

2015/2016 MSA Council Meeting #2 - Minutes

Monday, October 5, 2015

12:00pm-12:50pm, KATZ 1-080

A. Speaker's Business (3 min.)

1. Call to order - Meeting called to order at 12:00pm.
2. Attendance
3. Next Meeting Date - *November 2, 2015 (KATZ 1-080)*

B. Executive Reports (10 min.)

1. **PRESIDENT** Report
 - i. Ice Bowl - well done Mack Jacobson and John Stimson!
 - ii. Student Spaces - MSB office space proposed to be made into a mindfulness and meditation room. A survey addressing this will be sent out, along with assessing the use of all of our student spaces, within the next week or so.
2. **VP ADMINISTRATION** Report - Constitution & Bylaw Committee Update
 - i. Constitution Bylaw committee (James Welke and Tanis Quaife) will be working to update the Constitution. Changes will be approved by the MSA Council, likely in January 2016.

C. Executive Business (10 min.)

1. **VP STUDENT AFFAIRS/VP ADMINISTRATION** MOVE to amend the MSA Clubs Policy to clarify changes discussed at the previous meeting of MSA Council.
 - i. *Policy #2 - MSA Clubs Policy - See item on agenda.*
 1. *Discussion: HSSA Rep (Calvin Tseng), Sharon Feng (Facilities Rep Senior), Finola Hackett (AMA Rep Junior), Julianna Deutscher (VP Community Engagement), John Storwick (Orientation Week Committee), Fatemeh Ramazani (President), Scott Anderson (VP Education), Justin Khunkhun (PAC Chair)- why the change to 2 groups per individual? Last year, people took on too many events, resulting in lower quality. (Some disagreement with this limitation and whether or not it addresses what it is trying to achieve)*
 2. *Motion Carries 27/2/1*

D. Member Reports & Business (15 min.)

1. **HEALTH & WELLNESS SENIOR/VP FINANCE (MA)** MOVES to open the Faculty Joint Funding acceptance period before November 2015.

- i. Discussion: David Ma (VP Finance), Silken Stone-Janzen (Orientation Week Committee) Brendan Morgan (VP External), Fatemeh Ramazani (President), Brandon Christensen (VP Admin), Megan Cook (Community Health Rep Senior), Aran Yukseloglu (Year 1 Class Rep) - Joint fund comes from Faculty and MSA. Moving the deadline earlier will allow existing initiatives to access the money before new ones.
- ii. Motion to Extend Debate - John Storwick (Orientation Week Committee), Meschach David (HSSA Rep Junior)
- iii. *Motion carries 30/0/0*

2. **AMA JUNIOR & AMA SENIOR** - Alberta Medical Association Representative Forum presentation.

- i. Finola Hackett (AMA Junior). Physician Compensation Committee, changes in fee codes, electronic health records and access for analytics, secure messaging service for physicians, presentations on integrated care pathways, Choosing Wisely, forum for patient-centred care at alberta.ca, (Details to be distributed).
- ii. *See item #2 - Supplemental RF Materials*

3. **HEALTH & WELLNESS SENIOR** - Presentation and discussion on changes to the Health and Wellness program.

- i. *Time limitation elapsed.*
- ii. **O-WEEK(STORWICK)/HEALTH AND WELLNESS SENIOR** move to extend discussion on item D3 by 5 minutes.
- iii. *Motion carried by visual majority.*
- iv. Program for students to meet informally and discuss personal challenges. How to structure it, who is involved, etc.
- v. Discussion: Darby Brox (2019 SOCOM), Laura Coleman (ACFP Rep Senior), Calvin Tseng (HSSA Rep Senior), Henry Wiebe (Health and Wellness Junior)

E. Question Period (10 min.)

1. Henry Wiebe (Health and Wellness Junior) to Finola Hackett (AMA Junior)- do these changes affect specific specialties?
2. Asha Lal (Community Health Junior) - quality assurance for club events.
Response by Helya Aghazadeh (VP Student Affairs)

F. Adjournment (2 min.)

1. **PRESIDENT(RAMAZANI)/O-WEEK(STORWICK)** move to adjourn at 12:52pm.
2. *Passed by visual majority.*

3. Attendance - See up-to-date attendance below.

(<https://docs.google.com/a/uofalberta.ca/spreadsheets/d/1on5AEmMTgWDOgWfYAHEOI A0hM2ZPcy2sdlSil0WJHbk/edit?usp=sharing>)

Late Additions

Information Item #2 - AMA Representative Forum – Fall 2015

Edmonton, September 25-26, 2015

U of A voting delegate: Vick Puri (puri@ualberta.ca). U of A student observers: Cian Hackett, Paras Satija, Finola Hackett (finola@ualberta.ca), Jenny Yoon, Abdul Raheem

This is a brief summary of major topics that came up that may be of interest to students, and is not meant to be an exhaustive overview of the entire Representative Forum. Please feel free to contact the Junior or Senior AMA student reps for clarification or if any issues particularly interest you.

- **Physician Compensation Committee (main and contentious topic of discussion)**
 - 7-member committee with equal AMA and Alberta Health representation
 - Reviewed 20 of the 3000 fee codes in the Schedule of Medical Benefits. Preliminary evaluations reduced 6 codes (ex. cataract surgery, echocardiogram)
 - Beginning of a long process, which is zero-sum and not meant to cut costs. Certain codes will be adjusted up/down to ensure fairness and intersectional relativity between specialties
 - Sections affected: ophthalmology, diagnostic imaging, cardiology
 - Some delegates raised issues with how the fee changes were calculated (ex. overhead costs, intensity and complexity multipliers), want the process to remain open, fair, and transparent
 - In other places like Ontario, physicians have had little say in government changes to fees
 - Most motions were referred to the AMA Board of Directors
- AMA also has a working group with government to develop **alternative primary care physician compensation** model (Alternative Relationship Plans) – blended capitation
- **Electronic health records**
 - Potential for data analytics, high number of Alberta physicians already have EHRs
 - Acute care in Alberta data collected through NetCare, currently lack comprehensive system to analyse primary care
 - AMA is looking to initiate a **secure messaging system** for physicians over the next year
- **Clinical pathways and integrated care solutions**
 - Appropriateness and Evidence-Based Initiatives working group developing proposals to improve quality and efficiency of care and reduce costs
 - Modelled after Canterbury, New Zealand; integrating Choosing Wisely recommendations
 - Currently 11% of AHS' \$14 billion budget invested in primary care
 - Total required: \$39 million, return on investment 3-5 to 1, could be as high as 10 to 1

- New website: **albertapatients.ca**
- Discussion forum for patients to give feedback on the health system
- Trying to recruit patients to join. Target 15 000, currently at 550
- New Alberta **Minister of Health** Sarah Hoffman came to speak and answer questions

Resolutions passed (not a comprehensive list):

- Support **childhood immunization** as a fundamental right; AND Advocate for scheduled reviews of childhood immunization status and advocate for government to develop strategies to educate and incentivize non-compliant parents.
- Advocate for **coverage of all birth control methods** for patients up to 21 years of age
- Social determinants of health begin at/before conception
- Advocate to government to phase out coal-fired electricity plants as soon as possible AND explore **sourcing electricity from renewable sources** and consider encouraging its members to do the same
- Air quality and climate change both have significant public health impacts
- ^these 3 topics have potential for **student advocacy**
- Develop physician immunization data repository linked to province-wide monitoring system
- Ex. physicians have low flu vaccine rate which may be due to inaccurate data and recording
- Advocate Alberta Transportation ensure drivers' functional assessments affordable and geographically readily available AND set standards for such assessments to be medically acceptable and evidence-based
- Current driver's license assessment forms seen as inadequate
- Ensure physicians retain the professional right to decline to perform services/assessments they determine are beyond their scope of training or functional abilities
- Applies to driver's license assessments, but other forms doctors fill out as well
- Advocate for development of primary care research infrastructure to facilitate access to grant funding opportunities, and develop questions that will inform primary care reform
- Primary care lacks the robust research/evaluation structure of specialties
- Request dialogue with Pharmacists' Association of Alberta, seeking development of a more collaborative system for producing medication management plans; AND Communicate with CPSA and Alberta College of Pharmacists need for engagement with most responsible physician prior to prescribing pharmacists changing medication management for a patient
- Concern some pharmacists are making prescription changes without consulting physicians
- Advocate with government to ensure centralized electronic registry of formal attachment be available by July 2016
- Central database of which patients are attached to which family physicians
- Make concerted efforts with Alberta Health, Alberta Health Services, CPSA for commitment to functioning robust provider registry by October 2017
- CPSA registry of physicians on website not always updated