

# CAP Student Advisory Council (SAC)



Meeting Minutes

DATE: 2022/06/26

Present: Ben H, Samira K, Eduardo, Turkuler

Regrets: Will, S.E, Simone, R.M, Annie, Valentina, Julien-Pierre

AGENDA:

## **Congress:**

- Many students stated that they do not read the emails unless it comes from their department chair or physics office.
- Many professionals also do not engage with CAP.
- Multiple divisions struggle with engagement. Thus, having students in each division could counteract this.
- 44% expressed interest in a virtual congress that will occur regularly.

## **CAP Updates**

- Dr. Barbara Frisken will be the new president of CAP. She is willing to create a strong relationship between CAP and students. This is an opportunity for the SAC.
  - Ben H. emailed her to welcome and start a discussion about the CAP structure
- Turkuler was elected as the liaison between SAC and the Theoretical physics division. <https://dtp.cap.ca/>
  - She is requesting another member to be elected.
- Each division has a unique way of operating, but, Francine could be emailed to develop a structure for communication between SAC and Divisions.
- CAP's journal is released.
- The next Congress will be in person at the University of New Brunswick between June 18 - 23rd
- CCUWiP will be held between January 20th - 23rd, 2023
- Next, CUPC will be at the University of Guelph between October 27th - 30th

## **2022 Student Event:**

- Detailed answers for the student event can be found on google drive.
  - In short, the feedback includes that:
    - Graduate students are not paid enough (30k/year which was identified by students as a living wage)
    - Some students can pay for their tuition. But, to do this they need to work which impacts their academic success.
    - The scholarship history of a student impacts the next opportunities for scholarships, grants, etc.
    - Students are requesting opportunities to connect with non-academic professionals, through shadowing and mentorship etc.
    - There is a need for tools and opportunities to set up EDI groups in universities
- Suggestions for this feedback include:

- A storybook that can contain changes based on EDI. This should be available to all students.

**Event Updates:**

- The lecture series will start on July 19th
- There will be a break on September 27th

**Website Updates:**

- All the projects are continuing

**Discord Updates:**

- There are 17 members in total. This is composed of SAC's members and society leads.
- Welcome discussion started in the welcome channel
- There is a feedback channel where there is already feedback on the structure of discord, polling, and community server vs general server.
  - Apparently, there is a built-in method of making them read the rules even before they get into Discord.

**Interview Analyses:**

- 3 Analyses are received
  - EDI, Education, Professional Life
- Turkuler will present them on Wednesday
- The rest of the completed analysis will be presented at the next SAC meeting

**Social Media:**

- "What Happened in May" post is up
- Advertisements for CCUWiP, SAC AGM, and Physics Hour are posted
- June 21st was National Indigenous Peoples Day and for this, a post about Indigenous Knowledge in Astronomy was posted
- June 23rd was Women In Engineering Day for that we retweeted on Twitter and reposted on Instagram stories
- LGBTQ+ posts will be up before the end of Pride Month. However, it is slow progress due to the sensitivity of the topic.

**Prairie Recruitment:**

- 2 interviews are completed and waiting for the 3rd response
- Ben H, Turkuler, and S.E are involved in the interview process.

**Quick Updates:**

- Petra Rudolph (German-Italian Physicist) is the new speaker at the CAM congress.
  - The title of their presentation is "Ph.D. is not enough, how to prepare for a career".

Minutes submitted by: Samira K. (Secretary)