

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF REHABILITATION THERAPY
REHABILITATION THERAPY SOCIETY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Time: 4:45-5:45pm

Location: LDA 119 (Conference Room)

Regrets (Thomas & Yuho):

AGENDA

Land Acknowledgement:

“To begin, let us acknowledge that Queen’s University is situated on the traditional and ancestral territories of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Huron-Wendat and Metis peoples. To acknowledge this traditional territory is to recognize its long history predating colonization and to recognize this land’s significance for the Indigenous peoples’ who lived, and continue to live, upon it. The members of our Rehab Student Society make up a diverse group of students coming from many different corners of Canada and the world. We are grateful for the opportunity to meet on these lands, while building relationships and learning from our connections. We acknowledge that for many of us, this journey was made possible in part by the direct consequences of colonization and the systematic marginalization of Indigenous Canadians. Subsequently, we recognize as student leaders and future health care professionals, we have a responsibility to work towards reconciliation, to rebuild relationships with our Indigenous friends, family and community members and to create inclusive and safe spaces for all.”

1. Amendments/Approval of minutes from last meeting

- Motion: Caitlin
- Second: Kayte-Lynn

2. Amendments/Approval of today's agenda

- Motion: Kayte-Lynn
- Second: Carrie

3. President: Aimee

- Midterm Survey results - 37 entries; FB and social media preferred communication method; events and programs only represent their interests ‘sometimes’; link below for more details... one person (respondee) suggested interviews in election process - likely too time-consuming (especially during first year elections), another respondee suggested pet therapy - Mental Health Committee looked into it, can look more into it... other suggestions for events: bowling, Frontenac’s games
(<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CV11ITMaBf7A1zr21bT2qybf1LqZPTvNdNKNWFMLdfE/edit?usp=sharing>)
- Coffee with the Director - opportunity to spend time with Marcia and networking

- Potentially adding other faculty - sending them an email invite in advance... Sarah and Jess could meet with Marcia to talk more about what this would look like
- Initial invite: wasn't clear we had to RSVP and that if people didn't RSVP, the event would be cancelled → if that was clearer in the email, might get more of a response
- Aimee to post on the FB page re: process and more info on event
- Update on SGPS SCI (student choice initiative) - the opt-out option for fees
 - Legislation nullified in court; Ford govt appealing that decision... SGPS in talks with the school re: what that will look like moving forward, and it's likely that things will revert back - likely mandatory fees for rehab students starting next year
- Update on Event Sanctioning meeting with SGPS - mental health committee food?
 - Submit a request to dining services, typically takes a long time to receive approval - based on socials' getting food for career fair
- Update Budget
 - Update: executive has met and finalized budget - we're in the green - need to make decisions on how we want to spend our money - surplus of \$3000... thinking about additional events we can put on to give back to the class
 - Motion: \$1500 to go towards yearbook
 - Second: Caron
 - In favour: 22
- ThankQ gift funds \$1790.67 remaining that needs to be spent by the end of April.
 - Motion: allocate ½ of the funds to equipment in the new PT exercise prescription lab and ½ the funds to developing the ergonomic work station in the B150 lab.
 - Second: Caitlin
 - In favour: 22
- ThankQ gift class of 2020 discuss
 - Aimee has sent an email re: typical amount that's allocated and more clarification... as per the constitution: class reps and ThankQ committee responsible for this
 - Potentially whiteboard for the student lounge
 - Council to think about ideas and discuss more next mtng
- Budget surplus discussion
- Tanzania Donation Drive → donations to offer the community members
 - Ashley and Caitlin to support in organizing
 - Will have more of an idea re: what this will look like in the coming weeks - e.g., box to put donations in, developing list of helpful/recommended donations, monetary donations - what to purchase and when
- **Transition Reports - DUE FEBRUARY 29**
 - Send to Aimee
 - Current members are responsible for meeting with incoming members (even if currents are away on placement - can be virtual mtng)

4. VP PT: Ashley

- Blood donation drive on Feb 4, promo to come
 - Car will come to pick us up and then return us
 - Ash will find out more info and then report back
- Walk to fight arthritis beginning of June
 - If interested in volunteering and/or helping to organize, contact Ash

5. VP OT: Caitlin

- Mental Health Week: Feb 10-14
- Event for Bell Let's Talk (Jan 29)
- Have a few other events in btwn those dates
 - 'Break (Fast) the Stigma' - breakfast event
 - Yoga every month
 - PTSD and trauma talk during Mental Health Week
 - Stress busters
- MHC looked into the funding from SGPS - looking at planning a mindfulness/meditation event that they would use those funds for - haven't gone through the process yet
- Motion: \$300 for mhc (to fund the events)
 - Second: Ashley
 - In favour: 22
- WAG on Saturday
 - 15 rehab students signed up - big improvement from last year (0 last year)
- Pictures from events to be posted on website

6. Treasurer: Charlie

- If you need reimbursement, chat with me after the meeting
- Investment options meeting
 - Friday mtng btwn advisor, Charlie, and Aimee
 - Next mtng will have more info re: this
- Legacy gift ~\$400 - to school of rehab from us (ThankQ gift)... CLASS REPS TO THINK ABOUT
- Class gift - ~\$400 for party to celebrate the end of the program... SOCIALS TO THINK ABOUT

7. Secretary: Carly

- IP rep position still vacant - will be adding it to the elections for incoming council
 - Feedback - seems like it's a really big position (interprofessional and O-week) - attracts two different types of ppl... potentially no one applied because it was during exams
 - Maybe reinforce what the IP role would be - O-week (hella fun), events that bring in med and nursing (e.g., dodgeball event)
 - Going to classes and explaining the roles

- Elections for next year's council - I'll meet with Aimee in February for planning, and elections will happen in March - will give more info in Feb mtng
 - Definitely want to do the info night - interested people coming to ask questions of current council mtngs
- Maybe doing a survey to see barriers to applying - how can the School support them? As first year impression is that being on council is too much work

8. Speaker: Shoshana

- Awards for formal - possibly rejigging the constitution → some feedback: not having PTs vote on OT faculty/staff, award nominations/votes happened via FB since PT/OT2s were on placement
- Recommendations in transition reports; discuss further at next mtng

9. Social Reps: Thomas (PT) & Domenica (OT)

- Formal was a success (we hope everyone enjoyed it!)
 - If ppl didn't pick up OT/PT mugs, contact Dom or Thomas
 - Surplus from formal - socials want to plan another event before PT2's go on placement → will post on FB to poll interest
- Class gift - ~\$400 for party to celebrate the end of the program... SOCIALS TO THINK ABOUT

10. OT1 Social Reps: Sara & Kate-Lin

11. PT1 Social Reps: George & Emily

12. OT2 Professional Reps: Juliana & Emma

- Career Fair: February 1st, 2020
- 15 attending vendors, 4 vendors sending brochures, OPA
 - Coming as far as Toronto, Ottawa, Moose Factory, BC, USA!
 - Extension cords... likely need 2-3
 - Pro reps to put a request to Charlie and exec will vote
 - Looked briefly in the office for extension cords - didn't see any
 - VENDORS ACCEPT RESUMES
- Mo will be taking professional photos from 10:30 - 2:00
- Promote to class (to go to career fair)! Pro reps (both PT and OT) will keep posting on the FB group to update
- Planning a PTSD/Trauma Info session planned for Feb 11 from 4:30-6:30pm run by CBI Health Group & another one date TBA

13. OT1 Professional Reps: Michelle & Julie

14. PT2 Professional Reps: Janessa & Stacey

- Career fair

- Mugs from merch reps as thank you gifts to vendors?
- ~25-30 mugs leftover from merch
- Motion: using mugs from merch as thank you gifts for vendors
 - Second: Dom
 - In favour: 22

15. PT1 Professional Reps: Meghan & Aaron

16. Athletics Reps: Yuho (PT) & Emily (OT)

- Kingston Frontenacs game update - Nov 8th, cheque?
 - Sold 58 tickets - profit of \$2/ticket
 - Cheque was received by Charlie
- Fall intramurals refunds \$\$\$\$
- Winter intramurals - surplus! - 3 teams - indoor soccer, volleyball, dodgeball
 - \$40 surplus
- Planning on another interprofessional athletic event - Feb/March
 - Indoor soccer tournament with med, nursing, OT, PT
 - Need to pick date and time - will be on a Fri evening

17. Merch Reps: Caray (PT) & Sabrina (OT)

- Spring merch order is closed now
- 56 separate orders
 - Second years > first years (?overwhelmed on placement)
- ~\$170 profit - includes the cost of the three items below
- Overall successful spring order (it usually is a smaller order and it was a bold choice to offer 4 items know thing lol)
 - T-shirts for Rehab Science- no interest
 - Would have to purchase extra items (1 OT t-shirt to meet minimum and 2 OT baseball shirts to help w/ costs) - is council okay if we purchase the extra items (instead of having to refund the items)
 - Exec will confirm this and get back to merch
 - Does council want to order extra items for incoming years? E.g., baseball hats, bucket hats, t-shirts, etc.
 - We already have ~18 items per program... could also use some extra items as prizes/raffles at career fair - merch and pro reps to discuss
 - Getting hats in O-week?
 - Could spend profits on extra items for incoming years
- Send in order to supplier this week and hopefully all orders are in before PT2s go out on placement (last exam - Feb 27th)
- Pick up times will be spread over a larger period of time to accommodate all the different programs and their schedules (TBD)

- Write up transition report before handing over position to next Merch reps (Feb 29th deadline)
- Fun fact: This round of merch (fall and spring) successfully sold the largest variety of items that we have on record (5 items + 4 items) *Sabrina and Caray give each a pat on the back*
- GO SHOPPING WITH THE PROFITSSSS ya rich

18. Communications Officer: Amanda

- Will promote career fair
- MHC to get pictures - send to Amanda when done

19. OT2 Class Reps: Sarah & Jessica

- Meeting with faculty next week to discuss standardizing OnQ layout YASSS

20. OT1 Class Reps: Michelle & Janine

21. PT2 Class Reps: Kayte-Lynn & Brianna

- Re-visit and clarify forms of communication between council and SRT students as well as council and faculty members
 - PT faculty communicates via Outlook
 - Students: some have been unfollowing the original FB group... encourage ppl to look at the group
- Issue of needing to place a bigger emphasis on the importance of signing up for a mentor in O-week and to strongly encourage the incoming cohort to participate by possibly updating the description of the mentor/mentee program that is sent out in the welcome package
 - Halfway through term, ~10-15 students emailing to ask for mentorships
 - Rebranding the description - strongly suggesting ppl sign up, program will pick up, etc. Maybe also having testimonials in the sign up - “they supported me with x, y, and z” - hearing about ppl’s experiences
 - More helpful to have the mentorship sign up part of the sign up for O-week - was separate in the past
- Small discussion about potentially adding a second mentor/mentee event (meet n greet) mid fall semester ... e.g., coffee, pizza ... opportunity to vent and chat, coping skills (as per the second year PTs who agreed to mentor partway through term)
 - Maybe doing an OT one as well - separate events
- To be further discussed at next mtng

22. PT1 Class Reps: Jamie & Emmy

- Sent out a survey re: how first term was - ~50 responses back, mostly re: academics - in general, class concerned about workload and exam period was very stressful
 - Will compile results and send to profs

23. SGPS/Senator: Carrie

- “Like” SGPS on Facebook to stay up to date on upcoming SGPS events:
 - Free Professional Headshots (Thursday January 30)
 - 11 am - time extended to 5 pm
 - SGPS Lounge (2nd floor JDUC)
 - Agnes Etherington Tour (January 23)
 - Free to all students 6:50 - 8 pm
 - Winterlude Day Trip to Ottawa (Saturday February 1)
 - \$35 tickets
 - Art of Time Ensemble and Ralston String Quartet @ Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts
 - \$24.65 - SGPS member price
- Motion passed last SGPS meeting to support Queen’s Backing Action on Climate Change (QBACC) as it prepares to ask the University to undertake divestment of its funds from companies whose main focus is the extraction, transportation, or refinement of fossil fuels.
- Fall reading week discussed at Senate → reevaluate for when it is happening (not whether or not it happens at all)
 - We posed the question because originally the fall reading week was supposed to have a 3-year trial period before being assessed
 - The student senate caucus will push to have it close to Thanksgiving (for students who live far away can use it better)
 - The deputy provost got back and said that the break would happen on October 29/30 for the 2020-2021 academic year and then will be fully re-assessed after that - whether or not we should move it.

24. Yearbook Coordinator: Caron

- Please upload photos to the Drive
- Expect to see a Google form / yearbook order form out in February!
 - Awards / gag award winners to be put in yearbook
- Graduate portrait sittings are now open!
 - Previous photo studio closed down, only other photo studio expensive / disorganized -- Thank goodness for Mo
 - Composite will be compiled for LDA office / yearbook
 - Accessible option for inclusion in yearbook if don’t want photo package but want to be included in the composite/yearbook - talk to me!

25. Adjournment & Next Meeting