

MACMUN 2017

Delegate Handbook

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Welcome to MACMUN 2017

Dear Delegates,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the second McMaster Model United Nations Conference at the David Braley Health Sciences Centre in our wonderful City of Hamilton!



Our conference started last year as an event within the *Perspectives on Peace* initiative piloted by McMaster University. After the success of MACMUN 2016, the conference was bestowed onto the McMaster Model United Nations, an organization of individuals dedicated to continuing the conference's legacy.

Considering an institution as esteemed and recognized for innovation as McMaster University, it was almost an indignity for us not to host our Model United Nations conference. Model UN conferences have always been nexuses of discussion, learning, and diplomacy. Bringing together the brightest and most inspired minds, Model UN aims to provide an environment for these individuals to convene and shape the next saga of international relations.

In the following days, you will engage in committees that will test your abilities in adaptation and collaboration. You will forge new friendships and build a community of thoughtful and open discussion within our University. You will emerge as leaders -- and realize that the power to shape the future lies in your hands.

The MACMUN 2017 staff have worked tirelessly to bring McMaster University's first fully student-run Model UN conference to life. We cannot wait to share with you the fruits of our labour, and for you to see what we have in store! We look forward to meeting each and everyone of you, and to watch your solutions to global issues come to life!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Li".

Angela Li
Secretary General
MACMUN 2017

Message from the President

Dear Model United Nations Delegate,

I write to offer my warmest congratulations on your admission to McMaster University's second annual Model United Nations conference. I am heartened by your commitment to considering some of the most complex challenges of our time, and I look forward to hearing about the interesting and thoughtful resolutions you develop at the conference.

The Model United Nations exemplifies what McMaster University is all about. Participating in the conference will enable you to see the skills developed during your undergraduate experience as tools of social and global justice. The conference will also illustrate, I hope, that our collective responsibility for peace manifests in our willingness to learn about experiences, opinions and perspectives different from our own.

As you prepare for the conference, I encourage you to make every effort to learn about the values, policies and cultural norms of the country you now represent. I look forward to meeting you in February, and wish you all the best with your studies and conference preparation in the meantime.

Sincerely,

Patrick Deane
President and Vice-Chancellor of McMaster University



Keynote Speaker

Our keynote speaker for MACMUN 2017 is the Honourable Arif Virani, Member of Parliament for Parkdale-High Park and Parliamentary Secretary for the Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship.

In 1972, Arif Virani came to Canada as a Ugandan Asian refugee, fleeing the brutal dictatorship of Idi Amin. He has dedicated his life advocating for human rights and access to justice, working as a constitutional litigator for the past fourteen years.

Mr. Virani has worked for the Human Rights Commission in Ottawa as an analyst, for la Commission des droits de la personne et droits de la jeunesse in Montréal as an investigator, and for the United Nations Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda as an assistant trial attorney prosecuting genocide.



In 2001, Mr. Virani received the Harold G. Fox litigation scholarship at Middle Temple, London, United Kingdom, and was the 2008 Wilson-Prichard Award recipient from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law in recognition of his contributions to the legal profession and in his community. He is also one of the founders of Toronto's legal aid clinic SALCO.

Currently, Mr. Virani lives and volunteers in Parkdale-High Park, where he was elected as a Member of Parliament in 2015. He was later appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship. He is a member of the Redwood Shelter for abused women, regularly helps at the Parkdale Food Bank, actively volunteers with Roncyworks, and leads community efforts to address mental health stigmas.

Mr. Virani completed his Honours Bachelor of Arts and Science in History and Political Science from McGill University and completed his Bachelor of Laws at the University of Toronto, graduating as valedictorian.



Angela Li – Secretary General

My name is Angela and I am a third year student in the Bachelor of Health Sciences program. I sold my soul to Model UN when I was a wee freshman in high school and it was one of the best life decisions I have ever made (I'm typically not very good at life decisions). When I'm not organizing/attending MUN conferences, I can be found napping, eating, or contemplating my place in the universe. I'm incredibly excited for MACMUN 2017 and committed to creating the best MUN experience for staff and delegates. Excited to see you there!

Karolina Kulesza – Director General

My name is Karolina and I am very excited to be your Director General for MACMUN 2017! I am going into my second year at McMaster and have recently switched into Soc Sci. This year, you will find me repping SOCS and working as VP Administrations for McMaster Model UN. This will be my 4th year being involved in Model UN. I have participated in various conferences as a country representative and last year I had the honour of chairing the ECOSOC committee for MACMUN 2016. I hope that this conference is an amazing experience for everyone involved!



Jessica Jacob – USG Administration

Hi everyone, my name is Jessica. I'm in 2nd year Health Sciences, and I've done Model UN for 6 years. As USG Administration, I've been working to create an organized and enjoyable conference. I hope every delegate can broaden their horizons, take risks, and come to love Model UN as much as I do. Just remember, whether your committee achieves world peace, or starts a nuclear war, soak up every moment, because it'll be an experience you'll never forget. Also, don't hesitate to ask me any questions about MUN, country music, or Marvel TV shows – all of which I love!



Monish Ahluwalia – USG Communications

Hello, my name is Monish Ahluwalia and I will be your USG Communications for MACMUN 2017! With this, I'm responsible for the website, social media accounts, email, promotional material, and running the media aspect of the conference. Some of you may remember me as the photographer from last year. Outside Model UN, I'm a second year Integrated Science student who's involved in a diverse set of extracurriculars and interested in a wide range of topics. This includes sports, music, business, science, photography, reading, writing, debate, and even improv comedy. It's all wonderful.

Natasha Jakac-Sinclair – USG Committees

My name is Natasha, and I am an accomplished MUN'er with experience all over the world. I have been doing MUN for five years and am the second-time VP Internal for McMaster Model UN. I have won Best Delegate at WFUNA in New York, LIMUN in London, England, as well as Special Recognition at GIMUN at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. I am excited to be working with MUNers new and old and can't wait for MACMUN 2017!



Joshua Young – USG Finance

I am a third year Finance major with an interest in political bureaucracy and money management. I have served as an administrative assistant to an accountant and have worked with numerous software applications ranging from company budgeting to payroll administration. My first experience in MACMUN was as a delegate representing Qatar, in which I constructed, along with my fellow delegates, a resolution paper for environmentally displaced refugees. I later received the most diplomatic award from the committee for my efforts.



General Assembly (GA)

Welcome, delegates, to the General Assembly! This meeting, we will deliberate two crucial and complex topics: the right to protest and child marriage.

The General Assembly is run by a dedicated team who have devoted hours into making this experience as stimulating and enjoyable as possible. Our three chairs, **Aliya**, **Fanny** and **Salem**, have committed procedural rules to heart and are ready for some serious gavel banging. Our two crisis analysts, **Gursharan** and **Jaime** are ready to tickle your creativity with some clever crises. Our two pages, **Elizabeth** and **Jasjeet**, have been running marathons daily training for this event.

From you, we expect passionate and lively debate; we expect backdoor diplomacy; we expect forged alliances (and perhaps some backstabbing); we expect blood, sweat, and tears. But most of all, we hope you find this experience valuable. Take your mind off of midterms, student loans, and unresponsive TAs and step inside the shoes of your country's leaders. For above all else, Model UN is an exercise in empathy and activism, both of which are needed in today's political climate. On behalf of the staff of the General Assembly, welcome. We look forward to debate.



Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

Welcome to the ECOSOC! This weekend, we'll be diving into the topics of refugees and the questions of sanctions on Russia, both current and controversial topics. In regards to refugees, there is great unrest around the world, resulting in the displacement of many people. You'll dive into a discussion to determine not only the social ramifications but also the economic feasibility of accepting and "donating" such refugees. With regards to Russia, there are anti-Russian sentiments within the citizens and governments of many states. As the effects of globalization weigh on the international community, controversial figures such as Vladimir Putin, Bashar al-Assad, and Viktor Yanukovich shift the balance of power. The political idea of the 'Russian Problem' that appears to be increasingly prevalent in our everyday news, media, and lives.

Our two chairs, **Edin** and **Angela** along with crisis staff, **Raj**, and page, **Esai**, are ready for some intense debate! Good luck!



World Health Organization (WHO)

Hello Delegates! Welcome to the MACMUN 2017, WHO committee. We are so incredibly pleased you have decided to join us in this committee to discuss how we will combat the spread of infectious diseases due to climate change and eradicate the stigma behind mental illness.

We are **Adam**, **Rachel** and **Ally** and we will be your co-chairs and crisis analyst for this weekend. As experienced MACMUNers, we are here to help you with anything and everything concerning with the conference, but if you want to chat about anything else, please feel free! We are so excited to meet you all and we look forward to all the discussion and debate. Hope you have an unforgettable time!

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Security Council (SC)

To those part of the Security Council this year, welcome to the most intimate and fast-paced committee at MACMUN. During this meeting, we will focus on controversial issues including the question of nuclear disarmament on a global scale as well as the question of India, Pakistan, and China with regards to the Kashmir border dispute. Due to the nature of the topics, the member states of the Security Council have been altered from the current ones. Present will be the P5 countries as well as Brazil, Cuba, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Italy, the Republic of Korea, South Africa, Sweden, and Ukraine.

Being a crisis committee, the flow of debate may not be as you expected. Our crisis team, consisting of **Connor** and **Mike**, have been working tirelessly to ensure that you'll be kept on your toes the entire time. We have two pages, **Ambrin** and **Aishwarya**, who will ensure your notes will be delivered and returned in a timely manner. Finally, our two chairs, **Matt** and **Sajal**, are ready to see how you rise either together to solve the issues at hand or against one another into chaos. The result will be defined by you and we look forward to an exciting weekend!



If there's one thing you will not see at any other Model UN Conference, it's the seamless integration with social media. In the real world, no committee is distinct or separate, yet, much of the time it feels that way. The Media Team is here to change that and make you feel like a true representative within the United Nations. We've got two photographers, **Amber** and **Jun**, who will make you feel like a paparazzi. We've got a social media coordinator, **David**, who will keep you constantly updated with events around the world. We've got two news anchors, **Vlad** and **Monish** who will be giving you live breaking news updates from the studio (with an expected dose of bias and opinion). Lastly, but absolutely not the least, we have **Chris** and **Robert** capturing those special moments on video and working their post-production magic.

We ask that you're prepared. Prepared to be interviewed about your views outside of committee session. Prepared to have your face in the MACMUN News as a representative of your country. Prepared to adapt to not only the developments of your committee, but to the developments of all the others as well. The world is connected and to ensure you get the most out of this experience, we are going to tell you to do one thing:

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Friday, February 10, 2017

5:00pm - 6:00pm	Doors open, Registration begins. Delegate package pick-up.
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Reception hosted by Dr. Deane
7:00pm - 7:30pm	Opening ceremony begins (Angela, Dr. Deane)
7:30pm - 8:00pm	MP Arif Virani Keynote Address (25) + Media Remarks (5)
8:00pm - 8:30pm	Committee Training Session
8:30pm - 10:00pm	Committee Session I

Saturday, February 11, 2017

9:00am - 9:30am	Doors open, mingling
9:30am - 12:30pm	Committee Session II
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Break (delegates are encouraged to eat lunch on their own)
1:30pm - 4:30pm	Committee Session III
4:30pm - 5:00pm	Break
5:00pm - 6:30pm	Committee Session IV
6:30pm - 8:30pm	Break (delegates are encouraged to eat dinner on their own)
8:30pm - 12am	Delegate Social at the University Club

Sunday, February 12, 2017

10:00am - 10:30am	Doors open, mingling
10:30am - 12:30pm	Committee Session V
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Break (delegates are encouraged to eat lunch on their own)
1:30pm - 3:30pm	Committee Session VI
3:30pm - 4:00pm	Closing ceremony begins, remarks from Secretariat
4:00pm - 4:30pm	Awards ceremony. Closing ceremony ends, doors close.

Directions to the David Braley Health Sciences Centre

MACMUN will take place at the David Braley Health Sciences Centre, located at **100 Main Street West**. To get there from McMaster University, there are many convenient bus routes including the following:

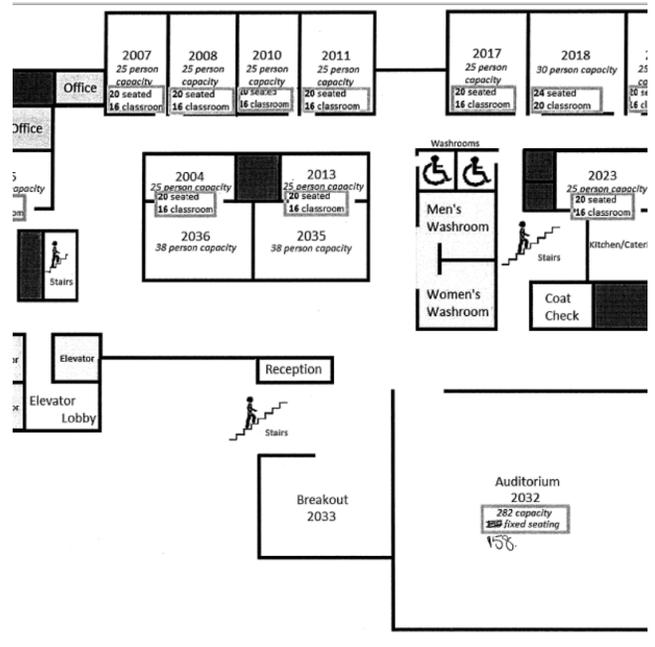
- Take the 1 from Sterling and University until Main and Bay
- Take the 5 from Emerson and Main until Main and Bay
- Take the 10 from Emerson and Main until Main and MacNab.

As a reference point, the centre is right next to the Art Gallery of Hamilton.



Map of the David Braley Health Sciences Centre

- 2032: General Assembly
- 2035: World Health Organization
- 2036: Economic and Social Council
- 2011: Security Council
- 2010: Media Room
- 2008: Staff Room



Student Code of Conduct

The McMaster Model United Nations planning team asks for your cooperation in the following matters in order to maintain a safe, professional and educational experience for all delegates throughout the duration of the conference. Please be aware that:

1. All participants are expected to be respectful of others. Harassment of any form will not be tolerated, the nature of which includes, but is not limited to, discrimination on the basis of race, national origin, ethnicity, religion, sex, age, mental and physical disabilities, socio-economic status and sexual orientation.
2. Delegates, staff and all other conference participants are expected to abide by the Ontario and Canadian laws as well as the Hamilton by-laws. This includes, but is not limited to, laws regarding the possession, purchase and use of illegal drugs and alcohol. The legal drinking age in Ontario is 19 years of age. Delegates found engaging in illegal activities may be expelled from the conference and may be held criminally liable.
3. There will be a zero tolerance towards intoxication during committee sessions. Any delegate or staff caught under the influence will be expelled from their committee.
4. Inappropriate behaviour including, but not limited to, foul language, suggestive remarks and obscene body language will not be tolerated in or out of the committee sessions. The MACMUN 2017 staff reserves the right to read all notes passed during committee sessions.

Laptops

Laptops are permitted both inside and outside committee rooms during session. Delegates are expected to use laptops for only committee-related work and research.

Dress Code

Delegates will be expected to dress in business formal attire for the duration of the conference.

For Saturday night's Delegate Social, delegates may dress semi-formally.

Example Resolution

Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

Resolution 1.1

Topic: Eliminating gender disparities in education by 2015

Sponsors: Saudi Arabia, Iran

Signatories: Jordan, Syria, Oman, Qatar, Venezuela, Cuba, Russian Fed.

The Economic and Social Council,

Alarmed by the lack of enforcement of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW),

Cognizant of the importance of gender-neutral education standards by 2015 as a component of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs),

Noting with approval those initiatives recently undertaken in Iraq and Afghanistan to ensure increased levels of education for future generations of women in the Middle East,

1. Suggests gender segregation remain in primary and secondary education where this structure is already in place;
2. Reaffirms that select nations do not segregate schools by gender, and is not proposing to divide said school systems;
3. Proposes additional specialization be provided in schools to:
 - a. Further acknowledge and utilize the differences between genders,
 - b. Alter secondary school curriculums to contain more concentrated courses including:
 - i. Female philosophy or psychiatric classes which would prove useful in raising a family and keeping a peaceful household;
 - ii. Improved male physical education and literate or scientific classes;
 - c. Help administer knowledge that will be useful in the everyday lives of both genders;
4. Recommends all school systems exercising gender segregation be kept balanced concerning materials and resources;
5. Further recommends a new observational system be set in place:
 - d. By the United Nations,
 - e. Made available to all nations already segregated by gender or wishing to do so,
 - f. To monitor the equal distribution of supplies, materials, teachers, and resources administered to all public male and female schools;
6. Accepts that each nation will have its own cultural differences and opinions on this matter;

Sample Preambulatory Phrases

Affirming	Expecting	Having studied
Alarmed by	Expressing its appreciation	Keeping in mind
Approving	Expressing its satisfaction	Noting with regret
Aware of	Fulfilling	Noting with deep concern
Bearing in mind	Fully alarmed	Noting with satisfaction
Believing	Fully aware	Noting further
Confident	Fully believing	Noting with approval
Contemplating	Further deploring	Observing
Convinced	Further recalling	Reaffirming
Declaring	Guided by	Realizing
Deeply concerned	Having adopted	Recalling
Deeply conscious	Having considered	Recognizing
Deeply convinced	Having considered further	Referring
Deeply disturbed	Having devoted attention	Seeking
Deeply regretting	Having examined	Taking into account
Desiring	Having heard	Taking into consideration
Emphasizing	Having received	Taking note
		Viewing with appreciation
		Welcoming

Sample Operative Phrases

Accepts	Draws the attention	Notes
Affirms	Emphasizes	Proclaims
Approves	Encourages	Reaffirms
Authorizes	Endorses	Recommends
Calls	Expresses its appreciation	Regrets
Calls upon	Expresses its hope	Reminds
Condemns	Further invites	Requests
Confirms	Further proclaims	Solemnly affirms
Congratulates	Further reminds	Strongly condemns
Considers	Further recommends	Supports
Declares accordingly	Further requests	Takes note of
Deplores	Further resolves	Transmits
Designates	Has resolved	Trusts

McMaster Model United Nations is proud to award the following awards to the exceptional candidates who have demonstrated in-depth understanding of the contemporary international issues and have also positively influenced the weekend long experience of other delegates. We emphasize that the award does not determine or describe the meaningfulness of the all delegates' contribution throughout the weekend. As well, we would like to be transparent in declaring that our evaluation of all the fantastic delegates and their contribution does not reflect on an individual's learning and growth.

While making the decision to award a few delegates is a challenging task, we would like to award the following delegates for going above and beyond in their participation at MACMUN.

Best Position Paper Award (Given to one delegate per committee)

The position paper that demonstrated the most thorough research on both topics and demonstrated exceptional knowledge on the **potential effects** of the issues will be awarded the best position paper award. It will have followed the provided outline, suggested **attainable goals**, and provided **directions** for further discussion.

Best Delegate Award (Given to one delegate per committee)

The best committee member award will be given to an individual demonstrating exceptional skills in **research**: supporting potential resolutions with facts and information from trustworthy international resources; **public speaking**: exuding confidence and framing the topic correctly; **team building**: meeting people and finding others you can work with; and **debating**: defending your resolution against criticism and convincing other to pass it.

Most Diplomatic Award (Given to three delegates in the GA, two in the ECOSOC and the WHO, and one in the UNSC)

The delegate(s) who has (have) best demonstrated the **spirit of MACMUN** will be awarded the Most Diplomatic award. During the conference, this delegate successfully **negotiated** and **facilitated creative solutions** that can be integrated on a global level. This delegate was able to **collaborate well** with others and **encouraged** others to participate.



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