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# I. Description and Introduction:

The Canadian Federation of Medical Students (CFMS) is the representative voice of Canadian medical students to the national medical organizations, to the federal government, to the public, and to other external bodies. The CFMS represents over 8000 medical students at 15 Canadian medical schools from coast to coast. It is the mission of CFMS to represent, support, and connect its members. CFMS aims to communicate within its membership, as well as from its membership, to the world at large. As an ever-expanding organization, CFMS continually strives to meet the consistent and changing needs of Canadian medical students.

## **Brief Description**

Student Affairs Director is responsible for overseeing the CFMS Student Wellness portfolio, the CFMS Leadership Awards and for coordinating the CFMS member benefits and services. This position requires collaboration with the National Wellness Officer, National Services Officer, Wellness Representatives, and various external partners to promote wellness and resilience. The Student Affairs Director advocates for and supports members through the development of resources, including the launch of the Longitudinal Wellness Strategy, Safe Spaces, Culture Changers Campaign, Perspectives in Medicine Campaign and the STRIVE Resiliency course to promote wellness of medical students across the country.

# **II. Selected Meetings Attended**

| Date  | Meeting  | Location       |
|---|--|----------------|
| Sept 19-22 <sup>nd</sup> 2019               | CFMS Annual General Meeting                      | St. John's, NL |
| Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup> 2019                 | Wellness Curriculum Task Force Strategy          | Teleconference |
| Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2019                   | Meeting with McGill SA Dean                      | Teleconference |
| Oct 6 <sup>th</sup> 2019                    | Wellness Round Table                             | Teleconference |
| Oct 7 <sup>th</sup> 2019                    | Quebec Representative Meeting                    | Montreal, QC   |
| Oct 8th 2019                                | National Officer Wellness Meeting                | Teleconference |
| Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> 2019                   | CFMS President Check-In                          | Teleconference |
| Oct 17 <sup>th</sup> 2019                   | RDOC Meeting                                     | Teleconference |
| Oct 20th 2019                               | Board Meeting #2                                 | Teleconference |
| Oct 24th 2019                               | Wellness Awareness Leads                         | Teleconference |
| Oct 25 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> 2019 | Fall Board Meeting                               | Ottawa, ON     |
| Oct 29th 2019                               | CMA Physician Health Consultation                | Teleconference |
| Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2019                    | Wellness Round Table                             | Teleconference |
| Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2019                    | Dyad Check-In                                    | Teleconference |
| Nov 10 <sup>th</sup> 2019                   | Dyad Check-In                                    | Teleconference |
| Nov 24 <sup>th</sup> 2019                   | Board Meeting #3                                 | Teleconference |
| Nov 25 <sup>th</sup> 2019                   | Health Promoting Learning Environment Task Force | Teleconference |
| Nov 26 <sup>th</sup> 2019                   | President Check-In                               | Teleconference |
| Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup> 2019                   | STRIVE – Resiliency Meeting                      | Teleconference |
| Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup> 2019                   | National Officer of Wellness Check-In            | Teleconference |
| Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup> 2019                   | Wellness Round Table                             | Teleconference |

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| Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup> 2019     | Mistreatment Taskforce Meeting                   | Teleconference  |
| Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup> 2019     | President Check-In                               | Teleconference  |
| Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup> 2019     | Wellness Journal File-Leads Orientation Meeting  | Teleconference  |
| Jan 4-5 <sup>th</sup> 2020     | Board Meeting #5                                 | Toronto, ON     |
| Jan. 5, 2020                   | Interviews database                              | Teleconference  |
| Jan. 12, 2020                  | Wellness Round Table                             | Teleconference  |
| Jan. 12, 2020                  | Carms Tour CMA collaboration meeting             | Teleconference  |
| Jan. 18, 2020                  | Safe spaces meeting                              | Teleconference  |
| Feb. 2, 2020                   | Wellness Round Table                             | Teleconference  |
| Feb. 10, 2020                  | CMA Forum  | Quebec City, Qc |
| Feb. 13, 2020                  | Student Affairs attaché                          | Teleconference  |
| Feb. 16, 2020                  | CFMS Board Teleconference                        | Teleconference  |
| Feb. 17, 2020                  | Longitudinal Wellness Initiative                 | Teleconference  |
| Feb. 18, 2020                  | Wellness Curriculum Task Force                   | Teleconference  |
| Feb. 19, 2020                  | Match supports call                              | Teleconference  |
| Feb. 20, 2020                  | Meeting with Pamela Bere, Western Wellness admin | Teleconference  |
| Feb. 24, 2020                  | CMA Virtual Wellness Conference KPMG             | Teleconference  |
| Feb. 28, 2020                  | Student Affairs work plan meeting with attaché   | Montreal, Qc    |
| Mar. 1, 2020                   | Wellness Round Table                             | Teleconference  |
| Mar. 5, 2020                   | Safe Spaces Moderator call – Robert Stein        | Teleconference  |
| Mar. 10, 2020                  | Safe Spaces Post-Match                           | Teleconference  |
| Mar. 15, 2020                  | Board mid-way assessment                         | Teleconference  |
| Mar. 15, 2020                  | CFMS Board Meeting                               | Teleconference  |
| Mar. 16, 2020                  | CFMS Elections candidate                         | Teleconference  |
| Apr. 4, 2020                   | Board Check-In                                   | Teleconference  |
| Apr. 4, 2020                   | Covid grant applications                         | Teleconference  |
| Apr. 5, 2020                   | Board meeting                                    | Teleconference  |
| Apr. 5, 2020                   | Wellness Round Table                             | Teleconference  |
| Apr. 6, 2020                   | Meeting NOW                                      | Teleconference  |
| Apr. 6, 2020                   | Meeting Student Affairs attaché                  | Teleconference  |
| Apr. 7, 2020                   | CMA Wellness Team Meeting                        | Teleconference  |
| Apr. 8, 2020                   | Presidential Candidate Meeting                   | Teleconference  |
| Apr. 16, 2020                  | Board Teleconference pre-SGM                     | Teleconference  |
| Apr. 16-18, 2020               | Spring General Meeting                           | Teleconference  |
| Apr. 19, 2020                  | uCMG Press Release Meeting                       | Teleconference  |
| Apr. 19, 2020<br>Apr. 22, 2020 | CFMS Connects During COVID Meeting               | Teleconference  |
| Apr. 23, 2020                  | Culture Changers Campaign Meeting                | Teleconference  |
| Apr. 28, 2020                  | Safe Spaces Meeting                              | Teleconference  |
| Apr. 30, 2020                  | Post SGM Culture Discussion                      | Teleconference  |
|                                | CFMS Connects During COVID Meeting               | Teleconference  |
| May 2, 2020                    | WRT  | Teleconference  |
| May 3, 2020                    |  |                 |
| May 3, 2020                    | Board Teleconference                             | Teleconference  |

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| May 4, 2020   | WCTF Meeting                       | Teleconference |
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| May 5, 2020   | Safe Spaces                        | Teleconference |
| May 9, 2020   | Spring Board Meeting               | Teleconference |
| May 10, 2020  | CFMS Connects During COVID Meeting | Teleconference |
| May 15, 2020  | Strategic Plan Meeting             | Teleconference |
| May 16, 2020  | Spring Board Meeting               | Teleconference |
| June 5, 2020  | Dyad Meeting                       | Teleconference |
| June 14, 2020 | Board Teleconference               | Teleconference |
| June 23, 2020 | Meeting incoming DSA and President | Teleconference |
| July 5, 2020  | Wellness Roundtable                | Teleconference |
| July 15, 2020 | CMA Wellness Team Meeting          | Teleconference |
| July 19, 2020 | Blood Drive Chair Interviews       | Teleconference |
| July 19, 2020 | Board Teleconference               | Teleconference |
| July 21, 2020 | NOS Interviews                     | Teleconference |
| July 22, 2020 | NOS Interviews                     | Teleconference |
| July 22, 2020 | WCTF Meeting                       | Teleconference |
| Aug. 2, 2020  | WRT                                | Teleconference |
| Aug. 5, 2020  | Incoming DSA Meeting               | Teleconference |
| Aug. 5, 2020  | Volunteer Engagement Meeting       | Teleconference |
| Aug. 30, 2020 | Board Teleconference               | Teleconference |

### II. PRIORITIES AND PROJECT AREAS

### a. Wellness

- i. Continued and increasing member engagement in Wellness portfolio pillars and activities.
  - 1. Development and distribution of STRIVE resiliency program to all member schools
  - 2. Support of Longitudinal Wellness Initiatives
  - **3.** Continued Advocacy on behalf of student members on wellness and medical student wellbeing
  - **4.** Continued collaboration with Communications Portfolio for increasing awareness of Wellness resources and Wellness related advocacy
  - **5.** Increased collaboration with other stakeholder groups such as FMEQ, RDOC, FMRQ and CMA.
  - **6.** Increase uptake and engagement in Self Spaces bi-monthly teleconferences
  - 7. Support medical students with virtual wellness activities during COVID self-isolation period
  - **8.** Increase sharing of university wellness activities between member schools

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#### b. Services

- i. Electives Database: increase in submitted reviews and increase in website traffic
- **ii.** Interviews Database: increase in submitted reviews and increase in website traffic
- **iii.** Partnerships : optimize advertising of discounts and increase in available discounts for members
- iv. Work with sponsorships lead to find sponsor for Wellness related activities such as National Wellness Challenge

### c. Taskforces

- i. Health Promoting Learning Environments: completion and distribution of report to all member schools
- ii. Wellness Curriculum: completion and distribution of wellness curriculum to all member schools

### III. FUTURE PLANS AND ACTION ITEMS

<u>Plans:</u> In future, we hope to increase collaboration with important stakeholders such as FMEQ, FMRQ, RDOC, CMA and the AFMC on all wellness related activities that fall under the Student Affairs portfolio. As wellness is an issue that transcends all levels of education and stages of a career as a physician, being able to work together longitudinally to create a positive working environment may improve outcomes long-term.

### V. REFLECTIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

It has been a pleasure to serve as the Director of the Student Affairs Portfolio for 2019-2020 academic year.

Sincerely,

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