

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

**Date:** Monday April 6th, 2020

**Time:** 6:00 EST-7:00

**Location:** VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

**Regrets (please add your name to this list if you cannot make the meeting):**

**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: George
- Second: Michelle

**2. Amendments/Approval of today's agenda**

- Motion: Kayte-Lynn
- Second: Dom

**3. President: Aimee**

Welcome George as incoming president

Quick intro of all members - name and position (turn on video for introduction)

Reminder - meditation/yoga session tonight following meeting, important to prioritize self care and mental wellness during this time.

For Second years - I have been in touch with SGPS regarding health and dental coverage should fieldwork be pushed back into fall months, the insurance company is working on a plan and will notify me when they have more information.

- Aimee to update
- Also, has been in contact re: rehab students being charged fall tuition - all stakeholders are aware → Aimee to update us on this as well (unless they update us via email first)... school advocating for us to not pay additional tuition fees but no concrete answer as of yet - 'cautiously optimistic'

**Motions:**

- \$500 donation to 4D <https://www.givetoqueens.ca/project/view/990> → \$ going toward a student emergency fund (as organization is funded by Queen's)
  - Second: Caitlin
  - IN FAVOUR: 28
- \$1000 donation to KHealth donation drive  
<https://www.facebook.com/donate/3507467242602234/>
  - Second: Dom
  - IN FAVOUR: 28
- \$1000 donation to Queens Med volunteer initiative to make PPE face shields for HCP  
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/3D-PPE?fbclid=IwAR1K2d4v7CB2Eh-5dpGHImV3A58nNfmD8LhZ6RvaaQUe14J4vNkXfs8hO1g>
  - Second: Jamie
  - IN FAVOUR: 28

Still working on constitution updates - plan is to be finished by end of April. Changes we implemented this year:

- First year elections - clarifying the election process
- New council positions (IP student rep & health and wellness student rep)
- Addition of land acknowledgement

**4. VP PT: Ashley**

- Welcome Katy!! :)

**5. VP OT: Caitlin**

Welcome Julie (VP OT) and Meaghan (Health and Wellness Rep)!!

Still doing the meditation workshop but online instead- will need to connect with the incoming treasurer to get a cheque for the 2nd half of the payment to the instructor.

**6. Treasurer: Charlie**

- Welcome Morgan!

- GIC investment finalized!

#### **7. Secretary: Carly**

- Welcome Brittany!
- Quick election recap: ran two elections, all positions other than Speaker now filled!
  - Incoming council: up to you what you want to do moving forward - Constitution says that you can elect to leave the position vacant and distribute the duties amongst yourselves → I'd suggest exec meet before May meeting and assign someone to perform speaker duties for that meeting, and then see how you want to split up the duties at the actual May meeting
- Incoming council: heads up that you'll likely be meeting via Zoom for your May meeting (also you have a May meeting)

#### **8. Speaker: Shoshana**

- Incoming secretary (Brittany) has transition report → duties to be split up by incoming council (likely)

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

- We would like to take this time to congratulate the new Social Reps, Sara and Emily!

#### **10. OT1 Social Reps: Sara & Kate-Lin**

- Week 1 Board game night was a success! Great turn out and Grad club was accommodating to a larger group than anticipated.
- OT Class Coffee Break zoom session Saturday March 28th
  - 3 students played some songs and we all sipped some coffee and chatted
  - Success (30+ participants)
  - Planning to host another coffee break later in the semester
- Planning Live Trivia event with Emily (PT social Rep) for later in the semester on a weekend for OT & PT
  - Possible to get funding for gift cards for prizes?
  - Any suggestions on logistics? (planning to use google forms for answer submissions) - message Sara on FB if you have ideas
- Idea to potentially have council sponsor one Zoom full membership account for class related activities?

- Aimee spoke with Marcia re: RTS getting their own acct → **Caitlin MacDonald** can host us, if she's available - gives us access to the RTS Zoom acct... RTS Zoom acct - unlimited minutes and participants
- Communicating with Caitlin to see if she's available, booking the acct - connect via email
  - **caitlin.macdonald@queensu.ca**
- Potential for Council to purchase their own Zoom acct using Council funds - incoming council can discuss

#### **11. PT1 Social Reps: George & Emily**

- Weekly netflix parties (using google extension Aimee recommended on facebook)
- Working well, hosted 2 so far ~15 participants first time, some people had issues with entering the room

#### **12. OT2 Professional Reps: Juliana & Emma**

- Welcome Michelle and Grace!
- Canceled MH First Aid and CAOT Pizza Lunch

#### **13. OT1 Professional Reps: Michelle & Julie**

- pOTential pathways = SUCCESS! YAY :)
  - ~30 participants
  - Some bumps along the way with room set-up but overall not a problem
  - FYI for all - any event with food requires you to pay a \$56 fee for room cleaning. However, we were able to sweet talk them into waiving the fee (given we are students on a budget) provided we cleaned the room well enough after the event - no issues
  - "Pathway" of advice for OT22' class is currently at Michelle's house - will pass on to 1st year reps in the fall when classes resume
  - Still waiting on reimbursement... can this be done before everything is switched over?
    - Aimee will get Michelle the cheque by end of April... no face-to-face meetings with bank may complicate getting the acct transitioned to new treasurer

#### **14. PT2 Professional Reps: Janessa & Stacey**

- Welcome Meghan and Larissa!
- PT month supposed to be in May - PT1s had an event planned - PT2s will collaborate with first year reps to see if something can be done virtually

**15. PT1 Professional Reps: Meghan & Aaron**

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

- Welcome Julia and Alex :)
- Intramural bond refunds done by e-transfer - will be sending to incoming treasurer once received

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

- Welcome Alysha and Kaitlyn!
- Incoming council: extra merch was purchased this past year so up to you to decide how you want to use it for upcoming year (o-week, events) - in the council office (basement of LDA - can get the key from LDA office)

**18. Communications Officer: Amanda**

- Welcome Amanda! :)

**19. OT2 Class Reps: Sarah & Jessica**

- Welcome back Michelle and Janine!
- Working with Lisa & Susanne to see if our CD placement deadline can be extended to May 15th... currently May 1st
- Next faculty meeting - hoping to raise the possibility of us getting course feedback and summarizing it in a report for profs since USATs cannot be completed
  - Kayte-Lynn & Brianna can send an example of their summary report to profs
- When to transition OT2 class rep emails, since faculty members are still emailing Sarah and Jess to get a hold of our class - PT2s transition this in Sept

**20. OT1 Class Reps: Michelle & Janine**

- Working with profs to hopefully adjust exam scheduling at some points
- Keep getting feedback from class!

**21. PT2 Class Reps: Kayte-Lynn & Brianna**

- Congrats to all of the new council members! We're super happy and confident leaving the PT2 class rep positions in the hands of Jamie and Emmy!
- Placements have been postponed to June 1st at the earliest
- Dr. Jordan Miller has taken over for Dr. Lucie Pelland as associate director of PT

- Will be collaborating with VP PT on PT month which is in May! All hands on deck for ideas
- Next faculty meeting - reviewing student feedback from block 10 and preparing to go online for block 13 classes

## 22. PT1 Class Reps: Jamie & Emmy

- Welcome to the new council members! We are excited to continue in this role.
- Transition to online is going well, we have gotten class feedback to bring forward to the faculty meeting later this week.

## 23. SGPS/Senator: Carrie

- Welcome Caitlin to the incoming SGPS/Senate rep position!
- Caitlin and I attended the SGPS General Meeting last week...
  - SGPS Emergency Bursary → If you have incurred an unexpected or sudden **emergency** expense due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, you are likely eligible for an **emergency bursary**. <https://sgps.ca/sgps-bursaries/>
  - Tuition → To sign the PSAC petition to Suspend Summer Tuition for Graduate Students, check out the following link <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/suspend-summer-tuition-for-graduate-students>
  - Employment opportunity → The SGPS is looking for an individual to work as our **Graduate Peer Support Centre Coordinator**. The Coordinator is paid \$500 a month. Applications are due April 16 at 5:00 pm. For a full description of the position & how to apply, check out [sgps.ca/jobs/](https://sgps.ca/jobs/)

## 24. Yearbook Coordinator: Caron

- Yay Lydia!!! Lydia, you're great.
- With the changes in our scheduling for the original scheduled yearbook delivery date in mid July (PT2s now not having in-person classes in June/July and unsure OT2 placement dates), thinking of moving the yearbook shipping to November 2020 (for convocation or to peoples' homes), and use post-exam time to compile more photos / get shipping addresses from people who now want it delivered to their home. Thoughts?
  - Message Caron if you have thoughts

## 25. Adjournment & Next Meeting

- Also, welcome to the new IP student rep - Kierstyn!
- Second (to end meeting): Dom

