



***MUNSS Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2013
Room 2J13 Health Science Center***

Call of the Role

Present

Rebecca Cosby (President), Lindsay Roorda (Secretary), Jennifer Troop (Uniform Chairperson), Chantal Barry (Social Chairperson), Laura Vanhie (Awards/ Scholarships Chairperson), Genevieve (McMaster Education Chairperson), Madelaine Deitner (Conestoga Education Chairperson), Dustin Gibson (Mohawk Education Chairperson), John Valerie (Communications), Claire Wolfe (Welcome Week Co-Planner), Sarah Douville (Welcome Week Co-Planner), Jin Lee (RNAO Rep), Thomas Beattie (CNSA OD), Mathieu Payette (Conestoga CNSA AD), Yuna Jang (CNSA McMaster AD), Joshua Carvalho (CNSA Mohawk AD), Grant MacNeil (Mohawk Level I Rep), Kevin Kim (McMaster Level I Rep), Taylor Divenanzo (Conestoga Level I Rep), Sindus Al-izzi (Conestoga Level I Rep), Matt Nusselder (Conestoga Level II Rep), Samantha Gibson (McMaster Level II Rep), Erin Niewegloski (McMaster Level III Rep), Lisa Platinga (Mohawk Level III Rep), Emma Kruis (Conestoga Level III Rep), Shane Inconencio (McMaster Level IV Rep), Claire Wolfe (McMaster Level IV Rep), Brayden Bursey (Mohawk Level IV Rep), Rebecca Lisk (Mohawk Level IV Rep), Martina Zvalena (Conestoga Level IV Rep), Mallory Detzler (Conestoga Level IV Rep), Chris Wituik (RPN-BScN Rep), Tharshika Sugumaran (Accelerated Stream Rep), Sabrina Sacchitiello (Accelerated Stream),

Excused Absense

Mariah Roeck (Conestoga Vice President), Jessica Amey (Treasurer), Marisa Kucha (Mohawk Vice President), Shona Zanyk McCormack (Social Chairperson), Mackenzie Peirson (Mohawk Level III Rep), Maja Bugarski (Conestoga Level III Rep),

Absent

Ayaan Mohamed (McMaster Vice President), Vipul Derami (Mohawk Level II Rep), Amanda Osmond (RPN-BScN Rep), Beth Fitzgerald (Conestoga Level II Rep)

Motion	Motion to begin the meeting
Motioned by	Josh
Seconded by	Jin
Motion conclusion	Passed by general consensus

Updates, Introductions and Housekeeping

Quorum – 13

Proxy

- Conestoga VP – Martina
- Mohawk VP – Mattieu
- Awards - Yuna Jang

Introductions

Updates from Executive

Uniforms

- spirit wear ordered has been submitted
- will be in a four weeks
- pick –up dates will be planned according to exams

CNSA

- next regional in Sault St. Marie
- continuous promotion
- sponsorship is on its way; looking for clarification from MSU
- adding onto what has already been distributed

Level I

- Conestoga bake sale for relay, about 60-75\$
- Still accepting donations

Level II

- planning a social event for Conestoga
- Mac is also a=planning social event weekend after Easter

Level III

- in process of nursing game 22nd to 24th of March
- registration closes Friday
- 12 applicants so far

- Please send message to Facebook group

Level IV

- Grad formal Friday April 12th,
- Tickets are \$50
- Hollywood theme
- Doors open at 5:00, dinner at 6:00
- More information to come
- Conestoga end of year reunion; thinking about a place in April to hang out close to Campus

RNAO

- Mental Health workshop went well
- RNAO chapter asked us to write a paragraph for nursing week supplement published with Hamilton Spectator

Social

- formal was good, budget is on track
- mature event is going to be planned
- Conestoga event is in the works

Education

- application are open for remaining position until March 15th ; both core and general executive positions
- interest in CNRE prep course no updates; would happen in spring if it runs

Becca: e-mails inquiring about Conestoga site RPN-BScN; Mohawk and Conestoga are welcome to run for the positions

Communication

- web site meeting up with soon
- weekend March 23rd website will be transferring emails
- Friday night until Sunday afternoon please stay off email
- Reminders will be in email and facebook group

Orientation

- yellow suite interviews were in Friday
- 160 applicants
- Rep team is 85
- Now a rep team is made for 2013

- April 6th is training

Accelerated

- working with social

Q: Does accelerated participate in town hall?

A: yes

- went to tutors; another doctor that is normally in charge does not know about them

Q: does accelerated want their own town hall? Or participate in the general town hall?

A: there has been a lot of discussion, we would prefer to have our own. We would like to have the potential for a town hall meeting.

POC: does that mean we should have town halls for each level?

A: usually we do a Conestoga town hall and a Mac/Mohawk. In the fall there was specific level IV because that specific year had different concerns. We will follow up with Jenny.

Lynn: town hall is a good idea, but I would like to suggest that town halls are planned ie. specific amount per year. I recommend that the town halls are set for future years for faculty and students. Faculty would also like to know positive feedback.

President Updates

- March 14th 5:30 – 7:00 in MDCL 3020 is infection control panel discussion from Global health committee and MUNSS collaborative, discussion SARS
- Global health contributed a large quantity, but our contribution for advertisement counts
- Please advertise
- We have been invited back by inter residence council to participate in “Come Explore Your Majors” on March 14th at 7:00-9:00, informal discussion to answer questions with first years
- Emailed to explain that there is no real minor in Nursing, but it is an option
- If (Mac especially) would like to participate in the event please email president@munss.ca

Josh: a lot of Level I's were not able to make it to the similar event last semester from Mohawk, please in future years accommodate for the Mohawk sites.

A: it was a very last minute event and it was geared towards Mac site, but it would be great to hold separate events for different sites.

- AHIG event on March 22th, if you are interested we need 5 volunteers total – 3 more. Those who do not have class on Friday, or free from 8:00-3:00 to help with

registration for the highschool kids. Since the extracurricular activity ban was lifted there have been more registrations, about 30 attendees. There is a vitals signs station we need help with. Please email president@munss.ca if interested

- email Paradise Catering for breakfast for Capstone; I would like to make sure that we are not ordering the same thing as the tea in the afternoon

Policy and Procedure Submissions

- please view and if you have any changes please email president@munss.ca with any changes or concerns
- we will meet with the volunteers who wanted to look at changes collaboratively

Volunteer Request for Pay it Forward – Thomas Beattie

- update from Rachel
- looking for volunteers on the 21st for the pay it forward event; details are on advertisement on facebook; Hamilton Yacht club
- Rachel is a tutor at Mohawk site who runs pay it forward in remembrance for the shooting in US
- Please see Thomas if you would like to be involved
- Will be refreshments MUNSS donated this money

Website Update and Email Turnover – Rebecca Cosby

- difficulty moving over the emails
- tabled to next meeting

Motion	To table discussion about the website
Motion By	Erin
Seconded By	Yuna
Motion Conclusion	General concensus

On-line Survey Discussion

- we discussed this about RNAO chapter school; we wanted to ask the students
- in the works; a survey monkey
- what else would you want to hear from the students?

Yuna: Do you know what MUNSS is? What workshops would you like to see? What would you like from MUNSS? Are you aware of townhall meetings?

Chris: more about workshops

Sindus: what events would you like to see in upcoming years?

Mady: questions about the RNAO; ask about tuition?

Grant: How much do you know about MUNSS and how can we help them out?

Erin: provide information about the benefits about being a chapter school.

Becca: we will have to be careful not to bias the choice.

Erin: It would be fair to provide information.

Sindus: Level reps can talk to Level I's in anatomy class to warn about the upcoming survey.

Erin: this is difficult for the Level III's

Becca: take advantage of social media, messaging

Lynda: Are you aware of what RNAO does for students? Then send a link to RNAO.

Erin: I feel that people will not click on that link.

Lynda: that is up to them

Sarah: I think if we have to provide a pros and cons – that is not the point of a RNAO membership. I think it is appropriate to provide a link would be useful instead in persuading

Chantal: when will the information be used?

Becca: this information will be used for next year, the fee deadline is January. We are providing information for upcoming years.

Chantal: What about those who already have a membership?

Becca: these fees would not overlay with already existing memberships because of tuition dates and renewal dates.

Matt: a lot of people do not know anything about MUNSS; information about MUNSS board**

Sindus: for busses; if there was a buss available would you go to different conferences? We need to figure out if busses are realistic.

- please email president@munss.ca if you have any additional ideas; the survey will be posted in multiple venues

Conestoga Social Event – Mallory Detzler

- Collaborate on Conestoga events

Awards Update – Rebecca Cosby on behalf of Laura Vanhie

- 3 MUNSS awards available close midnight on March 15th
- Can be found on MUNSS avenue board
- Have an additional person to fill out the nomination form and a reference letter as well
- Only completed nominations will be considered
- Community award, Level IV achievement award and Leadership award
- Hoping to have awards ceremony; hope to have winners to come to March 25th meeting, if not it will be moved

- Memorial Award for Bree; still working with faculty. Have not been able to connect with Mohawk faculty, will be meeting with them this week. We will know by the 25th the next steps to take regarding sustainability and presentation

Level IV – Claire Wolfe

- Opinions please!

Nursing Ring

- Nursing graduation ring; RN in Halifax sells nursing ring with the Black Band representation
- I will be purchasing one; I would like the graduating class to purchase them
- It is not a new 'trend'
- The lady that creates it lives in Halifax, she is willing to fly down to show the rings at graduation
- Do we as a group think that this is a good idea?

Q: how much does it cost?

A: sterling silver is about \$225

- it is suggested as a grad gift from family
- there is 10K or 14k gold options
- we do not need to pay the day of

Thomas: do not look at the \$250 as expensive, this is a very inexpensive ring. It is symbolic of nursing tradition. It is really amazing that we can bring the tradition forward into the ring

Lynda: This is very inexpensive; it is a wonderful keepsake.

Thomas: Mine is already in the mail

- you can engrave name, year, etc.

Sindus: is shipping expensive?

A: It is sent from Ottawa, only about \$20

Maddy: the picture is not very nice.. does the black band loop all the way around?

A: it stops for females, for males if circles.

Josh: I did not know about the black band tradition, so I feel that it is not symbolic for us.

Becca: I work in a nursing home and have retired nurses, in the corner is picture with black band hats. It is nice to be a Mac graduate, but this feels symbolic to nursing specifically. I am proud to be a nurse. My concern for grad formal is the condition of the attendants. What about Capstone?

A: she cannot make it to Capstone conference.

Lynda: would she be willing to have someone here with a few mock-ups?

A: Capstone is too stressful for Level IV's as we are concerned about doing well.

Claire: there is a risk either way.

Lynda: what about during the Pinning ceremony? There grandparents and families are there for potential funds.

Thomas: I agree. Think about parents and grandparents, it would be a good idea.

- June 11th is the pinning ceremony. Any more comments are concerns please speak with me.

Kaleidoscope

- as the 'trial' run for the new program we have become very flexible year
- I am not sure how faculty feels about giving a small gag gift, perhaps a kaleidoscope as a gift from faculty
- \$2.60 a piece from Wilson and Wilson
- Affordable with faculty, MUNSS and other funds
- Thoughts?
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Lynda: when would this be given?

Claire: this could be a new grad gift besides a coffee mug.

Lynda: I would not take offense to the gag gift. I think it is fair. Faculty was given little gifts similar to this.

Kevin: is the kaleidoscope a unique design?

A: unique design like everybody's unique experience.

Thomas: is it possible to get the kaleidoscope symbol on it?

A: I will look into this; the symbol or class year.

Maddy: I don't think that the students would appreciate the gift.

Josh: if I was graduating and got a kaleidoscope I would not have much meaning.

A: I think our year specifically it would be more meaningful.

Kevin: I think that it will create laughs.

Shane: if you give them a guinea pig it would be comical, I hadn't thought about the kaleidoscope. I agree that some people may throw it out, it may not be very valuable.

Sele: Do you think it would be more meaningful if it was explained to.

Shane: they can decipher themselves

Jon: we have to be careful, as some people may be offended because they went through a lot of difficulties.

Kevin: a compromise; if we have a kaleidoscope maybe we could make a keychain to have more use out of it.

A: they are \$6.99 for 12.

Q: how much was allotted for T-shirts?

A: I cannot remember ; I would like to order through them Wilson and Wilson
Becca: is there an option to create a new 'thing' as they have made things in the past.
Thomas: is there a way we can create a small survey?
A: it is a gift, it would be nice to have a little surprise.
Mallory: I think we need to have someone present the kaleidoscope in a more positive way.
Lynda: It looks like we are walking a fine line, we would hate to take away from the special day. Maybe the money could be allotted in a nicer way as the focus is on the pinning and actual pin. It might just be another 'thing'.

- good feedback; grad committee will get together and present a further decision

Turn-over Meeting

Binders

- April 9th is the turnover meeting
- Next week we should know who will fill majority position
- Please connect with your future position
- Please send turnover binder to Becca
- If you do not have a physical binder, please let Becca know and she will provide one
- I will get everyone an updated version of constitution and policy and procedure

Budget Submission Requests

- on behalf of Jess
- Jess is asking that all those who have money to spend submit your final totals with exception of Grad committee
- CNSA, VP's, Social, Education, Communication, Level Reps
- treasurer@munss.ca
- We need to know where money was spent to work on upcoming budget
- Please submit by March 31st
- Yuna and Becca will work on this to present for next meeting
- Scan in receipts and send to treasurer@munss.ca if cheques are required

Elections – Votes of Confidence

McMaster Education – Kevin

- Level I Mac site
- I applied to four programs at Mac in all sciences
- My sister is a doctor and encouraged me to go into nursing
- I am passionate about education

- I would like to create a video about Mac nursing because many friends did not understand why the program was so unique
- I would like to get nursing student to think about specialities and opportunities after becoming an RN; perhaps hold a conference about ER nursing or Peds
- I would like to bring motivation that we used to have in highschool back; we busted out butts trying to get those grades. I would like to encourage workshops about improving in other levels above and beyond level I

Questions:

Q: past leadership?

A: I was president of dance counsel; I was responsible for finding a clothing distributor and designer for our costumes, I promoted shows, I advocated for the students. I always knew I wanted to be in a student society. I know that I wasn't very present first present, I do acknowledge that. I feel that I did not account for the adjustment. I feel that I have improved upon that.

Q: there are a lot of time commitments, Level II is a busy year.

A: this year I am also in McMaster Dance Co. along with cadaver dissection course, these are quite the commitments taking up many days. I feel that I have been doing well. I am going for varsity tennis, but if I do get in I will not do dance any longer.

Q: You mentioned interest in helping with workshops, do you have any new ideas?

A: I realised that in terms of knowledge and study methods, I am pretty sure we are not allowed to create guides for specific courses, but I would like to hold sessions on how to write notes for anatomy and physiology. The information given is entirely new. Showing previous people notes, describing how to organise notes, etc.

VOTES:

FOR – 11

AGAINST – 2

ABSTAIN – 0

Treasurer – sadia

- Level III Mac site
- I think I am the right person for the jobs
- Previous experiences: I am treasure for GUNI, I was for my highschool student counsel, I took commerce in highschool for two years. I feel this contributes
- Personal characteristics is time management, responsibility, trustworthy
- I am a peer tutor, I am a PSW , I am able to juggle job, school and having fun
- I also would like to be more aware about what is happening in the nursing program

Questions

Q: availability in the summer? Welcome Week requires down payments, etc.

A: I live on the mountain, I would talk about scheduling more specifically.

Q: Where will you be going for placement?

A: it fell through.

Q: Can you speak to your commitments next year?

A: I am done all my electives, I will be in clinical and PBL. I am not sure of extracurriculars yet. I would also like to speak to previous treasurer about what went well and how I can improve.

VOTES:

FOR – 12

AGAINST - 0

ABSTAIN – 0

Lynda

- in 2007 I am faculty adviser for MUNSS
- It is my time to say goodbye to MUNSS, I will allow the privilege to be moved to Ola
- It has been a fantastic run, I will be here for all of you next year
- I would like to lend a hand all the way through to the pinning
- I appreciate everything
- Please see the letter attached
- I will invite Ola to the April meeting
- I am not sure about the other two site faculty advisers
- I have not been able to make several meetings because of my teaching commitments
- I will be at the March 25th meeting

Motion	To end the meeting
Motion By	CNSA
Seconded By	Grant
Motion Conclusion	Passed by general consensus