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Health Sciences Student Consultative Committee (HS SCC)

March 23, 2022

Minutes of the Meeting

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[In these minutes: Update on Activities and Student Engagement from the Center for Health Interprofessional Programs (CHIP); Nominations for 2022-23 HS SCC Chair]

PRESENT: Savannah Middlestead (co-chair), Cheyton Homan, Sruthi Shankar, Jalee Krueger Rachel Hugenothe, Chloe Miller, Cynthia Pando, Sophia Sterling

REGRETS: Panhia Her (co-chair), Christina Waselk, Richard Sather, Rebecca Kruc

ABSENT: Ramla Noor, Jenny Fournier, Momina Chaudry

GUESTS: Laura Dammer Hess, director, Center for Health Interprofessional Programs (CHIP)

OTHERS: None

Savannah Middlestead, co-chair of the HS SCC, welcomed the committee and members introduced themselves.

1. Update on Activities and Student Engagement from the Center for Health

Interprofessional Programs (CHIP) - Her introduced Laura Dammer Hess, director, Center for Health Interprofessional Programs (CHIP), who provided information regarding student engagement activities and opportunities through CHIP and other University sources. Dammer Hess presented a [slide deck](#) and highlights were as follows:

- CHIP facilitates opportunities for health professional students to connect, learn, serve, and lead with one another.
- CHIP offers several programs and initiatives, including the Interprofessional Lounge located in the Health Sciences Education Center (HSEC), an annual student leadership conference, and hosting student organizations like the CHIP Executive Council.
- A wellbeing resource for the health sciences student community is the Belonging, Wellbeing, Engagement, Leadership and Learning (BeWELL) program. BeWell provides opportunities that:

- Are complementary to existing wellbeing initiatives both within and outside of the health sciences, aiming to fill gaps rather than compete with existing programming.
- Promote a sense of belonging, community, and connectedness that are resonant and accessible to students across programs, schools, and identities.
- Operate with a broad definition of wellbeing, encouraging students to define wellbeing in their own way.
- Frame wellbeing opportunities broadly and encourage the integration of wellbeing into students' current activities, as opposed to adding to their to-do lists.
- Two core initiatives with the BeWELL program include the BIPOC Health Professional Student Collective and the Interprofessional Student Garden.
- There are several upcoming events that all students may attend, including a garden party on April 28th that will include food and activities.

Cynthia Pando commented that she appreciated this information and had no idea that there was a garden available for students. She was excited to check it out. Middlestead mentioned that Pharmacy Day will be happening on April 29th so she plans to invite several students to go to the Twin Cities a day earlier to take advantage of these other planned events. Pando added that better publicizing of events would be beneficial.

Sophia Sterling asked if CHIP has a working relationship or communication with the Professional Student Government (PSG). Dammer Hess indicated that PSG has historically focused more on student grants than events so there has not been as much connection. Sterling added that there seems to be a shift in PSG given the fact that they are hosting a gala this spring.

2. Nominations for 2022-23 HS SCC Chair - Middlestead stated that nominations are now open for the position of HS SCC chair for the 2022-23 academic year. No member indicated their immediate willingness to be a candidate and several members mentioned that they will be graduating this spring. Middlestead said that the committee will hold nominations open until the next meeting.

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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