

NZMSA MEETING MINUTES

Team Name: NZMSA Exec & Team Meeting
Chairperson: Thomas Swinburn
Date: 16/3/2023
Time: 19:00
Scribe: Olivia Gray

AGENDA:					
1	Call to order, roll call, apologies, confirm minutes, conflicts of interest, action points	2	Working group updates	3	SToNZ Presentation
4	Increasing Med Student Numbers	5	Sponsorship Update	6	CRM Update
7	SRF update	8	Student hardship	9	Other business
PRESENT:					
1	Indira	2	Patrick	3	Olivia
4	Lorna	5	Andrew	6	Gaby
7	Erin	8	Thomas	9	Angad
10	Simone	11	Anthony	12	Matthew
13	Mukish	14	Gaby	15	
APOLOGIES:					
1	Ashley	2	Cameron	3	
ABSENT:					
1	Maia	2		3	
AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES					
N/A					
<p>Moved that minutes from previous meeting dated along with any amendments be accepted as a true and correct record: Moved: Tom Seconded: Patrick Carried Andrew</p>					
MATTERS ARISING					
Item #:	Agenda Item	Detail			
1	Call to order, roll call, apologies, confirm minutes, conflicts of interest, action points	<p>Action points from previous meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reminder: everyone is to start a tally of all NZMSA related events/meetings they attend and work they contribute to or publish. This information will be published as an infographic at the end of the year. 2. Lorna to Follow up Otago, Te Oranga, and Auckland elections and invite the new representatives to the working groups. - <i>Auckland election results are being announced on 19th March and Otago election results on 24th March. Lorna</i> 			

		<p><i>will follow up on these elections to invite the new reps to working groups and help them with administration. Te Oranga are shoulder tapping people to get a 4th representative.</i></p> <p>3. Everyone to advertise 4th year mentoring programme sign ups on behalf of the engagement working group.</p>
2	Working group updates – <i>Patrick, Indira, Olivia</i>	<p><u>Olivia – Workforce</u> Guide to Grad #1 is now with the editor and we are aiming to launch it in the first week of April. BTMSGs has almost all the speakers confirmed. SToNZ has asked Olivia to gather feedback from students about any particular topics they should cover in their BTMSG presentation. Same request from MAS re finance 101 presentation. We now have confirmed dates for ACE Roadshow and Andrew has created some fantastic social media content to promote that opportunity to students.</p> <p><u>Indira – Advocacy</u> First meeting with equity advisory board, this went well, and soon they will be advertising for new equity advisory board members. Indira and Tom had a meeting with stakeholders to discuss increasing number of medical students. Indira felt they were receptive to the points we raised.</p> <p><u>Patrick – Engagement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLF-Pivot to have an Environmental focus for CLF. Hunter centre tentatively booked. Workshops are being investigated such as volunteering and environmental breakouts. • Mentoring-15% increase in students, however there are still fewer consultants than students. WG will try and close gap by the end of this month. • SRF- see below.
3	SToNZ/MAS Presentation feedback - <i>Olivia</i>	<p>Unions- background context about unions, basics of unions and why they exist. MAS- optimising Kiwisaver, retirement schemes, investing for the future, big future investments, student loan vs first home.</p>
4	Increasing Med Student Numbers - <i>Indira</i>	<p>Results of the survey sent out to the reps. Key areas of national concern: -Increasing number of PGY1 positions -Increasing exposure to rural areas and GPs -Adequate and standardise clinical exposure -Address the training program bottle neck -Adequate training and supervision -Quality control especially a new medical school was introduced Floor opened for discussion or additional feedback Simone- would like to raise point that wellbeing and resourcing is reinforced rather than spread more thinly.</p>
5	SRF update- <i>Patrick</i>	<p>Discussion on the feasibility as a Wellington based event as it feeling to 'Wellington' specific rather than a national event, given that we are a national organisation</p>

		<p>Discussion on scaling down the size to be able to host it in a smaller location or tap into an organic audience such as Grand Rounds</p> <p>Indira- is there value in having a 20 person event in person when one of the current potential barriers of accessibility and feasibility. This would allow us to reduce our operating costs and there could provide students with incentives to participate instead.</p> <p>Tom - raised potential of funding, online format instead and collaboration with NZMSJ.</p> <p>Patrick - issue is not funding, the main issue is the location and whether it's worthwhile doing this at a smaller scale.</p> <p>Lorna - should we consider doing it as 4 small events as each campus? And stream online to other campuses.</p> <p>Indira - 2 locations (one Auckland/one Otago) might be better.</p> <p>Tom - Incentivise students with certificates for CVs, prizes etc.</p> <p>Erin - offered to reach out to people in Chch to gauge feasibility.</p> <p>Anguad - NZMSJ are keen to collab in theory, just need to sort logistics.</p> <p>In summary, perhaps host 2 events, one in each university location, held on an afternoon in each location and incentivise students to participate ++</p>
6	CRM Update - <i>Lorna</i>	CRM process has been started, no formal update yet but Lorna will aim to have this for the SC meeting in 2 weeks' time.
7	Sponsorship Update - <i>Gaby</i>	<p>MAS are all organised- please include them in most things as they are our biggest sponsor</p> <p>UoA and UoO are organised- need PO Box for UoO</p> <p>MPS</p> <p>RACP (new)</p> <p>RDA- still struggling to get a hold of, very difficult to communicate with</p> <p>Gaby has been trying to organise a deal for NZMSA students with Noel Leeming which really requires a PO Box. So raised issue that this is a big road block at the moment.</p>
8	Student Hardship- <i>Tom</i>	<p>Student hardship in the broader context seems to be on the raise, medical students are unique except that the degree is longer and ability to work a part time job is decreased, timetables are not set so hard to find a job</p> <p>Has come to general attention that there is a renewed push for things like the TI grant to be increased.</p> <p>Matt- Raised point of long hours during TI, feeling like they are working, and TI grant works out to approx. \$10/hour which feels below minimum.</p> <p>Open to floor to discuss</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are there increased discussions about this that you've noticed? General affirmation from group to this sentiment 2. What do we do about this and with what impact? <p>For example, lay out a road map for the future through media and tapping into current advocacy spaces.</p>

		<p>Patrick - perhaps throwing 2 ideas out there are seeing which one sticks?</p> <p>Indira - Spoken with AWG about this space, need a clear vision. Students are supporting themselves and others. Asking reps to reach out to their network to gauge with the hardship hits the most. Is it a specific campus, or year group. Key question, is what is it we are going to ask for and how are we going to do this? Perhaps looking and quick wins, medium wins and long term wins e.g., signatory to feed fees, getting TIs food at the hospital along with the house officers, flexibility of TI grant (i.e., can spend the grant over all three clinical years), and working towards increase in TI grant.</p> <p>Lorna – we must be aware of other health care professional students and financial grants available to them.</p> <p>Matt - Otago hardship funds provide one off payments, but students need a long-term increase in weekly funds. It's the weekly costs that are challenging.</p> <p>Simone - Created a spreadsheet of scholarship for Māori medical students. There is a spread of scholarships but mainly external, and mainly academic focused.</p> <p>Erin - Not super aware of people able to access scholarships from anecdotal experience.</p>
9	Other business	Mukish - first NZMSA Auckland event today and it went well.

ACTION POINTS

- Reps to message Indira when regional elections are complete so NZMSA can proactively reach out to relevant reps for equity board.
- Tom and Gaby will discuss PO Box.
- Reps to please gauge where the hardship is predominantly, is there a particular year group? Or campus? Discuss this again next meeting, looking to create a plan to address student hardship.

Meeting Finished:	7:56pm
Date of Next Meeting:	13/4/2023
Chairperson:	Thomas Swinburn