



*MUNSS Meeting Minutes
6:30pm, December 5th
McMaster University HSC 2J13*

Call of the Role

Present

Anmolpreet Kaur (President), Lois Chui (VP-McMaster), Amanda Todd (VP-Mohawk), Leighanne Swance (VP-Conestoga), Jessica Hill-Porter (Executive Assistant), Joyce Ng (Finance), Maryan Salik (Education-Mohawk), Shannon Forbes (Education-Conestoga), Mira Sayah (Education-McMaster), Shivani Patel (Communications), Heather Buchanan (CNSA OD-Conestoga), Hannah Cross (CNSA OD-McMaster), Thomas O’Handley (CNSA OD-Mohawk), Kayla Bradley (Level 1-McMaster), Lou Ginne Avancena (Level 1-Mohawk), Grace Sinke (Level 1-Mohawk), Kristin Greig (Level 1-Conestoga), Andrea Rideout (Level 1-Conestoga), Adriana Tugg (Level 2-Mohawk), Laura Chapman (Level 2-McMaster), Shirwa Geele (Level 2-McMaster), Jessica DeBackere (Level 2-Conesotga), Rachel Rowey (Level 3-McMaster), Alison Langendon (Level 3-McMaster), Brianne Flowers (Level 3-Conestoga), Caitlin Devries (Level 3-Conestoga), Zoe Waller (Level 4-Mohawk), Nikki Berza (Level 4-McMaster), Christina Pastore (RPN-BScN-Conestoga), Bailey Rogers (RPN-BScN-Mohawk), Cara Peters (RPN-BScN-Mohawk), Josh Enzlin (Accerlated), Melina Lin (Accerlated), Rebecca Crawford (CNSA AD-McMaster), Alexandra Dandy (CNSA AD-Mohawk), Sharon Nwamadi (RNAO-Hamilton), Joseph Fan (Social Co-Chair-McMaster), Sarosh Karma (Social Co-Chair-McMaster), Megan Pople (Social Co-Chair-Conestoga), and Aliisa Ragnanan (SRA)

Faculty

Absent

Ola Lunyk-Child (McMaster)
Dianne DalBello (Conestoga), Cynthia Hammond (Mohawk), Sara Rajiwate (Level 1-McMaster), Aidan Nitz (Level 2-Conestoga), Sophie Lapierre-Green (Level 3-Mohawk), Mackenzie Mawson (Level 3-Mohawk), Dallas Miller (Level 4-Conestoga), Ashlyn Baer (Level 4-Conestoga), Katie Labron (Level 4-McMaster), Hilary Sudar (RPN-BScN-Conestoga), Vigne Sridharan (CNSA AD-Conestoga), Mary Attalla (Awards and Scholarships), Lawson Sherwood (RNAO-Kitchener-Waterloo), Kelly Long (SRA), Alyson Bierling (GUNI-McMaster/Mohawk), Lisa VanderWees (GUNI-McMaster/Mohawk), Selena Braund (GUNI-Conestoga) and Caitlin Brydges (GUNI-Conestoga)

Start of the Meeting

Motion	To start the meeting at 6:38pm
Motioned By	Sarosh Karma (Social Co-Chair)
Seconded By	Brianne Flowers (Level 3-Conestoga)
Motion Conclusion	Passed by general consensus

DeSCIpher

- A Life Sciences competition on February 4th (hosted by BHSS) was discussed at a previous meeting as a possible event that MUNSS would donate to. However, confusion of the event specifics (including budget) and contraindications of interfaculty collaboration pushed a decision back until further information could be presented.
- Feedback from BHSS:
 - Will the teams be interfaculty? The teams of 2-3 can be interfaculty or faculty specific. The event is not being advertised as either, so students registering their team can decide whether or not they want an interfaculty team.
 - What are the budget specifics? BHSS has budgeted \$129.00 for yard signs (not \$450.00 that was previously thought), looking to book rooms in IAHS (as it is cost free), and the banquet will be at the CIBC hall or Councillors Chambers, which is \$200.00 for the entire day.
 - What is the asking donation? \$150.00, however this amount is not set in stone.
 - Will there be delegate packages? This is something that could be a consideration based on the amount of donations received.
- MUNSS comments:
 - The MUNSS donation should be dependant on whether nursing teams will participate within the event. If no teams are likely to participate then would be no direct benefit.
 - From a poll within the MUNSS committee there is very minor to no interest in attending the event.
 - This event could be beneficial in a sense that it would enhancing networking and developing platforms to strengthen that interfaculty collaboration. Nursing is a profession that requires interprofessionalism and this could be platform to base that foundation on.
 - Based on the topics that are outlined, this event would be more solely directed toward the upper year nursing students because most of those topics have not be covered in its entirety. This leads to only half the of the nursing student body eligible to participate.
 - The upper year nursing students feel they just wouldn't have time to dedicate towards this event due to the businesses and demand of their schedules.
 - There is also topics outlined that are not covered within the nursing curriculum and this can hinder participation as well.

- There are 3 question periods, one that is done as a group, then individually, then finally the the top 5 groups competing.
 - Based on that information it is even more prevalent that performance will be hindered to the lower year nursing students and the nursing faculty itself. Nursing students do not have enough background in some topics, like other faculties to fully participate.

Motion	Donate \$150.00 to Health Sciences Competition “deSCLpher”
Motioned By	Joseph Fan (Social Co-Chair)
Seconded By	Nikki Berza (Level 4-McMaster)
Motion Conclusion	Yes 5 Against 8 Abstained 2 → NOT CARRIED

Survey Engagement

- Course and tutor evaluations close Wednesday, December 7th. The exit survey for students graduating this semester closes Friday, December 9th.
- Currently only 30% of students have filled out their Level 4 exit survey forms, which is an increase from less than 5% last year. The program manager has a goal of 50%, which is an ideal goal.
- To achieve this goal, students have been receiving numerous email, Avenue2Learn announcements and social media reminders to fill out the surveys.
- Other strategies to improve student participation:
 - Having tutors/teachers reminding students when in class
 - Have time set aside in class for students to fill-out the survey on a scantron or on their computer, but chose a method consistent within all courses.
 - Having an incentive for completing the survey. For Psych students were given 3% bonus on the final exam for survey completion. Another incentive would be not releasing final exam marks until the course survey is completed.
 - Having students like level reps or teachers promote to students of the benefits of completing the survey in class. Emphasize that the surveys give students a voice to improve the program. It is direct impact on the quality of education students currently and incoming will benefit from.
- For improvements on current strategies are to include links within ALL email reminders so students can access the survey, have an extension on the closing date (It feels the survey closes too early) and to develop a method to terminate reminder emails once students complete the evaluation.

Event Proposals

- TedTalk
 - Event open to students on February 28th, however only a limited number of delegates can actually attend (as per TedTalk policies). Attendees are chosen through an application basis and in the past there has been equal representation of faculties in attendance (with an average of 4-6 nursing students in

- attendance).
- Event information:
 - The budget indicates that donation support will be directed to either catering, transportation, equipment, promotions, packages or delegates or workshops.
 - Currently the cost to attend is unknown and the applications for attending have not yet been released.
 - The theme of the event is “metamorphosis is the paradox of change”.
 - Benefit packages for donations:
 - \$250.00-\$500.00 social media and news letter promotion of society
 - \$750.00 banner promotion at event
 - \$1000.00 exhibit table
 - Comments of MUNSS:
 - This event will be beneficial for nursing students to network and gain valuable information, especially since nursing students can and have attended this event in the past.
 - MUNSS has donated to this event in the past with positive results.
 - TedTalks are very successful and the donation would be put to good use.
 - MUNSS should cover the direct cost of one of items indicated where donations would be directed to, such as the workshop aspect. The workshop cost is \$300.00, if MUNSS were to proceed with this direction could MUNSS ask the coordinators to have MUNSS sponsorship recognition on the workshop.
 - This is something can be discussed further with the coordinators once a decision is final with MUNSS.

Motion	Donate \$300 to TedxMcMaster to cover the cost of “Workshops”
Motioned By	Shivani Patel (Communications)
Seconded By	Andrea Rideout (Level 1- Conestoga)
Motion Conclusion	Yes 14 Against 0 Abstained 1 → PASSED

- McMaster Red Cross
 - A networking event on February 9th, that is open to all students.
 - Coordinators are looking for help from academic societies to help plan the event and provide financial support.
 - Comments from MUNSS:
 - This event will be taking place a month after students come back from the winter break. Planning and organizing events take a lot of time and effort to coordinate and a month does not seem like an enough time.
 - Decided by a general consensus from MUNSS, students interested in participating in the event are asked to contact Anmolpreet to forward contact information.

Updates

- President
 - Presidential election in less than month, those interested in running for president are asked to contact Anmolpreet.
- SRA
 - Having a career panel coming up to explore alternative career paths for nursing students. Will have guest speakers such as a HR manager and nurses from non-traditional roles.
 - Students must register online; the link will be within the poster.
- Education
 - Will be organizing Healing Touch Workshop at Conestoga, which will be open to all sites
 - The Mental Health First Aid workshop is looking to coordinate with a Mohawk faculty that conducts the workshop for faculty.
 - Spoke to Dr. Culver about helping with the level 1's to travel to A&P
 - Doesn't seem to a huge issue, however yellow suits will organize a map
- RPN-BScN
 - Successful A&P review: 10 people showed up at Mo/Mac and 20 at Conestoga with learning commons tutor assistance.
 - Plan to coordinate another review session for Pathophysiology.
- VP Conestoga
 - MUNSS DAY February 6th at all sites
 - Clothing, mittens, hat, scarf donation drive is still in the works.
 - Sharon RNAO Representative for Hamilton met with the health policy director to discuss issues with RNAO within the province
- Level 3
 - Send out registration for nursing games. Currently the sports are archery tag, bubble soccer, and hungry hippos.
 - Planning a social event for Mo/Mac in 2nd week of January to attend the flying squirrel
- Level 1
 - Tachy sweater at Conestoga was successful and tachy sweater at Mac/Mo will be coming up. A student with a picture posted on the nursing social media then a winner from each site will be chosen to receive a gift card.
 - Final Anatomy review coming up at three sites.
 - Event that was proposed with Engineering never followed up, so it is not occurring.
 - Relay for life specifics are still in the works.
- Level 4
 - Career fair on January 4th.
 - Meeting with program manager to discuss specifics budget for career fair
 - Still viewing venues for Grad Formal with the tentative date of April 8th

- Collecting Grad Sweater orders and the last date will be Jan 13th
- CNSA
 - Was over budget by \$400.00 for the regional conference, but found cost saving alternations for flights
 - Brainstorming an event for next semester
- Level 2
 - Conestoga: candy cane de-stressors were handed out in the last PBL class, received positive feedback for the clinical review session level 1's (successful turn out, and Pathophysiology review session coming up.
 - McMaster: Will be handing out hot chocolate with candy canes after the Pharmacology exam and the ping pong event had a small turn out with only 7 students in attendance.
- Accelerated:
 - Incredible success for mock OSCE with 45 students participating.
- Social:
 - March 4th is the date for the Nursing Formal and will be at Carmen's (with transportation provided). Theme will be announced soon!
 - Games night at Conestoga coming up as an exam de-stressor.
 - Planning to coordinate a yoga at McMaster for next semester.
- VP McMaster
 - March 25th is the ECE interpretation for 20 students (\$60.00 each) opening up for all students. Poster will further information will be posted.

End the Meeting

Motion	To end the meeting at 8:11pm
Motioned By	Sarosh Karma (Social Co-Chair)
Seconded By	Zoe Waller (Level 4- Mohawk)
Motion Conclusion	Passed by general consensus

Meeting Adjourned