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1255 Sheppard Ave E.
Toronto, ON

ADNSA Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2018

Attendance

Jonathan Tokiwa, Cindy Beernink, Mitchell Zeifman, Greg Nasmith, Lauren McKinney, Ashley Kennedy, Valerie Kremer, Aidanne Macdonald-Milewski

Minutes Review

- Exam review - review of the past process showed there were no previous emails sent out.
 - Under exam schedules and exam review procedures the updated presentation has been added for students to review.
 - Jonathan: OAA has said that a few years ago they tried implementing email notifications when things were posted to moodle but they have stopped this because of the high volume of emails that students were not happy about receiving
 - Second year class may not have been fully aware that this shift occurred
 - **Cindy: will come in and talk to the class about this**
 - Greg spoke to the January class on Friday about exam review as there still seemed to be some confusion following the initial discussion Cindy had with the class
 - **Cindy: remove the section that states that sign-up is in a binder in the OAA office + to add the sign-up dates for exam review on the year-at-a-glance as students often refer to this for a lot of the important dates**
 - As soon as grades are released, sign-up to moodle for resit is posted. Students need to associate the correlated timing of when grades are posted and the opening of resit sign-up
 - It is an ongoing challenge to figure out the best way to get information out to students in a way that is both effective but not overwhelming as emails that come in too often are often ignored. The most important thing is establishing a consistent system so that that students know what to expect.

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- Tokiwa: a good place to start may be to remind students to check moodle announcements weekly as this may help to build that habit going forward
 - IMG Class Rep Follow-up - Greg sent out an email to the IMG reps inviting them to be more engaged and asking for feedback but has not gotten any email responses back yet
 - NSA is planning to do an event to help welcome the new IMG class to help them feel more included
 - IT Course Feedback - IMG IT course dissatisfaction: no formal process has been established for fielding this feedback, unofficially the sense is that IMG students find material in this course redundant which creates frustration. It is hard to restructure such a complex course.
 - Tokiwa: if this course becomes a potential replacement for postgraduate pharmacology courses it will be highly unlikely that IMG students will be allowed exemption from this course
 - The objective around this course is helping strengthen student's ability to evaluate evidence for naturopathic medical treatments - some students have no problem with this while others find the structure challenging, depending on their previous research experience
 - Entrance qualification exams - currently 6 month timeline from course completion to entering clinic, students are asking for this period to be extended or for students to take these course just before entering clinic, as well as reducing the cost
 - All three of these asks have been brought up in the academic clinic meeting and clinical therapeutics meeting for further discussion
 - Any decisions that are made will not be in effect for this year but will be able to be enacted for future cohorts
 - Also discussed reconsidering courses that fit into that category to help streamline this process
 - There is a clinic entrance exams, which is to be done if they go beyond the allowed deadline from when they completed their courses
 - Cost of writing these exams is \$50 per course; maximum a student would have to pay is \$350 if they took a full year off between third year and entering clinic
 - Most recent midterm session - overall ran smoothly, the only request is that current midterm schedule be left up throughout the exam period - when the new final exam schedule was posted the midterm schedule was removed

Mitchell

- Clinic scheduling starts next week for 3rd year students
 - Trying to open one new offsite satellite clinic

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- No Brampton application process this year, will just be included with CHC clinic selections
 - Looking to have schedule completed by April 9, 2018
 - Current clinic status
 - Students are on track for making their numbers
 - Average is 240 patient visits per intern
 - Has had a request to send out information on finishing requirements for 4th years and what the steps are if they have to stay a little longer

Valerie

- Students would like to contact NABNE to inquire about setting up another writing site that is more central, perhaps Manitoba, to make it easier for students not located in BC or Ontario
 - Students have not had success contacting NABNE directly
 - Contact Dave Hall about this