



UME Research Committee (UMERC) Minutes

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APPROVED

Monday, September 8, 2025 13:00 – 15:00

Attendees: Mr. M. Paget, Drs. A. Bromley, L. Cooke, L. Harper, G. Bendiak, H. von Engelbrechten, M. Sohn, K. McLaughlin, and Ms. I. Ma, M. Gutierrez, J. Fox, J Gill, M Boechler.

Regrets: Drs. J. Desy, S. Pancic, and R. Satish.

Call to Order

The meeting was conducted via Zoom and called to order at 13:00.

- **Approval of UMERC Minutes (May 5th, 2025)**
- **Agenda for today's meeting approved.**

Standing items

Challenging research proposals (J Desy): None to discuss.

Research activities within UME (I Ma):

- No updates, but Irene did thank the student reps for helping to reach out to students after the last meeting to complete the survey on involvement with extracurricular research

Research on behalf of UME/CSM (K McLaughlin): None to discuss.

Research opportunities for medical students: No updates to discuss.

M. Gutierrez asked about the assessment of students' performance on the scholarly project, to which M. Sohn replied that students will be assessed by their primary preceptor (on ONE45) and then be rated on their small group presentations (details on this part will be sent to the class of 2027). Students in the class of 2027 will also have the opportunity to present their research at the Eclipse symposium.

Old Business/Updates:

- Update from the Centre

Dr. Cooke informed the committee that a program coordinator has been hired, space has been made available (details to follow), a budget has been approved (hopefully to allow the Centre to hire 1 or 2 scientists), and that she is currently finalizing the strategic plan.

One of the goals for the centre is to co-host a 2-day event with CHES in October 2026. This will focus on medical education scholarship and will be held in Calgary.

New Business

- The committee discussed the schedule for the upcoming Eclipse event on December 1. This will combine both student presentations and medical education scholarship. Drs. Bromley and Cooke will work on the final agenda, but the provisional plan is to begin with a Key Note Address after which there will be students' poster presentation, lunch, and teaching award presentations. During the poster presentations and award, the guest speaker will have individual meetings with those involved in medical education scholarship.

The UMERB meeting was adjourned at 13:45 a.m.

Next scheduled meeting November 10, 2025.