



Aesculapian Society – Strategic Plan

2015-2017

MISSION

To enhance the overall wellbeing and educational, social and academic experience of the University of Ottawa Medical Students.

VISION

To be an invaluable resource to medical students and provide a positive environment for the student body.

To be recognized as a society that promotes the students' wishes and interests

To enhance students' experience to the best of our abilities both academically and in extra-curriculars.

To promote student well-being, comfort and health.

OVER-ARCHING GOALS

1.

Improve transparency and student involvement with ASoc

2.

Increase events and services offered by ASoc

3.

Improve efficiency and function of ASoc Council

4.

Encourage collaboration with external bodies, other student organizations and faculty



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President

GOALS

Improve
Function/Efficiency of
ASoc Council

Improve Transparency
and Communication
with Student Body

Offer More Services to
Students

ACTION ITEMS

1. Research the possibility of changing the official ASoc email addresses to Gmail
2. Create a central repository for ASoc files to enable more efficient handover in May
3. Update the elections process
4. Create a strategic plan to establish clear goals and directions for each of the portfolios.

1. Establish a semi-frequent newsletter to quickly update students on the activities of the ASoc
2. Encourage use of social media to spread information to student body

1. Initiate a Clerkship wellness challenge to encourage a balanced lifestyle in clerkship students
2. Advocate for extended SAO hours to accommodate students' schedules
3. Improve the lounge space to make it more inviting for students to recharge and relax
4. Encourage collaboration with other faculties/departments' student groups



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Executive Vice-President

MISSION

To enhance the overall wellbeing and educational, social and academic experience of the University of Ottawa Medical Students through the improved functioning and actions of the Aesculapian Society and its associated bodies.

VISION

To be recognized as a central and indispensable representative student body, working predominantly to address student needs.

GOALS

Internal Communication

To improve communication between Asoc, the student body, and student clubs/groups

Student Experience

To enhance the students' experience via offering services which address their needs, as well as bringing their concerns before the faculty.

Asoc Functioning

To enhance the roles of Asoc members, locate additional resources for the Society, and create new member positions as necessary.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Conduct monthly updates (via email or meeting) regarding events that are ran by student organizations not associated with Asoc.
 2. Create bi-yearly assessment survey of the Asoc, including activities/events/services or changes that students want to take place.
 3. Creating a monthly Asoc newsletter to keep the student body informed regarding Asoc activities and events.
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1. Creating (or taking over) the apparel boutique of the Faculty of Medicine, and revamping it to better fit students' needs.
 2. Assisting in the implantation of a yearly 'Town-hall' meeting with the Vice-dean of UGME for each class.
 3. Continue to represent students at Faculty meetings, and using feedback from evaluations and Townhall meetings to bring before the Faculty.
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1. Work towards securing additional financial support for Asoc, either from the SFUO (or dissociation thereof), external organizations, or the faculty.
 2. Create the role of VP Communications for addressing the
 3. Ensure the availability of French language experts to ensure the constant translation availability of Asoc documents in both official languages.



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VP Academic Portfolio

GOALS

Improve Communication

To improve communication and feedback gathering with student and increase the visibility of the position.

External Relations

To build a better relationship with the education committee of other medical schools.

Anatomy/Path/Radio

To improve the current anatomy/histology/pathology/radiology curriculum to have more hours allocated to some sessions, combine other sessions (such as histology

ACTION ITEMS

1. Starting a monthly/bimonthly update on current issues being discussed at the committee meetings and current issues being addressed by their VP Academics at these meetings

1. Joining the academic roundtable that includes the VP Academics of multiple medical schools to discuss issues related to our portfolio
2. Attending the CFMS meetings to become informed on current academic issues other medical schools are addressing that may be pertinent to Ottawa including novel programs or approaches to medical teaching.

1. Establishing a working group on improving this aspect of the curriculum where we can create a comprehensive proposal to revamp these areas



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VP Finance Portfolio

GOALS

Improve Transparency

Streamline
Reimbursement
Process

VP Finance Guidebook

ACTION ITEMS

1. Ensure an up-to-date financial statement is sent out to student body every 2 months

1. Create a sample set of documents to help students appropriately fill out reimbursement forms for auditing purposes
2. Create a stream-lined cheque “pick-up” process

1. Create a cumulative guide for incoming VP Finance on how to create a budget, do an audit etc.



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VP External Portfolio

GOALS

Communication and Outreach

Engagement

VP External and External Assistant Relationship

ACTION ITEMS

1. Ensure OMSA/CFMS communiqués continue to be sent out bi-weekly and combine any pertinent local updates into these emails in order to optimize student updates.
 2. Identify opportunities that are particularly relevant or important to the student body and selectively advertise these in class Facebook groups in order to increase students' awareness. Recognize the balance between informing students and overloading them with updates, and use your judgment to disseminate information in the most efficient way possible
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1. Collaborate with the LEAP Interest Group, VP Global Health and GAAC reps for the CFMS/OMSA first-year presentation and brand the event as an introduction to the many ways to get involved in leadership, policy and health politics locally, provincially and nationally.
 2. Individually encourage students to participate in or apply for opportunities that may be of particular interest to them. This is particularly relevant for committee opportunities with the OMSA and CFMS.
 3. Champion Ottawa student participation in bi-annual CFMS meetings and annual OMSA Leadership & Lobby Day Summits. Encourage students to apply for travel funding from these organizations, particularly if they have relevant work to present at these meetings.
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1. Ensure close collaboration with VP External Assistant in order to ensure a smooth transition to the External portfolio should that individual be elected for the following year. The VP External Assistant should be tasked with all in-person and Facebook class updates such that they gain exposure within their role and are the go-to person for issues related to the External portfolio



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VP IT Portfolio

GOALS

Utilize New Technology

To stay up to date with technology and to ensure new technology is best utilized to communicate and serve the student body.

Improve Website Resources

To assemble greater online resources on the website

Increase Bilingualism of Website

uOttawa Medicine prides itself as a bilingual medical school. Therefore we wish to integrate more French into the website.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Regularly review the latest social media and online tools, and those currently used by the Aesculapian Society, to determine if it is feasible and beneficial to integrate new tools

1. Create an online directory of student school representatives and council members.
2. Survey the student body about any resources they wish to have on the website. Formulate a plan to implement changes based on feedback.

1. Translate the "About" and general information pages on the website to French.
2. Regularly have English and French Facebook/Twitter posts.



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VP Social Portfolio

GOALS

Collaborate with
Wellness Committee

Engage Clerkship
Students

Collaborate with Other
Student Bodies

ACTION ITEMS

1. Establish concrete relationship between VP Social portfolio and Student Wellness Committee
 2. Work together with SWC to provide unified social opportunities for students
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1. Motivate Clerkship students to participate in more social activities
 2. Adopt the Wellness challenge as part of the social portfolio to increase engagement of clerks in well-being and social activities
 3. Provide incentives for participation e.g. Wellness/Balances Lifestyle certificate, MSPR hours.
 4. Establish more concrete positions for Social Liasons to encourage consistent efforts to organize events for their group.
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1. Reach out to other student organizations to share information on event organization
 2. Collaborate with other student organizations on large scale events.



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VP Philanthropy Portfolio

GOALS

Introduce New Fundraising Events Sponsored by ASoc

Increase Student Engagement in the Community

Compile a list of all major fundraising events happening throughout the year

ACTION ITEMS

1. Organize and setup two fundraising events – one in each semester – for charities or organizations different than the class charities.
2. The format of these events will be left to the discretion of the current VP Philanthropy (Dinner with speaker, a silent auction, etc.)
3. Collaboration with other VPs in the Society is highly encouraged

1. Work with current Interest Groups and VPs involved in the community to increase the involvement of medical students in various community organizations
2. It should be recognized that helping out in community organizations with volunteered time can be just as important as fundraising for such organizations

1. As some Interest Groups have fundraising events as part of their mandate, as well as class charity committees, it would be ideal to have a list of the major events planned for the year
2. This list would be beneficial for further advertising the events
3. Knowledge of the fundraising events will allow the VP Philanthropy to properly allocate the use of the Philanthropy budget, and will allow the VP to support the events



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VP Community Health Portfolio

GOALS

Integrate with Student Wellness Committee

Integrate SWC into ASoc and establish a more concrete membership format and selection process

Establish Relationship Community Organizations

Streamline MSPR Platform

ACTION ITEMS

1. Have a committee meeting at the beginning of 2016 regarding brainstorming for committee selection and membership.
2. Create a concrete document with selection procedures and implement when selecting committee members for the 2016/2017 year.
3. Propose the SWC become part of ASoc in early or mid 2016 so that process can be put in place by the end of 2016/2017 academic year.

1. Contact with Ronald McDonald House has already been initiated but should be followed up regarding whether baking would be possible (as it is less expensive than meal groceries).
2. Have student visits initiated in early 2016
3. Have a reoccurring date (1/month) where students can sign up to participate in volunteering by the 2016/2017 year.

1. There is a lot of overlap or activities that no longer exist in the MSPR drop down menus. These should be gone through and made a list of so they can be eliminated. This can be started in 2016 but will need to be continued into 2016/2017 and then updated every now and then.
2. There is also overlap in activities that can be listed as an interest group or as their own activity- these should be delineated so it is not confusing for students. This can be started in 2016 but will need to be continued into 2016/2017 and then updated every now and then.
3. Students should be entering their MSPR hours every year as they go so the approval process is not as onerous once they are in first year. Goal for this action is April 2016.
4. A new system for MSPR problems should be devised and implemented as emails fly all over the place between students, COORMED, IG executives, and me. Goal for this action is April 2016



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Global Health

GOALS

Improve
Communications
Integration

Improve Student
Support for Global
Health Initiatives

Improved Student
Outreach

ACTION ITEMS

5. Pilot a uOttawa Global Health Committee website which will act as a central hub for announcements, sign-ups and AGHN conference info.

3. Create and International Electives database for student reference
4. Provide students with Global Health travel scholarship info

5. Discover ways to involve more uOttawa students in the global health team at the CFMS level
6. Improve OSJSM student outreach



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VP Athletics Portfolio

GOALS

Collaboration with Body
Wellness

Create an Annual
Preclerkship Spring
Event

Solidify Run for Amanda
Future

ACTION ITEMS

1. Continue yoga program
2. Create and activities calendar.

1. Organize an athletic event for pre-clerkship students in the spring time to supplement the lack of intramurals

1. Research the sustainability and interest in the event after the graduation of the 2016 class.