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News from the Office of Faculty Affairs

Welcome to the Fall edition of the Faculty Affairs Newsletter!

We are pleased take another opportunity to share updates, successes and recognition for our faculty and our University. Of note, since our last Newsletter, CUSM received Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) full accreditation and will soon be transitioning our emails and website to the ".edu" domain.

The Faculty Affairs Office has also been making progress as we continue to develop and build our programs. We recently held our first "New Faculty Orientation" and will continue to host this online twice per year, inviting all faculty who have joined CUSM in the previous 6 months. If you are not new to our faculty but would like to learn more about your faculty role then please let us know and we will add you to the invite. Our Office is also working on plans for the first Spring Faculty Celebration which will tentatively be held on May 8th, 2024 at noon at the CUSM Building. This event will be a chance for us to celebrate the work that faculty do throughout the year and give special recognition for committee leadership and promotion as well as present our annual faculty awards. More information on nominating faculty for awards as well as the event itself will be sent in the Spring semester.

If you have a news item or event that you would like us to highlight in a future newsletter please contact us at facultyaffairs@cusm.org.

Best wishes,
The Faculty Affairs Office

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University News

WASC Accreditation Celebration

CUSM faculty and staff gathered to celebrate their achievement of full accreditation status with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) on Monday, August 7th. Special recognition was given to the Associate Dean of Accreditation and Continuous Quality Improvement, Dr Tsugio Seki, and his team members Catherine Eisenbrey, Christian Heun and Charity Thomann for their leadership and management during this multi-year process.



*Photographed: Dean Paul Lyons with Tsugio Seki (Top left) and Catherine Eisenbrey and Christian Heun (Top right).
Bottom left: Dr Lyons shares congratulations with the faculty and staff.*

AMA ChangeMedEd Innovation Grant

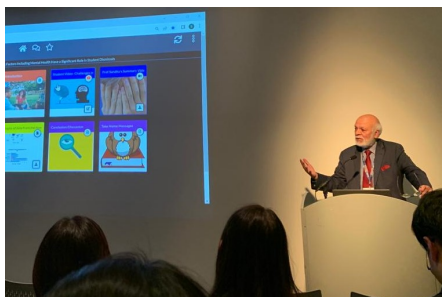
A collaborative team from CUSM and the University of California, Irvine (UCI) have recently been awarded an AMA ChangeMedEd Innovation Grant for the project "Adaptive Learning in Medical Education: An AI-Powered Approach to Personalized Performance Feedback for Clinical Skills and EPA Achievement". This is a one year award of \$25,000 to support novel experiments in precision education. Dr Gordon Green, Professor and Senior Associate Dean for Healthcare Simulation & Patient Safety at CUSM is the Lead Investigator on the project. Co-investigators are Dr Zohray Talib, Professor and Executive Vice Dean for Education and Dr Hina Mohsin, Associate Professor of Medical Education.

On Friday Sept 22nd the CUSM group hosted a visit from their UCI collaborators to discuss the next steps in the project (see photo caption for full list of CUSM team members). Their goal is to create an AI-powered adaptive learning system that provides personalized performance feedback tailored explicitly for medical education based on individual student performance and learning style. This will be implemented for first-year medical school classes at CUSM and UCI.



Photographed from L to R – Lisa Schwartz, Gordon Green, Zohray Talib, Alisa Wray (UCI), Clarissa Barra, Warren Weichmann (UCI), Kristen Goudreault, Julie Youm (UCI), Elvin Hernandez, Hina Mohsin, Daryoush Javidi, Cain Castrejon

Faculty Spotlights



Dr Davinder Sandhu
Professor, Medical Education

International Med Ed Conference Presentation

Dr Davinder Sandhu attended the AMEE 2023 Conference in Glasgow, Scotland, UK and presented on “Non-Academic Risk factors in students’ dismissal”. He also presented a poster on “Comparing on-line with face to face quality assurance of an international program” and Chaired a short communication session on postgraduate trainees wellness.

Dr Sandhu was has also been invited to join the Medical Teacher Editorial Board.



Dr Fauzia Nausheen
Assistant Dean of Wellness
Professor, Medical Education

International Association of Yoga Therapists’ Presentation

Dr Fauzia Nausheen attended the International Association of Yoga Therapists’ 13th Annual Conference “2023 Symposium on Yoga Research (SYR)” held at Kripalu Center for Yoga & Health. She presented a poster on the “Role of Weekly Yoga Intervention On Well-Being Among the Medical University Community.” Co-authors on the presentation were Jamie Lam, Henry Kim and Jason Crowley.

Academic Teaching Track Women’s Round Table



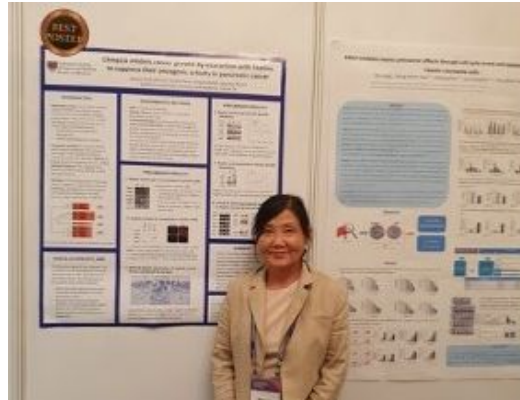
Shazia Sheikh
Assistant Professor of Medical Education

Dr Shazia Sheikh served as facilitator for a session on "Using Humor in Teaching" at the Academic Teaching Track Women's Round Table lunch on Wednesday, September 6th, 2023.

Faculty Research Award

Maiyon Park, PhD
Associate Professor, Medical Education

Dr Maiyon Park presented a poster at the 49th Annual Meeting of the Korean Cancer Association and the 9th International Cancer Conference, held June 15-16, in Seoul, South Korea. The poster "Chmp1A inhibits cancer growth by interaction with Septins to suppress their oncogenic activity in pancreatic cancer," was selected to receive an award for **Best Poster** at the conference. The CUSM faculty and student co-authors were Mei Cai, Joseph Amor, Joseph Dhabi, Yasmeen Nizam.



Group on Women in Medicine and Science (GWIMS) Presents "Leadership Wellness"

The Group on Women in Medicine and Science (GWIMS) hosted a leadership panel on Wednesday September 27th, featuring four of our female faculty leaders: Louise Borda, Senior Associate Dean of Educational Operations, Dr Maegen Dupper, Associate Dean of Clinical Curriculum, Dr Carol Lee, Professor of Emergency Medicine, ARMC Emergency Medicine Vice Chair and Residency Program Director and Designated Institutional Official, and Dr. Vanessa Orozco, MBS Program Director. These accomplished women shared their personal journeys, challenges and advice on thriving in leadership roles.



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Faculty Development

Professional Development SharePoint Launch

The Office of Professional Development is excited to announce the launch of the Faculty & Professional Development SharePoint portal!

This portal houses their CUSM session archives containing recordings and documents from all our past development events as well as a curated list of development resources that will be regularly augmented.

If you have missed a session, you can still access it here, along with session transcripts and related documents such as slide decks or handouts. To access these recordings, please login to your CUSM account in order to view SharePoint sites.

Please contact Jonathan Townsend (townsendj@cusm.org) or Luke Ridout (ridoutl@cusm.org) if you are unable to view the SharePoint.



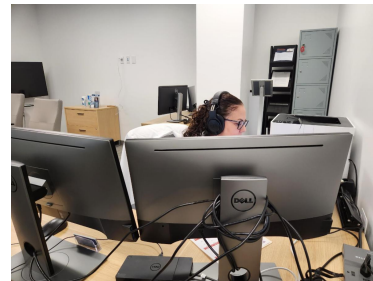
Faculty Affairs and Faculty Development team members and their families at a recent retreat day at Big Bear Lake.

New Faculty Hub Space Available

Second Floor | Room #228

We're delighted to share the news that the Faculty Hub has found a new home on the second floor, room #228. This revitalized space is crafted to elevate faculty learning, foster connections, and support development. Whether you're in search of a dedicated workspace or in need of amenities like lockers, monitors, desk space, or faculty resources, our new hub is here to provide the support you need. Come by and discover the new space!

If you are a faculty member who will be visiting the CUSM Building and would like us to show you the Faculty Hub, please contact the Faculty Affairs Office.



Faculty Assembly Updates

Faculty Assembly Leadership

Dr. Carol Lee is the new Chair of the Faculty Executive Council (FEC) and Faculty Assembly for the 2023-2024 academic year. Dr. Helena Spartz was elected to serve as Vice Chair/Chair-Elect.

Members of the Faculty Assembly Standing Committees can be found below.

[Faculty Committee Organogram 2023-2024](#)

Promotion and Bylaws

In July the Faculty Assembly voted to approve updates to the Faculty Bylaws and to the Guidelines on faculty appointment and promotion. Click below to access the updated documents.

[Faculty Handbook: Bylaws
Of the Faculty](#)

[Guidelines On Faculty
Appointment and Promotion](#)

Dean's Office Hours

The Dean offers weekly open office hours for faculty members to visit without prior appointments and discuss topics, whether they are related or unrelated to CUSM.

When meeting with the Dean, please consider being mindful with your time so that others may also have the chance to meet with him.

NOVEMBER	1	Wed	9:30-11:30 am
	8	Wed	9:30-11:30 am
	15	Wed	9:30-11:30 am
	22	Wed	9:30-11:30 am
	29	Wed	9:30-11:30 am
DECEMBER	6	Wed	9:30-11:30 am
	13	Wed	9:30-11:30 am
	20	Wed	9:30-11:30 am

See schedule for the Dean's weekly office hours, held every Wednesday.

Upcoming Events

Dean's Townhall & Faculty Assembly Meeting

Thursday, November 9th | 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

To submit questions for the Dean's Townhall, click below.

[Townhall/Faculty Assembly Survey](#)

Spring Faculty Celebration

Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 | 12:00 PM-1:00 PM at the CUSM Building

Save the date and plan to join us as we celebrate our faculty's year-round dedication and contributions. During this event we will present faculty awards and recognize leadership on faculty assembly committees and promotions. Check your emails for an official invite and further information coming in the Spring semester.

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