



# **BLOOMBERG**

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Meeting Minutes  
Nursing Undergraduate Society Meeting  
10/29/2024  
11:15AM  
In-Person Meeting  
Taken by: Amanda Ombricolo

**Attendance:** Erica Cambly, Lauren Mage, Amanda Ombricolo, Emily Xu, Annie Jiang, Simran Dhindsa, Tom Joseph, Sophia Nguyen, Jade Gracey, Ana Constantin, Mariam Ghuman, Ria Patel, Amna Zafar, Kelly Lozovschi, Pankti Patel, Arianne Soriano, Sheng Zhi Yao, Amanda Ha, Samantha Rapson, Serena Lai, Angelica Waight, Leena Khan, Hannah Civello, Claire Harvey, Vanessa Roscoe, Claudia Yong, Maryjo Antonio, Elise Zhang, Heaven Beshay, Rachel Ly, Chloe Thomson, Kaitlyn Yearwood, Sam Wong, Izma Shahzad, Jason Liu

**Regrets:** Sydney Dobronyi, Olena Zubrytska, Rita Smolkin, Jerrienne Palarca

**1) Opening Remarks**

**2) Approval of Agenda**

Motion: Amna Zafar      Second: Ria Patel      Passed: yes

**3) Approval of the Previous Minutes**

Motion: Pankti Patel      Second: Ana Constantin      Passed: yes

**4) Report from the Executives**

- President ----- Lauren Mage

- Welcome to Angelica, our new Vice President!
- Presentation from Kristen Reichold on Faculty Council Committees
- Looking for additional volunteers for the Faculty Council Committees:

- **Admissions Committee (One first-year member)**

- Reviews and makes recommendations to Council on admissions policies; assess the qualifications of applicants seeking admission and approves admission of qualified applicants on behalf of Council; makes decisions about student petitions regarding entry or re-entry on behalf of Council.

- **Leena Khan**

- **Awards Committee (One first OR second year member)**

- Selects candidates for awards; reviews award/funding policies; advises on the development of new awards and the review of existing rewards records.

- **Ria Patel**

- **Curriculum Committee (One first-year member)**

- Reviews and reports recommendations to the Faculty Council on changes to all existing curricula and proposals for changes to academic programs.
  - Izma Shahzad
- NUS By-Election: Applications collected and voting scheduled for Wednesday October 30th to Friday November 1st.
  - Received applications for RNAO and UTSU
  - Equity and IHI positions remain vacant
- Pre-convocation graduation celebration at Hart House
  - 8-10AM on Wednesday; volunteers welcome!
- Creation of NUS Group Norms for 2024-2025 academic year:
  - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JXlzmVszouhj4j99i6DIQCczOdxlfWyyvZopiUG72bU/edit?usp=sharing>
- Vice-President ----- Angelica Waight
  - Planning blood drive
  - Swab drive too!
- Finance----- Hannah Civello, Claire Harvey, Emily Xu & Annie Jiang
  - Welcome to the Finance Team, Hannah and Claire! 😊
  - Update on 2022-2023 audited financial statements
  - BMO meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, Nov 5, 2024 at 11am
    - Update signing officers
    - Open second chequing account for Nursing Games
    - Discuss debit card purchases
  - Reminder to run planned fundraiser events per budget
  - Action items
    - Check finances for last year's orientation
    - Check usage of student fees
- Communications----- Amanda Ombricolo & Leena Khan
  - Welcome Leena !!!!! <3.
  - Leena is added to all the accounts and need to get her access to email and room finder
  - CCR recognition

## 5) Report of Committees

- Equity Coordinators----- Simran Dhindsa & Sydney Dobronyi
  - Nov:
    - Clothing drive (will run through December as well)
      - Warm clothing items, hygiene items, non perishable items
      - Donations to the women's shelter
    - Civil Discourse workshop - Lauren
      - Meeting in the upcoming week with gnss, global health
    - Sharing circle tbd (late november)
      - Go ahead for second years 2/3rd week of november

- Any first years interested to facilitate on the Friday please let us know
- Dec: Snack bar for finals week (will follow up with finance for the past one)
- SCS teaching event - Late January/February
  - Nurses from Parkdale SCS to come present; NUS to help facilitate, book, and organize
  - Snack bar to be during the same week
- Junior equity reps - follow up with individuals interested and remaining applicants for NUS
- Subsidized tickets for grad gala?
  - Follow up with social; a discount available; to figure out how many can be subsidized
- EDIIR update - awaiting role of equity as part of the 5 year strategic plan
- RNAO Delegates----- Ana Constantin
  - Event planning at this time - seeking to enlist help to run a membership booth for first years on campus on a Friday (I have clinical). Potentially Nov 8th on the break between classes.
  - Membership booth for 2nd years was a success! Thank you Leanne from RNAO for goodies and support
- CNSA Delegate----- Amna Zafar & Izma Shahzad
  - Welcome Izma!
    - Onboarded yesterday
    - Has access to all the emails
  - National Conference Jan 29-Feb 1 in Halifax
    - Ticket costs are higher (\$180 from \$160)
    - Additional day of the conference added
    - Flights about (\$400-500/person)
    - Fits within proposed budget last year but the \$2k difference was not figured out (checked both Finance and CNSA files)
  - CNSA Conference tickets for OD/AD purchased and reimbursed
  - Meeting each other on Wednesday to book flight and hotel
  - Unclear on where additional \$2k from last year came from, will be asking faculty for additional funding
    - Otherwise might only take one additional student and rely on fundraising for the difference
  - Potential fundraising: talent show
- IPE Representative----- Olena Zubrytska & Jason Liu
  - Welcome Jason
  - First full team IPHSA meeting tonight - updates will be shared in newsletter
  - IPHSA looking to connect with faculty reps for funding
- IHI Delegate----- Mariam Ghuman

- Still working on getting email access
    - Contacted previous IHI rep- no response
- UTSU Representative----- Ria Patel
  - Mental Health Plan has reverted to previous coverage– \$100/visit (max \$1500) - if you used mental health services during previous coverage period, can claim the difference as long as the appointment was after September 2024.
  - Empower Me - virtual mental health support with next day appointment
  - Student Aid Program has ended - applications will open for Winter Term in second week of January
  - Food Bank- 11am-3pm at student commons building by appointment
  - VUSAC - Eat After 8 - meals provided from Burwash Dining Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays
  - UTSU room/space bookings - <https://www.utsu.ca/booking-spaces/>
  - Provide UTSU with updated student list+student numbers – after positions are filled :)
- Social Coordinators----- Arianne Soriano & Rita Smolkin, Vanessa Roscoe & Claudia Yong
  - Welcome Vanessa and Claudia!!!
  - Grad Gala Update:
    - Date: April 11
    - Photography (Sheng)
      - Paramount services at no cost!!
    - Decorations (Ari) - Creating a decorations committee
      - Theme: Enchanted Forest
      - Will help plan: center-pieces, theme decor, entrance, etc
      - If interested find Ari after meeting to sign up
    - Ask Publications if they want to present Yearbook Awards during the gala, work on gala slideshow → yes!
  - Next Social: AGO
    - Date: Wednesday, November 6
    - Free admission from 6-9pm
    - <https://ago.ca/visitor-information/visit-free>
- Year Representative----- Sheng Zhi Yao & Sam Wong
  - Welcome Sam!!
  - Merch sale ends on monday
  - grad photos on November 6-8
    - January dates will be updated in december
  - Grad sweaters
    - Order from patagonia during january
  - Gnss collab with lulu lemon
    - Potentially NUS can get in on the order (19 ppl interested)
- Athletic and Recreation Representatives----- Jade !Gracey & Kaitlyn Yearwood

- Welcome Kaitlyn!!!
- Kaitlyn and I will be working on the interest form later today for winter intramurals to be sent out in the next newsletter
- Nursing Games Meeting TODAY at 3:15pm in the Nursing Lounge
- Publications Coordinators----- Amanda Ha & Samantha Rapson, **Jerrienne Palarca**, Heaven Beshay & Elise Zhang
  - Welcome Jerr, Heaven, and Elise!!!
  - Finished yearbook → picking up today :) 110 copies
    - Finance picking up w/ us <3
  - Selling tomorrow before Nursing Convocation at Hart House pre-grad (8:00-10:00 am)
    - \$10
      - Ad revenue + revenue from selling books
    - Square + cash + etransfer?
      - Finance getting Square for us?
    - Need 1 more volunteer
  - Will also be selling the yearbooks for 2nd years Monday November 11th
    - Will send out more info
    - Between acute and seminar → recruit NUS member for the second seminar time
  - Create a more cohesive IG, NUS brand identity, create more fun reels to show off the student body and campus (aim: boost more engagement + teach students more about what NUS + Bloomberg have to offer)
    - Ideas: day in the life of 5 NUS members (takeover each week)
      - Amna, sheng, amanda o, leena, Annie
      - Student information
      - Reels discussing what the UofT nursing program is all about
      - Fun reels trying different foods on campus
    - Open to more ideas
- Global Health Representatives ----- Tom Joseph & Sophia Nguyen, Rachel Ly & Chloe Thomson
  - Welcome to both Rachel and Chloe to our team!!
  - Application has been sent for Pillars Scholarship for Conference.
  - Going to be deciding the theme for the Conference before the next meeting and hoping to have the conference on the evening of Tuesday March 4th, 2025 (will be looking for volunteers for the Global Health Conference!)
  - Wanted to thank everyone who came out to help for the 5K run as we have raised **\$540.17** for Yonge Street Mission.
  - Next Tuesday, Nov. 5th, we will be heading to the Yonge Street Mission office at 306 Gerrard St. E to hand in the cheque and take a photo with a giant cheque at 11:30am. Inviting all volunteers to come and get a pic!
- Wellness Coordinators----- Maryjo Antonio & Serena Lai
  - Welcome MJ!!!
    - Transition meeting completed on Tuesday, October 22

- Wellness Hub
  - Picked up various resources from 15 different on- and off-campus organizations
  - Pamphlet holders and stands have arrived and are with Faculty
  - Partial assembly of hub scheduled on November 6 by Faculty
    - Time TBD so will have to go in on another day to decorate and add resources
- Wellness Retreat
  - Revised Faculty funding request letter has been sent and received by Faculty with cost breakdown comparing original requested funding to new one; awaiting response
- Wellness Booth/symposium
  - Invite various UofT wellness-related organizations to set up booths in Nursing Lounge
  - Fundraising event
  - Tuesday, November 26 (2nd years) @ 11:15-12:15 pm; Friday, November 29 (1st years) @ 11-12pm
  - Nursing Lounge A to be booked please!
- Mentorship Coordinator----- Kelly Lozovschi & Pankti Patel
  - NCLEX subscription package discount email sent out
    - Due November 17th at 11:59pm
    - Only for the access code, don't have to purchase
  - Second meet and greet with mentees? Game night? (No budget for food)
    - Tentative dates: Monday November 18th or Tuesday November 19th
    - Rec room? Nursing lounge w/ board games?
  - HAST zoom call for first years
    - Last week of November
    - Will send out Q&A form in 2nd week of November

**6) Other Business/Discussions----- NUS**

- Suggestion to have event debriefs
- Charm Sale - Amna and Annie
  - Nov 8 and Nov 12
- Halloween/Christmas movie night - Amna and Annie
  - The Night Before Christmas
  - Early December?

**7) Update from Faculty----- Erica Cambly**

- Point of contact for specific questions about HAST is Maryanne
- Sigma invites have gone out
- Keep Erica in the loop for events so she can support us!

**Next Meeting:**