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ENGAGEMENT

WORKING GROUP MEETINGS Attendance at all Engagement Working Group meetings was strong, and at our latest meeting we had full attendance. The team have formed subgroups for each major event, and engagement during meetings was high.

EVENT UPDATES The 4th Year Mentoring Program continues to have delays due to mentor recruitment. This is likely to be resolved in the next few weeks as we meet with partner organisations. Medical Leadership Forum now has a confirmed accommodation, venue, and some activities, and will be based in Nelson on 26th to 28th of April. We are still seeking more sponsorship for this event, and will be meeting in early March to discuss the financial aspects of the event. However, it's looking to be an exciting and engaging weekend. Discussions are on hold with NZMSJ regarding the Student Research Forum until they are able to recruit further executive members. However, we have made good progress on venues, sponsorship and logistical details for this event.

OTHER ACTIVITIES NZMSA Executive members have been present at different orientation events around the motu, and we have released a graphic during O-Week detailing the times and locations of our core events. Jake, Jackie and Eushin have met with the Conference team for further updates, coordination around finances and sponsorship, and helping with promotion of the conference next week.

WORKFORCE

WORKING GROUP MEETINGS Members are working independently in parallel with frequent meetings to discuss and strategize. Meetings are approximately every 3 weeks and are held to discuss upcoming plans and events.

GUIDE TO GRADUATION The first instalment of the Guide to Graduation series 'Guide to Employment I' is ready to send to the designer to be converted into a nice visual graphic. Still, the final details to be amended as ACE provides further updates to their resources. We are also awaiting final sponsorship information. Tasks have been delegated and the first draft is expected to be completed by February 20th. As per our original timeline, we are planning to release this publication within 1 – 2 weeks of the ACE applications officially opening on 11th March 2024.

'TRAINEE INTERN VS HOUSE OFFICER ROLE EXPECTATIONS' DOCUMENT Team meetings are still very productive regarding the documentation outlining the expectations of TIs and protecting them from being assigned tasks beyond their level of training and responsibilities. We are currently gathering information on the existing guidelines and expectations of TIs from the University perspective at each campus. We are also reaching out to the different TI conveners across each campus to gauge interest in working together. Our goal is to produce a draft guideline document that will be forwarded to the different TI conveners for review and feedback.

TRAINEE INTERN CONCERNS FORM This is a Google form that will be distributed on our socials and also be sent to the different regional Medical Student Associations and NZMSA Representatives to be distributed to clinical year students. This will provide useful feedback

and information for our TI roles expectations document, as well as guiding future mahi for work on improving conditions for our clinical students.

ADVOCACY

PARENTS IN MEDICINE The Advocacy Working Group is compiling a list of childcare centres and investigating where and how subsidies can be provided for parents in medicine.

PGY1 PLACES We have drafted a letter surrounding retention statistics for PGY1 in Aotearoa. We are additionally continuing to work alongside Te Whatu Ora to review the ACE applications process.

RURAL MEDICINE The Advocacy Working Group continues drafting a letter to the University of Auckland regarding rural health teaching and placements for pre-clinical students. This will be presented by AUMSA Representatives Shania and Nicola-Mary in April.

MAPAS Te Hirea and Julian of the Advocacy Working Group continue drafting a document outlining how these pathways work, alongside evidence, for internal distributions between our Executive members and regional Medical Student Associations.

NATIONAL SURVEY The National Survey Report for 2023 has been completed by Divyashri and will be ready for distribution at the next Steering Committee meeting. The Advocacy Working Group is working on compiling a list of questions for 2024.

WAIKATO MEDICAL SCHOOL NZMSA was contacted by the media and gave an interview regarding the new medical school to be created at the University of Waikato, its pros and cons, and the potential impacts the medical school will have on PGY1.

UPCOMING DATES

- **7 March 2024** – NZMSA Executive Meeting
- **9 March 2024** – NZMSA Conference IGNITE 2024 Applications Open
- **14 March 2024** – NZMSA Steering Committee Meeting
- **17 March 2024** – NZMSA Conference IGNITE 2024 Applications Close
- **27 March 2024** – NZMSA Directors Meeting
- **28 March 2024** – NZMSA Executive Meeting