

## EXECUTIVE REPORT

Kaylynn Purdy, VP Medical Education

2018 Annual General Meeting

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## 2017/2018 VP Medical Education End of Term Report

### I. DESCRIPTION OF POSITION

According to the CFMS Bylaws, the Vice President of Medical Education of the CFMS is responsible for directing the representation, analysis and policy of the CFMS on educational issues. VP Medical Education represents the Federation at such forums where concerns of a primarily educational nature are discussed and also undertakes initiatives to enhance the educational experience of members of the Federation.

In practice, the VP Medical Education spends a lot of time at meetings and teleconferences, and supporting CFMS members in their own education initiatives and goals. In addition, the VP Education sends and receives an overwhelming number of emails.

### II. MEETINGS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>
October 4/2017	Electives Network - Attended by Maylynn Ding	Teleconference
October 4/2017	MSPR Working Group	Teleconference
October 13-15/2017	Fall Board Meeting	Ottawa, ON
October 19-20/2017	NOR Interviews	Teleconference
October 23/2017	AFMC Immunizations WG - Attended by Cory Lefebvre	Teleconference
October 28-29/2017	Edcom Exec VP interviews	Teleconference
October 29/2017	Academic Round Table 1	Teleconference
Nov. 1/2017	Reps Round Table 1 - -Attended	Teleconference
Nov. 1/2017	Presidents Round Table 1 - Attended	Teleconference
Nov. 4/2017	Research Team Call	Teleconference
Nov. 5/2017	uCMG Call with OMSA	Teleconference
Nov. 7/2017	Publications File Lead Call	Teleconference
Nov. 8/2017	AFMC Residency Matching Committee	Teleconference
Nov. 9-11/2017	Family Medicine Forum + CFPC Partners Meeting	Montreal, QC
Nov. 10/2017	Learner Education Handover Meeting	Teleconference
Nov. 15/2017	CaRMS Members Meeting	Teleconference
Nov. 17/2017	MedSKL Meeting	Teleconference
Nov. 19/2017	Board TC	Teleconference
Nov. 19/2017	uCMG Paper Discussion	Teleconference
Nov. 19/2017	AFMC ARMC Report	Teleconference
Nov. 20/2017	Graduation Questionnaire Update	Teleconference
Nov. 22/2017	Portal Steering Committee Meeting	Teleconference
Nov. 22/2017	Call with James Quinlan - Rdoc	Teleconference
Nov. 23/2017	Entry Routes Working Group In Person meeting at AFMC	Ottawa, ON

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Nov. 24/2017	CaRMS Application Review Committee	Ottawa, ON
Nov. 24/2017	Graduate Questionnaire WG	Teleconference
Nov. 27/2017	Presidents Round Table 2 - Attended	Teleconference
Nov. 27/2017	Reps Round Table 2 - Attended	Teleconference
Nov. 30/2017	AFMC Immunizations WG - Attended By Cory Lefebvre	Teleconference
Dec.3/2017	Academic Roundtable 2	teleconference
Dec.3/2017	Education Committee Full Group Meeting	Teleconference
Dec. 5/2017	uCMG Call with OMSA	Teleconference
Dec. 11/2017	Call with Dr. J Frank at Royal College	Teleconference
Dec. 12/2017	Royal College CEO Roundtable	Ottawa, ON
Dec. 15/2017	AFMC Residency Matching Committee	Teleconference
Dec. 19/2017	Research Team Meeting with Salwa	Teleconference
Jan. 3/2018	Survey Platform Meeting	Teleconference
Jan. 4/2018	Call with National Research Chair	Teleconference
Jan. 6-7/2018	Winter Board Meeting	Calgary, AB
Jan. 8/2018	Teleconference with Dr. Verma	Teleconference
Jan. 8/2018	Teleconference with Dr. Tithecott Re: supports for uCMGs	Teleconference
Jan. 9/2018	MSPR Working group	Teleconference
Jan. 9/2018	Portal Refunds Update	Teleconference
Jan. 10/2018	Royal College CBD Summit Planning Call	Teleconference
Jan. 15/2018	CaRMS Application Review Committee	Teleconference
Jan. 22/2018	AFMC Portal Steering Committee	Teleconference
Jan. 27/2018	Academic Round Table 3	Teleconference
Feb. 1/2018	IPE Position Paper Meeting - Maylynn Ding	Teleconference
Feb. 2/2018	Ontario Physician Forecasting Models	Teleconference
Feb. 3/2018	uCMG Board Meeting	Teleconference
Feb. 4/2018	CFMS Monthly Board Meeting	Teleconference
Feb. 9/2018	Royal College CBD Summit Planning Meeting	Teleconference
Feb. 14/2018	AFMC Immunizations meeting -attended by Cory Lefebvre	
Feb. 20/2018	FACTT Monthly Teleconference	Teleconference
Feb. 23/2018	CBD Teleconference with Dr. Richardson	Teleconference
Feb, 23/2018	AFMC Graduate Questionnaire	Teleconference
March. 5/2018	Royal College CBD Planning Session	Teleconference
March. 6/2018	Meeting with Canadian Armed Forces regarding unmatched students	Teleconference
March. 6/2018	AFMC Portal Steering Committee - Sarah Silverberg	Teleconference
March. 8/2018	AFMC uCMG Subcommittee	Teleconference
March. 8/2018	BC PRPAC Follow-up	Teleconference
March. 14/2018	Learner Handover Project	Teleconference
March 16/2018	AFMC Graduate Questionnaire	Teleconference

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March. 22/2018	CMA Matchbook Contribution	Teleconference
March. 22/2018	Royal College RACs	Teleconference
March. 22/2018	Call with the Canadian Armed Forces regarding unmatched students	Teleconference
March 23/2018	Research Working Group Meeting	Teleconference
March. 31/2018	Academic Round Table 4	Teleconference
March. 31/2018	Education Committee 2	Teleconference
April. 3/2018	Royal College CBD Summit Meeting	Teleconference
April. 5/2018	FACTT Teleconference	Teleconference
April. 7/2018	Call with Canadian Armed Forces Regarding uCMGs	Teleconference
April. 8/2018	CFMS Board Meeting	Teleconference
April. 9/2018	uCMG Task Force	Teleconference
April. 13/2018	Royal College RAC call	Teleconference
April. 16/2018	CaRMS Best Practice WG	Teleconference
April. 20/2018	AFMC Graduate Questionnaire	Teleconference
April. 26/2018	Royal College Medical Student CBD Summit	Halifax, NS - all day
April. 26-28/2018	CFMS SGM 2018	Halifax, NS
April. 26/2018	Academic Round Table 5	Halifax, NS
April. 26/2018	CFMS Board Meeting	Halifax, NS
April. 26/2018	AFMC/RDoc Entry Routes WG	Halifax NS
April. 27- 30/2018	CCME 2018	Halifax, NS
April. 27/2018	FACTT Workshop	Halifax, NS
April. 27/2018	Student Affairs Meeting	Halifax, NS
April. 27/2018	UME Deans Meeting	Halifax, NS
April. 28/2018	AFMC Board Meeting - Physician Burnout: Building A Culture of Wellness and Resiliency in Medicine	Halifax, NS
April. 28/2018	Electives Network Business Meeting	Halifax, NS
April. 29/2018	Electives: Friend or Foe in Preparing for Residency?	Halifax, NS
April. 29/2018	Invitational AFMC Board Session on the Unmatched CMG	Halifax, NS
April. 29/2018	Innovation Symposium- Learner Education Handover presentation	Halifax, NS
April. 29/2018	AFMC and CAPER Meeting	Halifax, NS
April. 29/2018	AFMC Portal Steering Committee Meeting	Halifax, NS
April. 30/2018	AFMC Graduate Questionnaire Meeting	Halifax, NS
May. 8/2018	uCGM Task Force Teleconference	Teleconference
May. 16/2018	AFMC GC Post CCME	Teleconference
June. 1/2018	ARMC	Teleconference
June. 2/2018	CFMS Summer Board Meeting - Toronto	Join via Teleconference
July 3/2018	uCMG Task Force Call	Teleconference

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July 23/2018	Learner Education Handover Call	Teleconference
July 26/2018	AFMC Portal Immunization WG	Teleconference
Aug 14/2018	AFMC Portal Steering Committee	Teleconference
Aug 16/2018	pre-CMA Health Summit Call	Teleconference
Aug. 19-22	CMA Health Summit+ GC	Winnipeg MB
Sept 4/2018	CaRMS BPAS Working Group	Teleconference

**Total: 105**

### **III. END OF TERM SUMMARY:**

#### **Overarching Education Portfolio Activities**

- 1. Supporting:** Supporting members of the Education Committee in their projects and work; supporting members of the Academic Roundtable (VP Academics) to improve education at their schools; supporting our external reps to advocate on behalf of medical students
- 2. Connecting:** Working with local VP Academics in the Academic Round Table (ART) monthly meetings to support a dialogue between schools, to share ideas for solutions, and collaborate on problems that all schools face.
- 3. Representing:** Representing the CFMS, and by extension medical students at various (over 100) external partner meetings to ensure that the student voice is loud and clear, and that the rights of students are upheld to the highest standards.

#### **Ten Big Accomplishments of the Education Portfolio:**

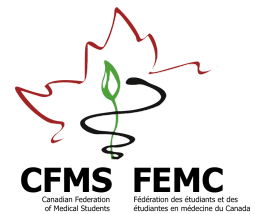
1. Access to MedSKL.com for all CFMS Members (logon via CFMS website)
2. Addition of uCMG guide to the Matchbook
3. Establishment of uCMG Task Force and uCMG Mentorship Network
4. Medical student voting seats on the Royal College Fellowship Affairs and Regional Advisory Committees
5. Establishment of a Research Committee
6. Passing of Learner Information Sharing in Canadian Medical Schools guiding principles document at SGM 2018
7. CBME Medical Student Summit with sponsorship for 2 students from each Canadian Medical School to attend in Halifax
8. Decreasing the opening of the elective window from 28 to 26 weeks starting Jan.9/2019
9. Additional Spots for uCMGS via the Canadian Armed Forces post-match
10. uCMG Federal MP Meetings at Parliament Hill to advocate for an increased ration and better HHR planning

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### **Education Committee Accomplishments:**

#### **1. Publications**

This year Casey Wang, Linda Yi Ning Fei and Nancy Duan, along with our unmatched Task Force lead Peter Farag created the most extensive Match Book to date. We updated all of the advice to learners sections, we added in a wellness section, and at the end of the guide is an extensive “Unmatched Student Survival Guide” authored by learners who have at some point, gone unmatched. The Matchbook is designed for students, by students, and this year’s Match Book certainly embodies that. We know that this is likely the single most widely used CFMS produced resource that our members used, and each year, we strive to make it better and better. Our Publications File leads certainly out did themselves this year, and worked in close collaboration with our uCMG Task Force.

#### **2. Accreditation**

This file was lead by Tharshika Thangarasa and Alyssa Archibald, who not only updated the Accreditation Toolkit, but developed stellar infographics to help explain the accreditation process to learners, and why accreditation is important. This is a file that is one that often goes unnoticed by the general membership as it affects very few of us directly, but indirectly affects us all. Tharshika and Alyssa are certainly the 2017/2018 unsung heroes of accreditation.

#### **3. AFMC Portal**

Medical Students were represented to the AFMC Portal Working Groups by the following individuals including myself: Maylynn Ding, Cory Lefebvre, Shreya Jalali and Sarah Silverberg. I know the portal is a source of frustration for all of you, and I know we can all think of so many ways to make it better. If there is one thing that I have learned as VP Education is that change in medical education is painfully slow, we work on the order of years, not days or weeks as we wish it to be. We are still struggling to figure out how to transition each year to a new common immunization form, and we advocated for supplemental forms for any needed changes rather than re-doing the entire process for those who have already completed one form. We requested that the timeline to having to apply for electives be reduced, and as of Jan. 9/2019, it will be 26 weeks instead of 28 weeks ahead for applications opening. This will be reviewed each year with the goal of making the timeline shorter, giving learners more time to decide their elective choices. A fees/refund plan is coming, people are working on this from various angles with schools and all of the deans to come up with a plan to make applying for electives less expensive. There are also discussions on capping the number of electives students can apply for during a given elective block to reduce costs, and also increase success of everybody getting their elective choices due to less burden on administrators, and less offers going to people who have already secured their preferred elective, and reduce the advantage higher SES students have in obtaining electives. And finally, while this is not to do with the AFMC portal, but with electives, there are new elective restrictions coming to a school near you. There have been discussions amongst post-graduate and undergraduate deans to restrict students at all schools to no more than 3 electives in any one entry routed discipline. The CFMS is doing our diligence in working with your local VP Academics to collect student opinions on this so we can best

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advocate for, against, or for an alternate policy on your behalf to the Canadian undergraduate medical deans.

### **4. uCMG**

This file was lead by Sarah Silverberg, who was joined by Peter Farag the uCMG Task Force Lead. It was a file that was held by nearly every portfolio at the CFMS as we aimed to tackle the problem of unmatched Canadian Medical Graduates from every angle that we could possibly think of. We wrote letters, we published a response in the CMAJ, wrote an article for the CMEJ, and we went to parliament to meet with MPs and Cabinet members to ask them to supply additional funding to the provinces for an increased number of residency spots, and we asked for a national and coordinated Health Human Resource planning for physicians. We also established the uCMG Task Force to better advise the board and gather feedback from learners who had been through the experience of being unmatched. We also established the uCMG mentorship network, which paired currently unmatched learners with previously unmatched (but successfully matched) doctors and residents. The uCMG Task Force also published the uCMG Survival Guide in the 2018 Match Book. Our approach this year was to both better support and advocate for unmatched students, and while we still have a crisis on our hands, we spent the year trying to accomplish our goal of leaving no unmatched student behind. This is something that CFMS will continue to improve and work towards as we advocate for long term solutions, and for a residency match for all qualified CMGs.

### **5. Interprofessional Education (IPE)**

Reed Gillanders (a veteran of this file) and Braydon Connell have made managed to update the Student Run Clinic Toolkit, IPE 2015 position paper and begin the process of publishing some of their work in an academic journal. They also participated in the national IPE group CAHPSA. This file is one that is essential to keep the CFMS in close partnership with our allied health professions, and Reed and Braydon have furthered those ties this year.

### **6. Health Human Resource (HHR) Planning**

This file was led for a second year in a row by Adam Mullan, a learner who is passionate about HHR, and an expert. Adam was able to represent the CFMS at teleconference meetings with various provincial health ministries to advocate for better HHR planning, and solutions for uCMGs.

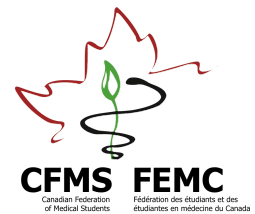
### **7. CBME**

This file was lead by Silvio Ndoja, who talked with nearly every CBME leader across the country on a fact finding mission to help understand the challenges and success of CBME as it rolls out in Canada. Using this information, he helped to plan a Competency by Design (CBD) Medical Student Summit in Halifax at CCME 2018 with the Royal College to bring CBD to medical students. This file will continue to be an essential part in helping students transition to residency, and we hope that we will continue to be able to host CBD/Medical Education summits for learners with the help of the Royal College and others.



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### **8. Policy Liaison**

Both David-Dan Nguyen and Sachin Pasricha were instrumental on keeping not only me on task with position papers and publication, but served to be kind, yet on track task masters that the CFMS Education Committee needed them to be. They are another pair of unsung heroes that kept our papers and authors on track.

### **9. Research**

Research is relatively new file for the CFMS. It is lead by our Two National Officers of Research Branavan Manoranjan and Raechelle Gibson. This year we added on two EdCom Files, lead by Salwa Farooqi and Calvin Howard. Salwa was tenacious and driven, and has started to push the CFMS to make our great work more widely known to the greater medical education world by identifying position papers that have the potential for publication. Calvin was our innovator in the research file, he constantly challenged us with new ideas to build the portfolio, but also highlight our membership. Calvin brought you our [CFMS Member Research Highlights](#) project, which features some of the great work our members do. Raechelle also created an [infographic](#) and template form on how to apply for research ethics for anybody thinking of engaging in research on their own or in conjunction with the CFMS. The success of this year's research file has led to the creation of Research Committee for the 2018/2019 year.

### **10. Question Bank**

With the work of Anish Naidu and Jordan Ho, the CFMS has secured a 5 year partnership with [Medskl.com](#) to allow CFMS members access to their LMCC/MCCQE1 question bank. Log in via the [CFMS website](#) here to access it. We will trial how this goes, and continue to work with Medskl.com to improve the quality and content of the Qbank.

### **11. Survey Platform**

This file essentially was launched and completed last year. It is now successfully being used for CFMS surveys and research to safely and securely house survey responses on Canadian servers.

### **Education Committee Vice-Chair**

Avrilynn Ding was the 2017/2018 EdCom Vice Chair (to be referred to henceforth as National Officer of Education. She single handedly organized all of the EdCom and ART meetings, kept our EdCom members on task, and was always there when I needed her. People like Arilynn there who make this portfolio possible.

### **Education Attaché**

Ontario Rep extraordinaire Maylynn Ding was the "Education Attaché" who put up with my rants, filled in for me when I was unable to attend meetings, and fiercely fought for students, standing up to deans and a faculty with grace and grit. Having Maylynn on the Education portfolio was essential to all that was accomplished this year.

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### IV. FOLLOW UP, VISION, GOALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS POSITION

My vision for the Education Portfolio is to improve medical education for all those who come after me and to help make better doctors. I hope that this position continues to build and expand, and continues to ask hard questions from the medical education leadership in Canada. If we don't, who will?

### V. CONCLUSIONS

*"Isn't it funny how day by day nothing changes, but when you look back, everything is different..." – C.S Lewis*

It has been an honour to serve as the 2017/2018 CFMS VP Medical Education over the past year. This year has been incredibly challenging, at times it was a struggle to continue to find the passion to move forward on files and tasks that are sometimes much bigger than myself and the CFMS. In this role you are challenged to become a leader quickly, constantly tested in your advocacy skills, and looked to as an expert at every turn, despite looking over your own shoulder for somebody else who might have the answers. There are times in this role where I was able to make big gains for students or "wins," but with that, there were also times when it felt like the battle was lost before I started, and those "losses" can weigh on you heavily. This is a big, big role. A role that you can't really comprehend until you are in it. It is also a role that has allowed me to grow as a leader, an advocate, and start to become a real expert (rather than an imposter) during my time as VP Education. As I leave my term as VP Education, I hope that I accomplished my one big goal, which was to leave medical education in Canada better than when I found it.

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