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ENGAGEMENT

OUTREACH CRM Following Steering Committee approval last month, this project has been handed over to Lorna, the NZMSA secretary for implementation.

CLINICAL LEADERSHIP FORUM The Clinical Leadership Forum theme has changed to focus on environmentalism in the wake of recent weather events and following consultation with Pasifika medical students.

NEW MEMBER The Engagement Working Group is pleased to welcome the NZMSA Wellington Representative Angad Chauhan to the team.

Other projects such as the student research forum and mentoring programme are under development and are on schedule.

WORKFORCE

GUIDE TO GRADUATION Ashley (treasurer), has been contacted to request money for publication of the three Guide to Grad documents, and a small amount for spot prizes at Beyond the Med School Gates (BTMSG) event. The company Findex has approached Gaby (partnerships officer) as a prospective sponsor and are being offered a space in the second Guide to Grad. Other sections of Guide to Grad are still being worked on, and Madi Randal has confirmed she will write a two-page article on 'fashion tips' to be included in the document.

BEYOND THE MED SCHOOL GATES The directors have provided some feedback on the event proposal, suggesting a one week three-night event of no more than two hours. The event should include a mix of discussion based and presentation panels. The timetable for the event will be released in advance and presentations will be recorded. The directors also recommended the working group consider topics that will be popular to the wider student audience opposed to more niche topics, as this could impact attendance at each evening.

In terms of sponsorship, for the first topic (GP+), Gaby will follow up with the Royal College of New Zealand General Practitioners, whilst the New Zealand Defence Force have confirmed their involvement. For the Rural NZ topic, Hauora Taiwhenua has been approached for potential involvement rather than financial support. For the third topic (Specialty Career Planning) speakers for psychiatry, surgery, medicine, anaesthesia, and GP are being organised. For the fourth panel, the NZMSJ and NZMJ, as well as speakers in the areas of public health, clinical research, and Māori health research are being sought. For the final two topics, STONZ and RDA have been approached, as well as MAS for the financial topic. MAS would like the working group to provide some ideas regarding what students are most concerned about financially, or most keen to learn.

TE WHATU ORA MEETING Indira and Olivia are collaborating to actively advocate on the issue of medical student number changes and the direction of the 'undergraduate work stream'.

ADVOCACY

BARRIERS TO GENERAL PRACTICE A document has been compiled, outlining the data received both from representatives as well as from the NZMSA National Survey regarding why students are reluctant to pursue a career in General Practice. The document is planned to be distributed to both Te Whatu Ora and the Royal New Zealand College of GPs.

EQUITY ADVISORY BOARD The board had its first meeting and discussed the upcoming GROW conference. The conference team kindly supplied the board with an update on their progress and were given feedback to consider. This advice included a recommendation that mask wearing be compulsory for all academic sessions. The meeting also outlined the board's aim to open applications for open positions in late March, contingent on RMSA's completing their local elections.

PGY1 PLACES The working group have been creating graphics and writing literature to highlight the current issue regarding lack of PGY1 places in New Zealand and are preparing to initiate the campaign formally mid to late March.

CULTURAL SAFETY Indira, Thomas, Andrew, and Angad attended the CMC – Te Ora launch of the new cultural safety education guidelines for training pathways. The advocacy working group is also preparing a document indicating where students feel they need better education regarding under representative communities. This document will be given to the stakeholder presidents to bring to the attention of the universities.

OFFICER INFORMATION

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- NZMSA Executive Meeting: 16 March 2023
- NZMSA Directors Meeting: 23 March 2023
- NZMSA Steering Committee Meeting: 6 April 2023
- FMHS Hui: ~~20 Feb 2023~~ Postponed due to recent weather events, TBC, likely after the Easter break