in coordination with Athletics Director (Umberto Serghi)
- **May 3-5:** Coordinated and attended Med Games in Montreal with 14 Class of 2026 students. Took home medals in dodgeball, swimming, and badminton
- **May 16:** Hosted a dodgeball tournament in collaboration with Athletics Director (Umberto Serghi)
- Received Lunkarya Jerseys and facilitated handout to the entire class over a series of three days
- Continued to organize the Multiculturalism in Medicine showcase, and met with the subcommittee to delegate roles of reaching out to community partners and external sponsorships. Created a sponsorship package to request partnership with external organizations.
- Met with Social Directors (Annmarie Lang-Hodge and Derek Zhang) to plan Unit 7 post-exam celebration. Event is themed “Grill and Chill” which is a fundraising effort for graduation
- Significant focus on the execution of Orientation for the incoming Class of 2027:
 - Reached out to the Admissions office and Sue-Ann to get the final class list
 - Communication channels up and running - new Class of 2027 Facebook page and Orientation Instagram
 - Working with with VP SAWH (Khushi Arora) to coordinate Upper-Year Buddy Program
 - Working with Athletics Director (Umberto Serghi) to plan Med Olympics and Amazing Race

- Working with Social Directors (Annmarie Lang-Hodge and Derek Zhang) to plan Med Gala - venue confirmed, reaching out to external organizations for sponsorships. Consciously making the effort to reduce the price of tickets to \$50/person for increased accessibility and inclusivity
- Working with VP EDI to plan Welcome to the Profession Ceremony - venue secured and agreed to funding from UME (\$4000)
- Coordinated sign-up of Lunkarya volunteers for Orientation events (42 total volunteers)
- Started process for electing new Baby Animal name for the Class of 2027

June

- **June 4:** Hosted Unit 7 post-exam celebration “Grill & Chill” at Baker Park with BBQ and lawn games. Successful event with lots of class attendance and \$398 raised for graduation
- **June 19:** Hosted Unit 8 post-exam celebration and pre-OSCE motivation “Sweet Treats” in the Med Lounge
- Multiculturalism in Medicine Showcase planning underway. Secured \$1000 in funding from RBC. In talks with ILGH office to facilitate community involvement
- Orientation for the incoming Class of 2027:
 - Continuously updating communication channels - Baby Animals FB page and Orientation Instagram
 - Ongoing collaboration and meetings with Orientation Director (Lexyn Iliscupidez), Social Directors (Annmarie Lang-Hodge and Derek Zhang), and Athletics Director (Umberto Serghi) to execute student-run orientation events
 - Continued elections for Baby Animal name for Class of 2027
 - **June 12:** Hosted first orientation event - Zoom Q&A presentation by Orientation team
 - **June 27:** CRAFT Meet & Greet - First in-person orientation event for Baby Animals to meet each other before the first day of school

July

- Orientation for the incoming Class of 2027:
 - Continuously updating communication channels - Baby Animals FB page and Orientation Instagram
 - Ongoing collaboration and meetings with Orientation Director (Lexyn Iliscupidez), Social Directors (Annmarie Lang-Hodge and Derek Zhang), and Athletics Director (Umberto Serghi) to execute student-run orientation events
 - Continued elections for Baby Animal name for Class of 2027
 - **July 3:** First Day Chill - Hosted at St. Andrew’s park with field games and Village Ice Cream
 - **July 5:** Baby Animal Mixer - Hosted at Canadian Brewhouse in University District with rooftop patio booked out, games, and appetizers provided
 - **July 25:** Clubs & Advocacy Fair - Continuously met with VP External Provincial and National (Maren Kimura and Maharshi Gandhi) and VP Global Health (Genevieve Pinnington) to facilitate the planning and execution of this event
 - **July 28:** Wilderness Medicine Hike - Collaboration to facilitate two separate hikes to over 70 students

- **July 31:** Lunkies Buddy Lunch - Hosted a pizza lunch in the HRIC atrium to encourage inter-class mingling and bonding
- DLRI BBQ & Med Olympics planned and organized, however postponed to August 16 due to poor air quality conditions. Worked with DLRI to move the catering, adjusted Lunkarya volunteer schedule, and consulted the Baby Animals to find a preferred new date
- Focus on Welcome to the Profession Ceremony organization happening on August 11, 2024. Working very closely with VP EDI (Kerry Yang) to complete the planning
 - Speakers for the event confirmed: Dr. Pam Roach, Grandmother Dorreen, Dr. Todd Anderson, Dr. Carolyn Hutchison, Dr. Amy Gausvik, Dr. Theresa Wu, Dr. Patrick Lee)
 - Some additions to the ceremony this year: Beverage and snack concession stand for guests to purchase, photo booth, ASL interpreters for Deaf guests attending the ceremony, reciting a “Welcome to the Profession” Oath
- Continued planning of Med Gala happening on August 24, 2024. Ticket sales are underway (60% sold out). Working with Social Directors (Annmarie Lang-Hodge and Derek Zhang) to finalize the details
- Initial stages of planning a Unit 9 post-exam celebration with Athletics Director (Umberto Serghi) and Social Directors (Annmarie Lang-Hodge and Derek Zhang). Beach volleyball tournament as well as basketball, social aspect with food, beverages, and lawn games

Maharshi Gandhi | VP External (National)

April 2024

CMSA

- Opened the Round 4 CMSA Conference Funding Budget
- Shared the CFMS Monthly via the Class Newsletter

CFMS

- Attended Provincial Day of Action (PDoA) on April 6-8, 2024
- Attended CFMS - Spring General meeting (SGM) on April 11-14, 2024
- Several prospective applicants of the CFMS elections reached out for platform ideas. Nominees were applying for CFMS Board of Directors and Regional Roundtables Positions.
 - I shared that the unique aspects of the RIME curriculum (e.g., spirality) could be compared and contrasted with other school curriculums to optimize medical education from a student perspective.

May 2024

CMSA

- Opened the Round 4 CMSA Conference Funding Budget
- Shared the CFMS Monthly via the Class Newsletter

CFMS

- Attended and Voted on behalf of U of C at the CFMS Elections on May 18, 2024 - Sam Alatorre is the new CFMS President which will be a huge benefit for U of C over the coming election cycle.
- The other board of directors are:
 - Vice-President Finance - Quentin Michalchuk
 - Director of Education - Astha Burande
 - Director Government Affairs - Bryce Bogie
 - Director Student Affairs - Meera Chopra
 - Director Global Health - Jun Kim
 - Western Regional Directors
 - Mimi Moustapha (University of Saskatchewan)
 - Henry Tran (University of Alberta)
- Disseminated a Facebook Post on behalf of an M3 at U of T (Lauren Pickel) which aimed to investigate gender trends in specialty choice across Canada.

June 2024

CMSA

- Planning the Clubs Fair/Advocacy Symposium
- Shared invitation to c/o 2025 and 2026 to join the Learner Advisory Committee of the new proposed medical school at Simon Fraser University as medical student representatives.

CFMS

- Attended CFMS Elections were conducted on May 18, 2024
- Attended Provincial Day of Action (PDoA) on April 6-8, 2024
- Attended CFMS - Spring General meeting (SGM) on April 11-14, 2024

July 2024

CMSA

- Clubs Fair/Advocacy Symposium - *July 25th*
 - An Advocacy Roadmap was created to better structure the Clubs Fair from a student perspective <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Rv0U5LQ0WtFTGUIAjv0jwQRxf2falj5K/view?usp=sharing>
 - Attended by various external organizations (TD, Scotiabank, RBC, ADIUM, AMA, PSFP, ACFP), 4 internal groups (SAW, DLRI, UCLIC, ILGH), and 42 student clubs/interest groups
 - Updating transition documents and Google Drive Folder for next year to make roles more clear across all collaborating portfolios (External, Finance, Global Health, SAW, and Events).
 - DLRI/UCLIC covered food expenses
 - Provided \$30 per student group to reimburse costs for table design/poster creation
- Begin Planning the Welcome to CFMS Event for the c/o 2027.

CFMS

- Clubs Fair/Advocacy Symposium and External Funding Committee (see above)
- CFMS VP External Meetings will start in August/September
- Western Regional Director (Henry Tran) or the CFMS President (Sam Alatorre) will come to give an Intro to CFMS in Aug/Sept

Maren Kimura | VP External (Provincial)

April 2024:

AMA

Student Initiative Grant Adjudication - April 9th 2024

- \$23500 allocated towards 23 student projects - 11 from UCalgary, 4 joint UCalgary/UAlberta
 - 43 student submissions were considered for funding
 - Greater funding was provided towards initiatives geared towards both UAlberta and Ucalgary
 - For projects not receiving full funding budget amounts were subtracted from budget lines for food with exception of those that were centered around food - ie. Ramadan Potluck, Food as Medicine
 - Funding was not provided to projects where primary benefit was for a population other than medical students ie. pre-medical students, current doctors.

TD Bursary Distributed - Throughout April

- Distributed in \$1500 (based on greatest need) and \$1000 grants (based on lottery system)

Advocacy Committee Emails - April 19th 2024

- Coordinated UCalgary engagement as part of the AMA inaugural advocacy committee
- Opportunity to participate as a student editor and publish on AMA

CPSA

N/A

CMSA

Provincial Day of Action (PDoA) - April 6-8, 2024

- Attended/Helped facilitate PDoA in Edmonton to meet with provincial MLAs and advocate for primary care reform in Alberta

External Conference Funding Committee - CMSA Conference Funding Round 1 Applications - Released Mid April

- Emailed Dr. A. Bromley to follow up on changing funding allocation from last year

Anti-racism statement - April 29th

- Met with VP Global, National, EDI, and President to discuss and draft statement on anti-racism on CSM campus

CFMS

CFMS - Spring General Meeting (SGM) - April 11-14, 2024

- Attended CFMS SGM in Vancouver
- Attended sessions related to CaRMS, financial planning, CFMS meetings, and iCAM sessions, among others

May 2024:

AMA

N/A

CPSA

Council Meeting 2 - May 30-31

- To comment on student opinions on alternate residency pathways to address shortage of generalists in medicine. Eg. Mandated 1 year of generalist rotation before choosing speciality in year 2 of residency.

Asked to present at Council Meeting 3 in September

- To present land acknowledgement on behalf of student learners

CMSA

CMSA Meeting with Palestinian Advocacy Group - May 6, 2024

- Discussed progress and challenges faced in creating a potential CMSA statement on Israel/Palestine

Advocacy Fair Initial Planning - May 7th 2024

- Met with VP Global and VP National to plan advocacy fair for this year
- Discussed a shift towards advocacy vs the clubs fair branding from last year. Developing “a roadmap to student advocacy” to help students see all opportunities in one place.

CMSA Emergency Meeting - May 14, 2024

- Discussed progress and challenges faced in creating a potential CMSA statement on Israel/Palestine, discussed potential next steps

Advocacy Symposium Meeting - May 15th 2024

- Met with entire team involved in advocacy symposium planning including: VP Events, Director of Orientation, Director of Student Groups, VP SAW, VP EDI, VP Finance, VP Global Health and VP External. Clarified roles and decided VP Externals would take ownership over the event and funding. Communication to be led by Director of student groups. Additional funding from sponsors directed towards orientation

Student Advocacy Meeting - May 17th 2024

- Attended MSJ meeting via zoom on behalf of council to discuss how to better support students on campus amidst Palestine and Israel Conflict

Invited to attend Women at the Forefront with Danielle Smith on behalf on CSM - May 18th

- rescheduled to fall

Orientation

- Signed up to support orientation for incoming students.

CMA

Attended the CMA AGM on behalf of Alberta Medical Students - May 29th, 2024

- Virtual meeting

CFMS

CFMS - Elections - May 18, 2024

- Participated in the CFMS elections alongside VP External National M. Gandhi and President R. Sanguinetti

June 2024:

AMA

N/A

CPSA

N/A

CMSA

Upper Year Buddy Matches - June 24, 2024

- Received notification of first-year mentees for the mentorship program

July 2024:

AMA

- Sent out applications for AMA Committee on Student Advocacy for student writers and social media directors on behalf of S. Samadi (UofA)

CPSA

N/A

CMSA

Orientation - Throughout July

- Volunteered at initial meet and greet, first day chill, med olympics (rescheduled to August), buddy lunch

Advocacy Symposium Planning Meeting - July 5th 2024

- Met with VPX. National to finalize table layout, sponsors, and logistics for advocacy symposium
- Received funding from DLRI for event food

Reached out to GAAC to begin plans for inaugural Municipal Day of Action planned for fall - July 12th 2024

- Requested initial plans and roles upon return to school at the end of July

External Funding Committee met for round 2 funding - July 13th 2024

- Provided \$150 to each of 10 applicants from round 2 of Lunkarya funding. Average submitted expenses were \$1220.
- Currently we already have 12 applications for round 3 funding which does not end until August.
 - To consider supplementing funds with CPSA stipend money from council attendance
 - CMSA members will likely be limited from receiving funds this next round due to lack of funding - important note for CFMS AGM expenses.

Contact with Students' Union (SU) Representatives - July 14, 2024

- Was contacted by the new SU Cumming School of Medicine representatives Ali Beg and Hannah Kim regarding issues affecting medical students fwd from R. Sanguinetti. Replied to email about current provincial advocacy priorities for medical learners highlighting 1.) Funding models for primary care, 2.) support for rural/remote students in medicine, 3.) Funding for students in medicine

Sent out Round 2 funding decisions on behalf of External Funding Committee - July 22nd 2024

- Provided \$150 in funding across the 10 eligible applications received from the Round 1 funding cycle .
- Pooled money left over from a low cycle to be used in anticipation of demand with Round 2 in the fall.

Sent out application for Round 3 Funding for CMSA External Funding Committee - July 22nd 2024

- had several students respond asking for additional clarity on UME funding - specifically the 3 week in advance deadline. To approach committee at the next meeting to improve this communication and how it differs from CMSA funding

Meeting for Advocacy Symposium - July 24th 2024

- Met with VP National to finalize day of logistics for advocacy symposium. Met with VP Global to create CMSA promo material for the event

Clubs Fair/Advocacy Symposium - July 25th, 2024

- Advocacy Roadmap:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Rv0U5LQ0WtFTGUAjv0jwQRxf2falj5K/view?usp=sharing>
- Attended by 7 external organizations (TD, Scotiabank, RBC, ADIUM, AMA, PSFP, ACFP), 4 internal ground (SAW, DLRI, UCLIC, ILGH), and 42 student clubs/interest groups
- Need to update transition documents for next year to make roles more clear across all collaborating portfolios (externals, finance, global, SAW, events).
- Provided \$30 per student group to reimburse costs for table design/poster creation

Attended Wilderness Medicine Hike - July 28th

- Volunteered to assist on hike with over 70 incoming new students

Jennifer Wytsma | VP Finance

Khushi Arora | VP SAW

Monthly Basis:

SAWH Team Meetings

- SAWH team meetings are a collaborative space where the VP SAW is able to express ideas about future events and address student concerns surrounding wellness. The meetings comprise of faculty members in the SAWH office and the VP SAW, with additional opportunities for the portfolio to take part.
- SAWH meetings have taken place on an emergent basis due to distressing events as well as on a more anticipated basis due to certain time periods that may predispose students to certain stressors (e.g. CaRMS interview weeks, weeks leading up to and following match day, MSPR deadline, etc.).
- Extra time slots have also been taken out in order for students to meet with SAWH advisors, especially during the time to decide the lottery.

We Care Committee Meetings

- The we care committee is composed of 5 people that help promote wellness in the class
- The events we have done during this time frame
 - Hosted Wellness Week
 - Each we care committee member hosted a wellness initiative during mental health week (specifics of each event are in the other section)
 - Monthly birthday party + cards

Meetings with Director of Wellness + supporting their initiatives

- The Director of Wellness is responsible for event logistics, organization, and implementation in SAWH. Worked to create a roster of events to consider running throughout preclerkship with student input.
- Initiatives implemented thus far have included

Birthday Celebrations

- To celebrate students and promote a sense of community, birthday celebrations are held once per month for the Class of 2026 (Lunkaryas).
- The We Care Committee hand paints cards for all students whose birthday is within that month.
 - We meet multiple times in the month to create these personalized cards

- Free refreshments and desserts are provided to all students who attend
 - Including cake and refreshments for the new incoming class

Student Run Tutoring (~2x month)

- Facilitated the continuation of a large-scale development where SAWH has utilized student grant funding to provide tutoring for medical students that are led by resident physicians.
- Extensive consultation with students and faculty to ensure that topics being taught are at an appropriate level conducive to equitable learning for all, and that subject matter reflects what is pertinent to the new curriculum and/or clerkship readiness standards.
- Currently brainstorming other topics to host and looking into expanding these sessions into clerkship as well

Wellness Events:

Mental Health Awareness Week

- Mental health awareness week was held during the week of May 6th.
- 1-2 events were hosted each day with the help of the We Care Committee member
- Events included
 - Monday
 - Skincare 101 event
 - Dermatologists came and talked about how to create a skincare routine to promote self care and wellness
 - Samples from cerave were also provided to each student
 - This event was held over the lunch hour
 - Suicide Awareness Talk
 - This event was in honour of Sanjay who was a Limpkin/Boop student who tragically died by suicide
 - Therapists from SAWH had a discussion regarding suicide awareness during this event. Then for the second half, Sanjay's brother shared Sanjay's story in hope to raise awareness
 - This event was held in the evening and dinner was provided
 - Tuesday
 - Backpack button making
 - Students made custom pins in the SAWH office
 - This event was held at lunch
 - Paint night
 - Students came together and painted their hearts away
 - It was also a potluck
 - This event was held in the evening and
 - Wednesday

- Wellness walk at lunch around foothills campus
- Freezes were included
- Thursday
 - Pre lecture pastries and tea/coffee for all students
 - Purchased from glamorgan bakery
- Friday
 - Financial planning for medical students event hosted by MD financial
 - This event was held over the lunch hour
 - Lunkies Friday fun
 - A relaxing pizza party for students post class
 - Lots of games and chats in the foothills courtyard

Forum on Failure

- Forum on failure planning has begun!
- Planning to host the event in late October
- Will be collaborating with newly elected class of 2027 VP SAW and director of wellness as well

Other:

Club Funding

- Review and approve club funding applications for the fall and winter cycle with the VP Finance and director of student groups.

Buddy Matching

- Worked with director of orientation to Buddy match the incoming class with people in our class
- Hosted a lunch hour where buddies and mentors could meet each other

Kerry Yang | VP EDI

Events:

- Worked with the co-VP Events on the Welcome to the Profession Ceremony
 - Was the main point of communication with the speakers, which included Grandmother Doreen, Dr. Pam Roach, Dr. Todd Anderson, Dr. Carol Hutchison, Dr. Amy Gausvik, Dr. Theresa Wu, and Dr. Patrick Lee
 - Wrote and edited the commencement oath and the MC script
 - Arranged and organized ASL interpretation
 - Helped with gifts and Protocol items for the speakers
 - Assisted with event logistics and programming
 - MCD the ceremony
- Planned and organized a trans health screening
 - Found speakers for the event
 - Did room bookings and AV logistics
 - Made the posters and did the advertising
 - Got honorariums for the speakers
 - Worked with Dr. Gausvik on snacks
- Healing Together Powwow
 - Helped find volunteers and get them excused absences
 - Staffed the powwow
- Multiculturalism in Medicine Showcase
 - Co-created a sponsorship package
 - Created an email template, assigned people to different cultural associations, and had people reach out to contact them
 - Created a list of email contacts
 - Reached out to various organizations to partake in the event
 - Connected with the medical law community to partake in the event
 - Working with PESJO to get more speakers from medicine to take part
 - Worked on scheduling the event

Advocacy:

- Professionalism
 - Working with the professionalism committee to revamp the process
 - Advocated for the mistreatment policy
 - Dealt with professionalism complaints
- Worked on a letter to advocate for increased diversity within medical skills

Clubs:

- Provided funding and logistical support for various clubs focused on equity-deserving groups
- Supported different advocacy groups with room bookings and organizations needs

Miscellaneous:

- Worked on menstrual justice project

- Helped connect SAW with joni
- Restocked bathrooms
- Worked on data collection
- Found volunteers and helped with
- Had regular meetings with the Health Equity and Structural Competency Director, Dr. Amy Gausvik, and with the rest of the team
- Met with various other stakeholders, such as PESJO, SAW, and UME, to discuss matters related to EDIA and professionalism
- Helped create new policies and processes
- Collaborated with other MedSocs to discuss statements
- Organized the process for the Class of 2027 VP EDIA applications
- Participated in the Provincial Day of Action
- Worked with the AMA Advocacy Committee
- Supported Dr. Mintz at the Accreditation Lunch
- Worked on club funding decisions
- Did a lot of email outreach and advertisement to all classes regarding various EDIA-related projects
- Sat in on the medical admissions committee for the Cumming School of Medicine

Genevieve Pinnington | VP Global and Community Health

April 2024

CFMS

- Attended CFMS - Spring General meeting (SGM) on April 11-14, 2024

CMSA

- IFMSA Exchanges
 - Worked with Local Exchange Officer (LEO) to initiate planning for three IFMSA SCOPE (international clerkship exchanges) students from Italy, Czech Republic, and Poland arriving in Calgary in July and August including housing, social programming, etc.

May 2024

- Global Health Portfolio meeting Wednesday, May 8 2024
 - Ongoing planning with Local Exchange Officer (LEO) for incoming IFMSA exchange students
 - Initiated planning with Local Officer of Reproductive & Sexual Health (LORSH) to offer medical abortion training workshop and certification in October or November 2024.
- Summer Clubs Funding
 - Met with Clubs Funding Committee (VP Finance, VP SAWH, VP EDI, Clubs Director) to review applications and allocate funding to CMSA Clubs and Interest Groups.

- Met with VP External Provincial and VP External National to discuss planning and logistics for Clubs Fair & Advocacy Symposium 2024, specifically developing an “advocacy roadmap” for incoming medical students.

June 2024

CFMS

- Attended the CFMS June Global Health Roundtable June 22, 2024 *no GH Roundtables February-May due to planning for IFMSA Regional Meeting
 - Discussed CFMS and MedSoc role clarity, redundancy in student groups and event planning, and increasing supports for students responsible for coordinating IFMSA exchanges.

CMSA

- Connected with students to discuss fundraising for Ukraine and individuals displaced by conflicts more broadly, including potential for collaboration with Medical Students for Justice and the Student Run Clinic Health Equity Dinner.
- Collaborated with Global Health Concentration to host a virtual information session June 25, 2024 featuring five student panelists who presented their experiences and answered questions about the University of Calgary’s Global Health Elective.
- Ongoing Advocacy Roadmap Development.

July 2024

- Global Health Week 2024 Planning
 - Met with Dr. Gausvik (ILGH Office) July 25, 2024 to discuss planning for “Global Health Week” in October 2024, specifically speaker identification, logistics, and opportunities for collaboration.
- Finalized “Advocacy Roadmap” tool for incoming medical students
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/19oiILINBo00HypovMKVvTFBR0yMcW7Ev/view?usp=drivesdk>
 - Provided an overview of opportunities to engage in advocacy at local, provincial, and national levels e.g., CMSA Clubs & Interest Groups, Alberta Medical Association, Canadian Federation of Medical Students, etc.)
- Clubs Fair & Advocacy Symposium July 25, 2024
 - Provided day-of logistics and event support (printing posters and promotional materials, directing student groups and sponsors, etc.)
- Provided ongoing support to LEO for IFMSA international exchange student programming.

Lexyn Iliscupidez | VP Communications

- Scheduled and organized regular CMSA meetings. Meeting minutes:
 - April - no meeting due to Unit 6 exam and Spring Break
 - [May 27, 2024](#)
 - June - no meeting due to OSCE preparations and Career Development Weeks / Summer Break
 - [July 31, 2024](#)
- Created and released weekly newsletters
 - Reformatted the Baby Animal Bulletin for the incoming class
 - Introduced an “Accreditation Information” section in collaboration with Dr. Marcy Mintz, Accreditation Lead
- Reorganization of CMSA Google Drive in preparation for the new CMSA council
- In collaboration with the President, organized and ran the CMSA elections for the Class of 2027
- Designed and ordered a new CMSA banner to be used for CMSA events (ie. galas, stethoscope ceremony, clubs fair, etc.)
- In collaboration with the President and VP Finance, regained SU club status for the CMSA
- Began the process of reviewing the constitution to ensure it is up to date for the new CMSA council
- Updated transition documents for new CMSA council
- Updated the non-executive manual for fall baby animal non-executive elections
- Designed and ordered CMSA merchandise sweaters for the existing council



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