

April 20<sup>th</sup> ACCUTE Meeting;

Attendees: Raj, Craig, Alia, Onyeka, Bailey

Land Acknowledgement (by Raj)

Approval of the Agenda: Motion made by Craig, seconded by Bailey

Approval of the last meeting Minutes: Motion made by Raj, Seconded by Alia

Matters arising from the Minutes:

- Raj encourages people to check the conference schedule for any errors and concerns, and to share them with us, or to reach out directly to the [accutesocials@gmail.com](mailto:accutesocials@gmail.com)
- A question was raised about panel creation by Alia: Raj explained the process of both panels being created as groupings of similar papers from the general pool of submissions, and/or planned panels proposed in advance that then invite submissions, in addition to joint-sponsored panels shared between different associations with ACCUTE
- Alia is wondering about how communities are found for common subjects and wants to know if ACCUTE can help build panels more specific to particular graduate student interests
- In response, Raj encourages Alia to send him an email outlining her positions so that he can take provide more clarification on the specific issue
- Furthermore, he emphasizes that creating these joint-sponsored panels does require engagement from other societies, and that graduate students can always propose panels specific to their interests in advance

Introductions:

Made By Everyone

Updates:

Congress and Conference 2025 – Events, Meetings, Sessions/Panels.

- We do have a General meeting on day 4 of the conference in person, however, the room has not been decided on yet (please attend)
- Also AGM at end of day 4, and people are welcome to join
- There will be a representative from the Federation there to address concerns from the last congress
- There will also be an informal grad student only pub night with snacks provided, on Day 1.
- Also a karaoke night, and dinner will be provided (You don't have to sing)
- No questions were raised regarding this; however, please email us with any!

#### Webinar Update:

- You can always propose webinars for ACCUTE!
- Try to attend the webinar on Decolonising post-grad syllabus today

#### Webpage Updates:

- The website has been revamped, including our page, which offers excellent resources, as the GSC had promised in past meetings - on funding opportunities (travel bursaries) and past grad surveys
- <https://accute.ca/contact-information/directors/gsc/>

#### Annual Survey:

- Survey will be rolled out soon and will be due before Congress so that we have enough time to collate and analyse data.
- Please ensure you complete the survey on time.

#### Participation in Congress:

- We would like to hear more from Graduate Student Representatives about reasons for attending/not attending ACCUTE
- We have a few positions opening up in the GSC: secretary and vice-president
- The Vice President is the President Elect (Craig will be taking over for Raj, who will be staying on as an Emeritus President, de facto, for the next year)
- This position is created to create the smoothest transition possible while not blocking other positions that grad reps can opt for.
- If you are interested in becoming Secretary or Vice-President, please email us with any questions
- We will try to answer some of the questions about this during our May Meeting.
- It's purely voluntary, but it's a great way to strengthen your CV and get involved in the ACCUTE community, although it is a responsibility to be advocating for grad students in a sustained manner.

#### Other Business / Discussion:

- Raj asked for feedback on having another GSC meeting before Congress in May (Bailey expressed interest in a quick meeting, as this could be a good venue for addressing concerns or questions about ACCUTE)
- Based on feedback, we will most likely be doing it on May 9<sup>th</sup> or May 16<sup>th</sup>

Call for Adjournment (passed)