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ENGAGEMENT

SUMMARY The Engagement Working Group is off to a great start, having our first meeting of the new year and laying out the groundwork for our events programme. In our first meeting, we set out expectations for the year and a broad timeline for our work. Thanks to the Engagement Working Group members for already showing lots of initiative and exciting ideas for the year.

KEY MEETINGS On 18 January, the Engagement Working Group meeting broadly allocated roles for each team member, defining that Jake will be heading the Mentoring Programme and overseeing the Engagement portfolio, Jackie and Eushin will be providing support for all events through their roles of Treasurer and Partnerships Officer, Cam, Thomas and Jackie will be focusing on the Medical Leadership Forum, and Sujean and Cam will begin discussions with NZMSJ around the Student Research Forum. On 24 January, the Engagement Working Group had a meeting with their Nelson contacts to plan content for the Medical Leadership Forum. And on 30 January, the Engagement Working Group had a meeting with NZMSJ to discuss responsibilities and plans for the Student Research Forum.

OTHER WORK Discussions regarding the mentoring programme are in progress with RNZCGP and ASMS. Additionally, NZMSA information was given at Dunedin, Christchurch and Auckland 4th year orientation sessions. An NZMSA update and events outline were also provided via Auckland representatives in the first AUMSA newsletter.

WORKFORCE

WORKING GROUP Initial working group meetings completed. Team expectations and roles defined, and relevant tasks delegated and assigned. Overall year plan set, with Guide to Graduation and Beyond the Med School Gates identified as main deliverables of the Workforce Working Group, with small projects from representatives and members to be completed throughout the year.

GUIDE TO GRADUATION The first instalment of the Guide to Graduation series 'Guide to Employment I' is currently being produced. Tasks have been delegated and the first draft is expected to be completed by February 20th. This deadline is set to allow for enough time to release this publication within 1-2 weeks of the ACE applications officially opening on 13th March 2024. Although ACE application dates have not been publicly released, we are operating on the assumption that dates will remain the same based on previous years.

'TRAINEE INTERN VS HOUSE OFFICER ROLE EXPECTATIONS' DOCUMENT Team meetings very productive regarding the documentation outlining the expectations of TIs and protecting them from being assigned tasks beyond their level of training and responsibilities. Identified three relevant parties: students, Te Whatu Ora (DHBs) and the Universities. We aim to produce a document that is approved by all parties to unify the expectations of TIs to provide framework to prevent them being pressured into positions which are clinically unsafe.

ADVOCACY

PARENTS IN MEDICINE The Advocacy Working Group's Vice President, Divyashri, has set a meeting with Te Whatu Ora for the 7th of February. An email to Andrew Slater, Chief People Officer at Te Whatu Ora, has also been sent regarding childcare services support for clinical students who are parents in medicine.

PGY1 PLACES The Advocacy Working Group is also working alongside Te Whatu Ora to review the ACE applications process. This will be discussed by Divyashri on the 7th of February at the aforementioned meeting.

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

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

NATIONAL SURVEY Divyashri and Mukish of the Advocacy Working Group are writing up the 2023 report, which Divyashri and Te Hirea will be presenting to our Steering Committee at their next Steering Committee meeting.

UPCOMING DATES

- **8 Feb 2024** – NZMSA Steering Committee Meeting
- **15 Feb 2024** – NZMSA Executive Meeting
- **23 Feb 2024** – NZMSA Directors Meeting