

Meeting Minutes

Nursing Undergraduate Society Meeting

04/15/2024

3:30PM

In-Person Meeting

Taken by: Amanda Ombricolo

**Attendance:** Erica Cambly, Lauren Mage, Amanda Ombricolo, Emily Xu, Annie Jiang, Simran Dhindsa, Sydney Dobronyi, Tom Joseph, Sophia Nguyen, Jade Gracey, Ana Constantin, Celine Frederick, Ria Patel, Olena Zubrytska, Amna Zafar, Kelly Lozovschi, Pankti Patel, Arianne Soriano, Rita Smolkin, Sheng Zhi Yao, Serena Lai

**Regrets:**

1. **Opening Remarks**
2. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: Amna Zafar Seconder: Ana Constantin Passed: yes

1. **Approval of the Previous Minutes**

Motion: Sydney Dobronyi Seconder: Olena Zubrytska Passed: yes

1. **Report from the Executives**
   * President -------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- Lauren Mage
     + Welcome to the NUS 2024-2025 Team!
     + The Dean’s and Director’s Forums will take place in late May to early June.
       - Specific dates will be announced shortly.
       - Google Form will be sent to undergraduate students to ask questions.
       - All NUS members are required to attend and key points from the meeting will be shared with the student body. (communications to take notes)
     + Open House Welcome Session – **May 4th from 1-4PM** at the Nursing Building
       - Students who have submitted applications and/or received acceptances.
       - Looking for 6-10 NUS volunteers (campus tour and simulation lab).
     + Summer Welcome Session – Proposed date of **Tuesday July 23rd**
       - Looking for as many NUS volunteers as possible.
     + Faculty-hosted orientation will take place on **Tuesday September 3rd.**
       - Mandatory for incoming students
       - NUS orientation traditionally takes place over the course of 2 days.
         * Proposed dates = September 4th and 5th
         * Classes begin on Monday September 9th.
         * Encouraged to book rooms on campus as soon as possible!
     + BLS Renewal Classes
       - Planning for classes to be held in the Nursing Lounge throughout July by a UofT alumni.
       - Discounted rate of $45 for renewal.
   * Vice-President -------------------------------------------------------------------------------- Lauren Mage
     + Student Opportunity Fund applications were reviewed by a group of NUS members and there were two successful applications.
       - In the process of gathering receipts from the students to provide reimbursement.
     + Applications for Graduation Awards will open at the beginning of May for 2 weeks.
   * Finance---------------------------------------------------------------------------- Emily Xu & Annie Jiang
     + The annual budget meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 29th 11AM to 1PM**
       - Details sent to each committee’s NUS email account
       - Please make sure to **submit your committee’s budget proposal** by 11AM on Sunday, April 28th!
         * Tentative nursing lounge
     + UTSU funding resubmissions

* + Communications----------------------------------------------------------------------------- Amanda Ombricolo
    - Upload new NUS team to the website
    - If any one wants to contact incoming nursing students, let me know and I can get you in contact with them (3 people)
    - Make a class of 2026 messenger group chat for monitoring purposes

1. **Report of Committees**
   * Equity Coordinators--------------------------------------- Simran Dhindsa & Sydney Dobronyi
     + Completed our transition meeting - welcome Simran!
     + Promotion of scrubs donation campaign before second year farewell event
       - Collection box for second year scrubs on June 27 at Farewell Event
     + Brainstorming for Equity budget
       - collabs?
   * RNAO Delegates---------------------------------------------------------------------- Ana Constantin
     + Will check on update re: faculty & RNAO membership staff meeting about U of T having “RNAO school status” (Erica?)
     + **RNAO’s AGM!** 
       - When: Thursday, June 20 to Saturday, June 22, 2024
       - Where: Toronto's Hilton hotel
       - Some events are **free**, some have small fees associated with it (e.g. student lunch with NSO is $30**) – date:** Friday June 21 from 12:15 pm -1:45 pm
       - **Will be organizing a UofT group to go together!** Sign-up sheet posted closer to May (will sign up by May 20th)
   * CNSA Delegate-------------------------------------------------------------------------- Amna Zafar
     + Contacted ON Regional Director in regards to Regional Conference hosting opportunity
       - No response yet
     + Postponing meet the ONA rep
     + Working on CNSA National Conference summaries
   * IPE Representative--------------------------------------------------------------------------- Olena Zubrytska
     + Elective IPE Events available!
     + IPHSA is organizing a pub night Friday May 3rd (Monarch Tavern). Food will be provided! Come meet other health students :)
       - LInk is in IPHSA ig bio, will be shared in the student groupchat
     + IPE info session for incoming students
       - IPHSA coordination?, during orientation?
   * IHI Delegate---------------------------------------------------------------------------------- Celine Fredrick
     + No new updates!
   * UTSU Representative----------------------------------------------------------------- Ria Patel
     + UTSU Scholarship Program will be open soon- no date listed therefore keep monitoring if you want to apply. There are several awards based on leadership
     + UTSU Tax Clinic is still taking appointments (until April 30th) - can book a specific appointment for filing taxes claiming dependants
     + Free UTSU Professional Faculty Headshots- most have been emailed out, if you booked later they are still being processed
   * Social Coordinators---------------------------------------------------------- Arianne Soriano & Rita Smolkin
     + 2024 Orientation
       - Brainstorm ideas
       - Meeting to plan: via zoom or after May meeting
       - Interest google form for participating in NUS orientation
         * Things to add, what incoming students would want or need
   * Year Representative---------------------------------------------------------------------------- Sheng Zhi Yao
     + 2024 orientation
       - What we liked/disliked from our orientation
       - Ideas for how to make it better for the upcoming cohort

* Paula - finishing off the spring merchandise sale. Goes live this friday on the bookstore website (April 19th - May 3rd)
  + Athletic and Recreation Representatives--------------------------------------------------- Jade Gracey
    - Intramurals
      * Will hear by the end of the month how much we owe in defaults
      * Approx $100 per semester
    - Nursing Games
      * Weekend in March before consolidation - ideas?
        + 16th/17th?
      * Create a subcommittee - Meet in early May
        + https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RPlVKvGP90qRR1HSUrYsuFdbETifgLJBfxvzCTCXDUQ/edit
      * Possible collaboration with TMU/York
        + Financial, facility-wise
      * Meeting with Erica next week to find out details of the event
  + Publications Coordinators---------------------------------------- Amanda Ha & Samantha Rapson
    - Got in touch with the yearbook company to discuss physical yearbooks, but thinking digital yearbooks may be easier and more affordable
      * Should we stick with digital or do a poll with first and second years to see how many people are interested in a physical copy?
    - Still waiting to hear back from Sidra and Vivian regarding acceptable pricing
    - Orientation survival guide handout for first years??? An idea
  + Global Health Representatives —----------------------------- Tom Joseph & Sophia Nguyen
    - Increasing Global Health events to 1-3 events per term.
* Hosting more interactive events within the faculty to raise awareness about Global Health issues (ex. Trivia night, documentary night, discussion panels, field trips?).
* Hosting one fundraising event per term for Global Health and/or community issues (ex. Bake sale, fundraising contest, food drive, 5k run, etc.) -> can collaborate with local/international organizations/charities.
* Implementing more social events that will allow students to connect + increase faculty engagement (ex. NUS Global Health-themed event, dance, talent show, etc.).
  + - Raising the Global Health budget from $10k to $15k-$20k.
* To facilitate more events for the student body.
* To bring in international/rural guest speakers for the 2024-2025 Global Health Conference.
* Are we able to put the extra budget from 2023-2024 towards 2024-2025?
* Talk with Ben from Pillars Scholarship regarding keeping funding for this year.
  + - Hosting the Global Health Conference in June 2025 (instead of January 2025).
* This will give us more time to better plan out the conference, apply for more funding, and collaborate with more guest speakers.
* Consult second-year students regarding a better time of year to host the Global Health Conference (maybe a better month than June?).
  + - Planetary Health Report Card
* The Planetary Health Report Card project for Uoft Nursing has taken off with the help of Professor Laura and we are planning to work on it and have it done by June to present at a Symposium on October 22, 2024
  + Wellness Coordinators------------------------------------------------------------------------- Serena Lai
    - Athletics x Wellness collaboration in May
      * Promote physical wellness
      * Outdoor activities; looking into booking spaces in UofT gyms
      * Run club - having run leaders throughout
    - Inquiring about therapy dogs for June
  + Mentorship Coordinator--------------------------------------------------- Kelly Lozovschi & Pankti Patel
    - Mentorship/mentee applications will go out around end of July, once we receive the list of emails for the incoming class from Communications team
    - If you’re interested in becoming a mentor, please fill out the application when it comes out and we’ll reach out with more information then
    - Gauge interest about a masters panel for this year vs next year

1. **Other Business/Discussions**--------------------------------------------------------------------------------- NUS
2. **Update from Faculty**---------------------------------------------------------------------------------- Erica Cambly
   * Equity get in touch with Erica regarding subsidized tickets for orientation to keep it confidential

**Next Meeting:**