

# Hippocratic Council 2011 - 2012

Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry  
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## PORTFOLIO UPDATES

Meeting # 2: November 23, 2011

6:00 PM

Room MSB 105 / MEB 1109

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### PRESIDENT – ROB MORELAND

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#### President Update

- Hi everyone! It has been a busy month for meetings and new initiatives here at the school! Here are some highlights:
- Last month we formed the fund raising committee and began researching new funding sources for the council. So far we have obtained approximately 10-15K in additional funding acquired from new sources. We are hopeful for further improvements by next meeting so we can reactivate. We will continue to expand our efforts to include some cost saving approaches and Windsor for the next meeting as well. We are hopeful that these new sponsors will join our list of long term supporters of the school.
- Two townhall meetings are in final scheduling with the Dean's office. We will be discussing the new strategic plan and its impact on the curriculum. We will also be discussing summer opportunities and expanding research funding. There will a lot more to say about this at the next Hippo meeting.
- We have secured considerable extra funding for any joint med/dent social function for the rest of the year. I am hoping we can get the ball rolling on these ASAP.
- Beyond these there was the usual monthly meetings for which I will have some updates to present as well.

#### IT Update

- Podcast request for proposal now started. Submissions are currently due in January although I expect delays
- We have started working on the new Tachycardia website.
- OMSW website has completed its lifecycle. We have the thanks of NOSM for assisting with this years project.
- Was able to acquire the camera for the clinical skills project without cost to us. Clinical skills video project is now going
- Integrated SAC Website launching this Wednesday.

### VP INTERNAL – CHRISTINE NICHOLAS

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- Cleanup of the garden was completed with Supriya Singh and members of UWO Facilities- weeding, division of plants and replanting
- Facilitation of CMA Lunch and Learn- successfully held on Nov. 16th

- SAC/SWIC Meeting- Established two integration weekends in February. Official integration weekend to be held Feb. 11, unofficial integration weekend to be held Feb. 25, planning for a resident panel is underway

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#### VP WINDSOR – RAHUL SHARMA

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- Fundraising: \$300-400 donation (final details pending) from Sam Tosti CA Corporation. Mr. Tosti will be presenting a presentation on financial topics to 1st and 2nd year students on December 5th.
- Working with the Community Relations Director Sr. (Adrienne Elbert) to negotiate exclusive food providers for Windsor.
- SAC Updates in Windsor: Small group rooms are now Apple computer compatible. Primary goal going forward is completing installation of TV cable in the student lounge.
- Meetings have begun for the CCCC (Charter Class Celebration Committee) in preparation for the graduation of our charter 2012 class.
- Planning has begun for a campus-wide volunteerism day in the Windsor community. We're expecting participation from all four classes; tentative date April 21st.
- A busy fall quarter for Windsor-specific clubs –see the Hippo newsletter for a detailed update

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#### VP FINANCES – SHEMER RATNER

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- All financial operations running smoothly

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#### VP COMMUNICATIONS – AMANDA WILHELM

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- Still collecting the last of newsletter submissions, will be ready to send out within the next week

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#### VP ACADEMIC – DALE EDWARDS

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- In the early academic year, making sure the BCOE process started smoothly for both classes was the #1 priority. To ensure this, the following has been done:
- Over the summer, scheduled BCOE focus groups for years 1 and 2
- In September, recruited block reps for year 1
- In late September/early October, updated the “Portal to BCOE” transition document, circulated to new 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year academic teams, and ran a transition meeting for the new academic teams
- Attended the first BCOE focus groups for years 1 and 2 to ensure they were running smoothly
- Reviewed BCOE Report for ITM prior to its submission to the Pre-Clerkship and Integration Committee (PIC)
- Have begun work on projects aside from the BCOE process itself:
- Assisted Brad Jennings with finding volunteers for the Portfolio Project
- Discussed several project ideas at a recent PIC meeting, namely: Improving BCOE survey response rates; gathering retrospective BCOE data from clerks, especially so far as what areas they felt made them well-prepared for clerkship and areas they felt could be taught more to help them prepare for clerkship; and, collecting BCOE reports from the past as a starting point

to an “Impact Report” to see how change in the curriculum has been sparked by student suggestions

- Improving BCOE Survey Results: Received funding from Hippo for gift card incentives. Discussed with 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> year academic directors how to effectively use the cards, deciding that we would offer them as incentives approx. every other block to see how effective they are in increasing feedback. Have also discussed other ways of improving responses at HUMEC, with ideas including having professors/course chairs really stress that they’d like feedback, and having course chairs discuss changes that has been implemented that year that they’d like to hear feedback on

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### ATHLETICS – TROY NG

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- Medgames update: With regards to finances, Sherbrooke has received our payment cheque, so everything is good there. I am still waiting on payment from 4 people, and will be sending out an email this week to try and fill the 4 empty spots we have remaining from cancellations.
- I will be sending out information this week regarding buses, and collecting payments starting sometime next week. Tshirts are being designed this year by Dan Cornejo Palma (2014), and that order will likely be placed later this week or early next week. We will likely be ordering from MeanScreens in Waterloo (cheapest option; John Hachey went with them last year).
- Teams for events at Medgames will be chosen in the next couple of weeks when I get a chance to sit down with the Athletics reps.
- If there are any suggestions/comments/concerns, please send them my way. Cheers, Troy.

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### TACHYCARDIA – MAEGHAN KEDDY, BRIANNA LIVINGSTON, SARAH O’CONNOR

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- Planning continues on Tachycardia 2012. We are currently working on website content to be updated. The Pre-Pre-Med Symposium was held recently, and was a success (exact figure still to come). Can’t wait for April - Tachycardia Producers.

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### FUNDRAISING – ELLIOTT NGUYAN AND MICHELLE EDWARDS

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- Clarity on board for another \$5k, cheque to be picked up probably sometime in new year.
- BMO replied saying they are in middle of sponsorship review, unsure of commitment.
- Lasik MD response pending

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### 2012 CLASS – CAITLIN SYMONETTE AND LESLIE MORRISON

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- 2012's are CaRMS'ing. :)

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### 2013 CLASS – SHA ULLAH AND JOHN LANDAU

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- As part of class council’s new initiative, Project: Keep Clerks Happy, we provided clerks with a free lunch on academic half day and a complimentary Schulich Class of 2013 lanyard.
- We are approaching the end of second six week block and therefore our first twelve week block

## GLOBAL HEALTH UPDATE – AMMARA GHUMMAN AND BEN LANGER

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### World AIDS Day

- Flash Mob (Nov 29, 2011)
  - In preparation for World AIDS Day, December 1, Schulich medical students are planning a flash mob on November 29 at noon in the UCC Atrium. Dance practices have been held under the instruction of Caitlin Carew (Meds 2014). For more information, please contact the Local Officer of Reproductive and Sexual Health, Charlotte Hunter (Meds 2015)
- World AIDS Day Speaker (Nov 30, 2011)
  - Come see Mercy Nleya and Rob Newman speak to students on November 30, from 12:30-1:30pm, on issues surrounding AIDS awareness. The speakers will be describing services offered by the Regional HIV/AIDS Connection and some of their clients will also be joining us to share their personal experiences living with HIV/AIDS.

### Careers in Global Health

- Why Global Health (Dec 8, 2011)
  - Come listen to Dr. Jennifer Foster, a pediatrician active in global health, speak to medical students about how to incorporate global health into a medical career.

### Global Health Discussion Forum

- This is a biweekly forum for speakers and presentations on global health topics. November's topics included: a talk on the roles of health care workers overseas with different NGOs and a presentation from 2010-2011's IHI team (Nov 15). Come out and learn about migration and health with relation to the US-Mexico border and hear about the great experiences of the 2010-2011 MSIC team to finish off the month (Nov 29)

### CFMS National Officer Positions

- The new 2011-2012 team of National Officers to the CFMS Global Health Program has been announced:
  - National Officer of Global Health Education - Mary Halpine (mhalpine@gmail.com)
  - National Officer of Human Rights and Peace - Kimberly Williams (kgwillia@ucalgary.ca)
  - National Officer of Partnerships - Neil de Laplante (ndelaplante2015@meds.uwo.ca)
  - National Officer of Reproductive and Sexual Health - Joshua Dias (jodias@nosm.ca)
  - National Exchange Officer (Incoming Students) - Theresa Lee (theresa.lee2@gmail.com)
  - Aboriginal Health Liaison - Sarah Anderson (sarah.kandersen@gmail.com)
- A special congratulations to Neil de Laplante, from UWO, who is the incoming National Officer of Partnerships!

### Global Health Conference, Montreal

- From November 13-15, 2011, a team of delegates from UWO attended the Global Health Conference in Montreal. Students were exposed to global health initiatives, issues and

research from around the world. Speak with your GHGs for more information and delegate contact information!

#### Transcending Borders Conference

- Register and submit abstracts!
  - This is the first Schulich Global Health Conference (April 27-29, 2011)! Registration is now open and a call for abstracts has been sent out. Students are encouraged to attend the event, which features world renowned speakers and panelists: [www.transcendingborders.ca](http://www.transcendingborders.ca). Contact Ellena for more information: [eandonio@uwo.ca](mailto:eandonio@uwo.ca)
- Volunteer!
  - Students are encouraged to volunteer for conference planning to help out with small tasks as delegated by your subcommittee leads (these tasks will not be taxing or too time intensive)! The main requirement for now is to attend meetings organized by your lead about once a month from now until April (either physically or via Skype).

#### Hungry for Change (HFC)

- Sushi Sale (Nov 28, 2011)
  - In support of the Hungry for Change, the HFC team are making and selling sushi!
- Gala (March 8, 2011)
  - The annual HFC charity gala is to be held on March 8. This is a themed event with this year's theme focusing on the plight of the people of South Sudan. The HFC gala is also a concept dinner which highlights the disparity of wealth in the world with 90% of the world's wealth going to 10% of the world's population. Contact Rinu for more information: [rpazhekattu2014@meds.uwo.ca](mailto:rpazhekattu2014@meds.uwo.ca)

#### Schulich Aid for South Sudan (SASS)

- This is a new club for a new country! SASS is out to raise awareness for the extreme poverty and conditions of the Southern Sudanese in conjunction with the local, London charity, Canadian Aid for South Sudan. SASS has a variety of exciting and awesome events coming up: frog tournament, dodge-ball tournament, Christmas goat sale, Christmas pledge drive and baby picture contest! Contact Jeet for more information: [kmahngar2014@meds.uwo.ca](mailto:kmahngar2014@meds.uwo.ca)