Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada
Association des facultés de pharmacie du Canada

AFPC PLANETARY HEALTH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Terms of Reference

Mission:

The Planetary Health SIG shall focus on, promote and address key issues related to planetary health in pharmacy education. The SIG will assist programs to address current and future requirements of their curriculum in regard to planetary health pharmacy education.

Goal:

To contribute expertise in planetary health pharmacy education, to serve as a resource for educators and pharmacy faculties in Canada, and to collaborate and support one another.

Objectives:

- To explore and identify key areas of learning for pharmacy students in the field of planetary health including:
    - Impacts of healthcare systems on climate and the environment
    - Environmental sustainability in all areas of pharmacy practice (mitigation)
    - Environmental determinants of health
    - Adaptation strategies
- To identify and promote information exchange between pharmacy faculty specializing in planetary health topics in Canada.
- To promote best practices in planetary health pharmacy education, including ensuring wellbeing of students and faculty
- To develop and/or share program resources between schools/faculties
- To liaise with external partners to ensure planetary health education needs are being met.

Membership:

All faculty members (updated annually) who are interested in planetary health. Open to all staff and faculty members of AFPC and invited guests, when required (e.g., content matter experts, students).

Term:

Chair, Vice-Chair and Past-Chair (Executive) to each serve a minimum of one year. The ideal term for an individual to hold each position is 2-3 years. It is expected, but not necessary that Vice-Chair will progress to Chair, and Past-Chair as positions become available. These positions are nominated by and selected from voting members.

Decision Making:

Wherever consensus is not possible, and where required, a vote may be called by the Chair. A two thirds majority will carry a motion. The Chair will only cast a vote if there is a need to break a tie vote.

Organization:

- Chair – sets agenda, presides at scheduled meetings of SIG, assigns charges and oversees SIG activities. Oversees work of all sub-committees and/or task forces/projects.
- Vice-chair / secretary – assumes duty of Chair if required and keeps minutes of meetings. Identifies members to nominate for incoming Vice-Chair position at SIG annual meeting.
- Past-Chair – provides advice to the Chair and continuity to the Executive.
- SIG subcommittees / work groups – at the discretion of the Chair, subcommittees or working groups may be created for routine or special purposes.
- Communications – Email and videoconferences will be the primary means of communication.

Meetings:

The SIG will hold at least two meetings per year (mid-year/annual meeting) either face-to-face or videoconference. The annual meeting should be held in conjunction with the AFPC conference.

Reports:

The AFPC Planetary Health SIG will report to the Council of Faculties. The SIG Chair will provide progress reports as needed and an annual report to the Executive Director (e.g., current activities, implications to AFPC, recommendations, future activities). The reports will be disseminated to the Council of Faculties and Council of Deans for information and review.

Committee Remuneration:

There is no remuneration for participating on the SIG. Contributions are expected to be “in kind”.

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