

**State University of New York
Downstate Medical Center**

Constitution of the Student Body of the College of Medicine

Article I: NAME

Section 1: The name of the organization shall be the Medical Student Council of the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center (hereinafter referred to as SUNY DMC) College of Medicine, (hereinafter referred to as COM). Future reference in this document shall be “Med Council”.

Article II: PURPOSE

Section 1: The purpose of Med Council shall be to promote the interests and welfare of the students of the COM.

Article III: MEDICAL STUDENT COUNCIL

Section 1: All authority and powers granted by this Constitution and all responsibilities delegated to the organization by the administration of the college, except a change in the amount of student activity per year, shall be vested in this Med Council to be composed of voting members to be selected by the four classes of the COM.

Section 2: There shall be twenty-four (24) voting members of Med Council; six (6) from each of the four classes of the COM. They shall consist of the Class President and five Representatives of each class, who may or may not be designated as class Officers. All Med Council members shall be elected in the manner provided for in this Constitution.

Article IV: STUDENT COUNCIL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1: The following shall be functions and responsibilities of Med Council directly or by committees or boards appointed and responsible to Med Council. Med Council shall:

- A. Determine, coordinate, and direct activities when appropriate for the Student Body of the COM,
- B. Provide the Faculty Student Association (hereinafter referred to as FSA) with a budget,
- C. Serve as a liaison group between the students and the administration, alumni, faculty of the COM, and to interact with other college groups to coordinate activities,
- D. Advise and assist events including, but not limited to First Year Orientation Week, the Faculty-Student Show, and Teacher Appreciation Awarding,
- E. Coordinate the social activities of student groups and to advise the Dean of Student Affairs on appropriateness conduct of functions, and rescheduling of functions, and
- F. Assist with student disciplinary matters as may be delegated to it by the Student Body and/or the Administration.

Article V: ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1: All elections of the Officers and Representatives of the classes shall be under the supervision of Med Council and subject to its regulations within this Constitution.

Section 2: Each class shall have an election committee made up of the Representatives of Med Council. At least three (3) voting members of the election committee must be present at the holding of the election and at the counting of the votes. If the vote is done electronically, at least three (3) voting members of the election committee must be present at the designing of the electronic voting platform and witness the results of said electronic voting platform.

Section 3: The respective class' student body shall be advised of the date of elections no later than two (2) weeks prior to such date. At this time, the respective class' student body shall be advised of the procedure for nominating candidates. Methods of communication are to include, but not limited to, class announcements, notices on bulletin boards, and electronic mail system.

Section 4: All students interested in running for class office shall submit a letter of intent to the aforementioned Election Committee no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the election date. Letters of intent within less than seven (7) calendar days of the election will be accepted as the election committee deems appropriate.

Section 5: All elections by a class shall be conducted on the SUNY-DMC campus using an electronic interface sanctioned by the Election Committee.

Section 6: In the event that less than six (6) individuals submit a letter of intent, the election committee shall call for additional nominations. If no new letters of intent are submitted and/or less than six candidates are running for office, elections shall be held every year to fill the available positions. If only six (6) individuals submit a letter of intent, the Election Committee may call for additional nominations.

Section 7: In order to ensure a fair and valid election, a quorum of the Class Body shall be present by an in person meeting or by written ballot via mail or eMail process for the elections. A quorum of the Class Body shall be designated as two-thirds (2/3) of the Class Body.

Section 8: Results from the election shall be posted no later than one (1) week after the day of elections.

Section 9: The six (6) candidates with the most votes shall be the elected Representatives. The Representative with the most votes shall be appointed Class President. If the position of Class President is not accepted, the Representative with the next highest number of votes is appointed Class President. In the event of an equal number votes among two (2) or more Representatives, a second election consisting of those Representatives who have tied shall take place no later than one (1) week after the results of the first election have been announced. The second election and any subsequent elections shall follow the process set forth in the immediately previous **Sections Seven (7) and Eight (8)**.

Section 10: The election of the interim Officers and Representatives of the first year class shall take place no earlier than three (3) weeks or later than six (6) weeks after the first day of classes of that particular first year class. The permanent Representatives of the first year class shall be elected no earlier than the end of the first semester and no later than two thirds (2/3rds) into the second semester. The permanent Representatives shall remain in office as long as they are full time students of SUNY-DMC, are current members of the class that originally elected them, and there are no extenuating circumstances.

Section 11: If the President is impeached or resigns, The Vice-President shall permanently assume the position of President. A new Vice-President shall be elected from the current and eligible Representatives of Med Council in accordance to this Constitution. The new Med Council Representative shall be elected in accordance to this Constitution. If the Vice-President is not available to assume the duties of the ex-President, an interim President shall be elected by majority vote from current and eligible Med Council Representatives.

Section 12: Replacement of members of Med Council:

- A. In the event a member voluntarily resigns from Med Council, a letter of resignation must be submitted to the President of Med Council. The member may be asked by the President of Med Council to continue to serve as a voting or nonvoting member of Med Council until a new Representative has been elected.
- B. Grounds for impeachment of a member shall include, but are not limited to, gross negligence of one's responsibilities, ethical misconduct, attendance (**Article VIII**), and poor academic standing. Three-quarters (3/4) of the voting body of Med Council shall be required.

- C. In the event that a member resigns, either voluntarily or at the request of Med Council, it is the responsibility of the remaining Representatives of the member's class to hold elections within six (6) weeks of receiving the letter of resignation. The Election Committee shall follow the guidelines and procedures set forth by the Constitution.

Article VI: OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

Section 1: The Executive Officers of Med Council shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Officers must be permanent Med Council members excluding the Presidents of individual classes. There shall be no maximum number of terms. In addition to the duties assumed by each office in this Constitution, the following duties also apply:

- A. **President.** Serves as chief spokesperson of Med Council and the Medical School Student Body. Serves as Chairperson of all Med Council meetings. Establishes the agenda for meetings upon standard monthly Council business, current issues, as well as special member requests. Coordinates the Orientation of new Med Council members.
- B. **Vice President.** In the absence of the President, assumes all duties of the President. Shall work in conjunction with the Treasurer on the Student Activity Fee Budget for the new fiscal year. Shall answer directly to the President of Med Council.
- C. **Secretary.** Records and prepares all meeting minutes of all Med Council meetings in compliance with SUNY-DMC guidelines for SAF Student Council Meeting Minutes. Maintains all attendance records for Med Council meetings. Distributes meeting notices to all members, invited guests and the Student Body. Distributes all agendas to members. Reserves conference rooms for all Med Council meetings. Distributes copies of all minutes to all members, FSA and provides easy access of minutes to the Student Body. Shall answer directly to the President of Med Council.
- D. **Treasurer.** Maintains all financial records for Med Council. Prior to the end of each fiscal year, prepares a draft of Student Activity Fee Budget to the Med Council, and prepares and submits the final budget documents to FSA by the established annual mid-May. Maintains copies of all approved disbursement forms. Shall provide updated financial status statements for every monthly meeting. Shall answer directly to the President of Med Council.

Section 2: There shall be one regular Med Council meeting between the permanent election of the first year class and the Med Council Officers election meeting. Nomination requires the candidate to be a permanent Representative who meets all criteria set forth in this Constitution. A Med Council quorum shall ratify, by majority vote and secret ballot, the election of each Officer. If there is no majority vote winner in the initial election vote, there must be a run-off election vote between the two candidates with the most votes in the initial vote. The above process must appoint a President and one other Officer. All other positions may be filled in subsequent meetings

Section 3: All meetings which pertain to elections shall be open to members, and the Faculty Advisor. However, only voting members shall have the privilege of making nominations and voting.

Section 4: The Officers elected in accordance with the above process shall take office and be inducted between the Med Council Officers election meeting and the following regular Med Council meeting, and shall terminate the following year when the next Med Council Officers take office.

Article VII: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Section 1: No provisions herein prohibit any Med Council Representative from being a member of or occupy an office in any other organization at SUNY-DMC unless otherwise mentioned in this Constitution.

Section 2: Any Med Council Representative who is an Officer of another organization at the SUNY-DMC that is funded through Med Council controlled funds or has received funds from Med Council that fiscal

year loses their right to vote on any and all issues pertaining to said organization. Their vote is automatically registered as an abstention so as to avoid changing voting strength or quorum.

Section 3: Any member of the Executive Committee of Med Council (as defined in Article XI, Section 3) is prohibited from holding an executive position in any other SUNY-DMC student governing body including, but not limited to, University Council.

Article VIII: ATTENDANCE

Section 1: All meetings shall be mandatory for all first and second year Med Council Representatives. The third and fourth year Med Council Representatives must make concerted efforts to attend Med Council meetings. The guidelines are as follows:

- A. Two unexcused absences shall be grounds for a dismissal for all first and second year members.
- B. Excused absences shall only be granted by the Secretary of Med Council.
- C. The Secretary shall provide documentation for all unexcused absences and/or dismissals to all parties concerned.
- D. Appeals shall be submitted in writing to the President within 72 hours of receiving written documentation of an unexcused absence and/or dismissal.
- E. The Appeal Board shall consist of five (5) voting Med Council Representatives and does not include the President. The President shall appoint the Appeal Board and will attempt to appoint at least one member from each class. All decisions by the Appeal Board shall be made by majority vote.
- F. One Appeal shall be allowed for every infraction.

Section 2: Appeals shall be heard within 2 weeks of receiving the Appeal Letter.

Section 3: If necessary, new elections shall be held within 3 weeks of receiving the Appeal Letter.

Article IX: MEETINGS OF MED COUNCIL

Section 1: Regular monthly meetings of Med Council shall be held at SUNY-DMC from September to May, inclusive. The schedule of monthly meeting dates for the academic year shall be determined by the Med Council within the first thirty (30) calendar days each Fall semester and made publicly available to all SUNY-DMC COM students.

Section 2: All meetings shall follow Roberts Rules of Orders, where not specifically provided for in this Constitution. The President shall have the right not to adhere to Robert's Rules of Order as long as there is no contradiction with the Constitution. The following guidelines shall always exist concerning the voting procedures:

- A. All elected members shall have one vote.
- B. The President may not vote unless there is a tie.
- C. The President shall have the right to table all motions prior to a vote except for motion that deal with the budget or allocation of funds.
- D. Med Council may override the table by majority vote. The President shall have the right to delay the overriding of the table until the following scheduled Med Council meeting but no later than the next meeting.

Section 3: Special meetings may be called by the President and must be called if requested by petition of at least five (5) voting members of Med Council. Special meetings can be electronic meetings if they adhere to the following criteria:

- A. All Med Council Representatives must be made aware of the special electronic meeting at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting.
- B. All invited Med Council Representatives for the meeting will have access to the meeting, such as email access and/or access to electronic conferencing materials.

- C. If a special electronic meeting consists of a real-time vote such as a teleconference vote, all Med Council Representatives must be made aware of the meeting seven (7) calendar days prior to being held.
- D. If a special electronic meeting consists of a non-real-time vote such as an email vote, all Med Council Representatives must be made aware of the vote at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the vote. A majority vote of all active members is needed to approve of any items.

Section 4: Notices, agendas, and minutes of all public meetings of Med Council shall be posted, sent to all Med Council Representatives, and the Faculty Student Association, and made available to but not limited to, the Faculty Advisor, the OSR Representative, the Student Liaison Committee Members, Alumni Association Representative, Curriculum Committee Representatives and the Note-Taking Service.

- A. The Med Council Secretary shall produce a coherent draft to be sent to the Med Council Representatives within 1 (one) week of the respective Med Council meeting for approval by a majority vote of active Med Council members.

Section 5: A voting member of Med Council shall be an elected Representative of Med Council unless otherwise barred from voting rights in this Constitution.

Section 6: Quorum. A quorum of Med Council for the conduct of all business shall be 51% of the Med Council members identified in Article III section 2 (*ie: 13 members*) present in person or by proxy, except where otherwise provided in this Constitution.

- A. **Proxy:** Voting members may be present by proxy by submitting a proxy notification to the Secretary one (1) calendar day prior to a meeting. A voting member's proxy notification may be designated to one other current voting member of Med Council for all business conducted at the meeting, or may be restricted to a specific vote on a particular matter. A Med Council member present in person is limited to one (1) assigned proxy per meeting.

Section 7: All regular and special meetings of Med Council must be held under the chairmanship of the President or the Vice-President. If these are not in attendance, a quorum may elect a chairman protem and proceed to conduct business.

Section 8: All regular meetings shall, except those meetings or parts of meetings for election of Officers, Executive Sessions, or budget meetings, shall be open to any member of the Student Body, the faculty of the COM, and Administrative Staff of the COM. Med Council may invite non-affiliates to attend the meeting.

Section 9: The President, or acting Chairperson of any Med Council meeting, reserves the right to remove any non-voting member from a meeting who is being disruptive.

Article X: Student Activity Fees

Section 1: Each member of the student body of the College of Medicine shall pay a student activity fee which shall be consistent with SUNY Board of Trustee Guidelines on Student Activity Fees. Changes in student activity fee rate shall be made by a two-thirds majority vote of the Medical Student Council.

Section 2: Prior to the start of each fiscal year, Med Council shall adopt a budget for the following fiscal year. There shall be a Fiscal Budget Meeting concerning approval of the budget. This budget shall include all projected income from student activity fees as well as miscellaneous income. The budget shall specify funds to all programs under the Med Council Umbrella, miscellaneous activities, and including but not limited to Med Council expenses. Once the Fiscal Budget is approved by a Med Council majority vote, the budget shall be submitted to the Faculty Student Association (FSA).

- A. Med Council organizations that deposit monies into their Med Council accounts from non-Med Council and non-Student Activity Fee sources, such as monies raised from fundraiser events, shall at the end of each year have said funds retained in the same account for future use by that organization.

Section 3: The Student Activity Fee shall be billed to all students of SUNY-DMC COM and collected in accordance with the student billing cycle and SUNY Board of Trustees Guidelines. All disbursements from Med Council accounts shall follow all disbursement procedures set by FSA, and all disbursement forms shall be jointly signed as follows:

- A. General Med Council Accounts: Any two Med Council Officers.
- B. Club and Class Accounts: Any one Med Council Officer, plus any one club/class officer.
- C. Student Notetaking Service (SNS) Accounts: Any one Med Council Officer, plus the SNS General or if unavailable, an Assistant Manager.
- D. Yearbook Accounts: Any one Med Council Officer, plus any one yearbook coordinator.
- E. Whenever the Med Council Treasurer is not the authorized signature on any disbursement form, the Med Council officer signing/approving that disbursement form must provide the relevant details (payee, \$ amount, purpose) to the Med Council Treasurer within 3 business days of its submission.

Section 4: A Med Council Signatory and one approved signatory of the group, class, or organization receiving the allocated funds shall have the right to sign all necessary forms as outlined by FSA procedures.

Section 5: In the event of the dissolution of Med Council, the Board of Directors of the FSA shall be responsible for allocating funds for all SUNY-DMC COM Student Activities.

Article XI: COMMITTEES OF MED COUNCIL

Section 1: Committees of Med Council shall consist of an Executive Committee and such standing and ad hoc committees as the by-laws provide and Med Council shall from time to time authorize.

Section 2: The President may appoint all committees of Med Council, except the Executive Committee. The President may designate members of the Student Body who are not members of Med Council on a committee, providing the chairperson of the committee is a voting member of Med Council.

Section 3: The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers of Med Council, and the President of each class. An advisor may be invited by the President to all Executive Committee meetings.

Section 4: Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be at the call of the President of Med Council or the petition of at least three (3) members of the Executive Committee, and shall be chaired by the President. All actions of the Executive committee, except disciplinary actions, shall be reported at the next meeting of Med Council, and shall be subject to confirmation except for action provided in **Section 6** of this article. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be (4) members. All meetings of the Executive Committee shall be open to voting members of Med Council, unless otherwise voted as a closed meeting by the Executive Committee.

Section 5: All members of the Executive Committee shall have one vote. Any other present Med Council Representative shall not have a vote unless the minimum quorum is met for a regular Med Council meeting.

Section 6: The Executive Committee may take action on behalf of Med Council when extraordinary circumstances prevent calling a special meeting.

Section 7: Pursuant to the Bylaws of the Faculty Student Association (FSA), the Med Council President and Treasurer shall serve as voting members on FSA Board of Directors.

Article XII: Med Council Advisor

Section 1: The Dean's Office shall supply Med Council with nominations for the position of the Medical Council Advisor.

Section 2: Med Council shall appoint the Med Council Advisor by majority no later than the second meeting of the new academic year.

Section 3: The Med Council Advisor shall be a nonvoting member who shall be a resource of information to Med Council.

Section 4: It is not mandatory to fill the position of Med Council Advisor.

Article XIII: CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1: The number of Class Representatives and the election procedures are specified in **Article III** and in **Article VI**.

Section 2: Each class shall receive a budget every fiscal year and the amount shall be determined during the annual Med Council Budget Meeting.

Section 3: The duties and responsibilities of the Class Representatives shall be, but are not limited to, providing educational and recreational programs, disseminating information, and all other activities assigned by this Constitution, Med Council, and the SUNY-DMC COM Administration.

Section 4: All withdrawals from the class budget shall be subject to approval by the approved signatories of Med Council as described in **Article X: Section 3** and a Med Council Representative of the respective Class.

Section 5: All remaining class funds at the end of each fiscal year shall remain in the same account for future use by that class. Any remaining funds at the end of the Fourth Year Class shall become available to Med Council as general income funds for redistribution as determined by the Med Council.

Article XIV: ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Section 1: An Alumni Association member shall be invited to all open Med Council meetings.

Section 2: The Alumni Association Representative shall be a nonvoting participant who shall be a resource of information to Med Council.

Section 3: The Alumni Association Representative is subject to the rules and regulations of the SUNY-DMC COM Alumni Association and therefore shall not be held responsible or accountable for any conflicting rules and regulations found in this Constitution

Article XV: CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Section 1: A Student Curriculum Committee Member shall be invited to all open Med Council meetings.

Section 2: The Curriculum Committee Representative shall be a nonvoting participant who shall be a resource of information to Med Council.

Section 3: The Curriculum Committee Representative is subject to the rules and regulations of the SUNY-DMC COM Curriculum Committee and therefore shall not be held responsible or accountable for any conflicting rules and regulations found in this Constitution.

Article XVI: ORGANIZATION OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES (OSR)

Section 1: The OSR Representative shall be invited to every Med Council Meeting and will be considered a nonvoting participant.

Section 2: Med Council shall work in conjunction with The OSR Representative. It is understood that the OSR Representative is the elected Representative of the SUNY-DMC COM in all OSR related national, state, and local functions.

Section 3: The OSR Representative shall keep Med Council informed of all issues concerning the Association of American Colleges (AAMC) as well as but not limited to other national, state, or local issues that may affect SUNY-DMC COM.

Section 4: The OSR Representative is subject to the rules and regulations of the AAMC and therefore shall not be held responsible or accountable for any conflicting rules and regulations found in this Constitution.

Article XVII: STUDENT NOTE-TAKING SERVICE (SNS)

Section 1: FSA will function as an advisor to assure continuity.

Section 2: Med Council shall interview, appoint, and remove the General Manager of the SNS. The General Manager shall be appointed within four weeks of the new administration of Med Council. The General Manager shall have been an active participant of the SNS. The General Manager shall not be a voting Med Council Representative.

Section 3: The General Manager shall be required to provide updates at all Med Council meetings and be held to the standards set forth by **Article V: Section 12, Clause B**. General Managers shall monitor service quality, efficiency, and provide Med Council with a written monthly progress report. The General Manager shall appoint two Assistant Managers, usually one from the first year class and one from the second year class. The Assistant Managers shall not be a voting Med Council Representative.

Section 4: The Assistant Managers shall be responsible for all duties assigned by the General Manager. The Assistant Managers shall monitor service quality, efficiency, and provide the General Manager with a written monthly progress report.

Section 5: The duties of the General Manager and Second-Year Assistant Manager shall begin at the end of First Year Exams.

Section 6: The duties of the First-Year Assistant Manager shall begin no later than two (2) weeks after the first-year classes commence.

Section 7: Med Council shall approve all proposed budget and operational formats presented by the General Manager. All daily operational responsibilities shall be regulated by the General Manager and the Assistant Managers.

Article XVIII: STUDENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (SLC)

Section 1: The Student Liaison Committee (SLC) is an elected body that acts as a liaison between the faculty and students for the first and second year medical students only. The SLC shall use all resources in their power to communicate the majority opinion of the class. These resources shall include but are not limited to class meetings, surveys, electronic mail, and petitions.

Section 2: There shall be five (5) elected members and one (1) Med Council Representative. Each class shall have a SLC. The Med Council members of each class shall act as the Election Committee. The election procedure shall follow those of **Article VI** that apply unless otherwise noted in **Article XV**. The elections shall take place after and no later than three (3) weeks from the Med Council elections.

Section 3: The initial elected members of the SLC shall hold the position until the permanent Med Council Representatives for the first year class are chosen and have held elections for the next set of SLC members. The second set of SLC members will serve those positions for the remainder of the first year curriculum

and for the entire second year curriculum. A majority vote of the SLC shall be needed to impeach a SLC Member. Reelections shall be held in accordance with **Article V, Section 12, Clause C**.

Section 4: The President of the Class shall provide the SLC with a Nomination List consisting of Med Council Representatives of the same class year as the SLC. The SLC shall choose, within two (2) weeks of receiving the nominations, one Med Council Representative from the List of Nominations to become a permanent member of the SLC.

Section 5: The five (5) elected Liaison Members and the Med Council Representative shall vote one of their members as Chairperson. If the SLC is unable to appoint a Chairperson prior to the first official SLC meeting with the faculty, the President of the Class reserves the right to appoint a temporary Chairperson until a permanent Chairperson is elected.

Section 6: Elected SLC Members shall not be Med Council Representatives.

Section 7: There shall be at least two (2) Student Liaison Committee meetings every academic block. The first meeting shall be an open forum for students to discuss and present issues directly to the SLC. The second meeting shall be a closed meeting consisting of the SLC, Faculty members, Administrators, and invited guests.

Section 8: After each meeting the Chairperson in conjunction with other SLC Members shall provide a written report (SLC Report) concerning the events and decisions of the SLC meeting to the President of the Class as well as disseminate the same report to the rest of the class. A SLC Member shall be present at every Med Council meeting to present the SLC Report to Med Council. The SLC Member is not required to attend the Med Council meeting if there have been no new SLC meetings or developments.

Section 9: Med Council reserves the right to oversee the SLC and make necessary changes.

Article XIX: STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Section 1: This article shall be for organization under the “Med Council Umbrella” other than classes. Hereinafter the term “Med Council Umbrella” shall be used to reflect all organizations that have a designated Med Council account unless designated otherwise in this Constitution.

Section 2: Student organizations other than classes may be recognized by Med Council, for the purpose of receiving funds from this body or establishing a Med Council account.

Section 3: All organizations petitioning for membership in the Med Council Umbrella shall be a registered organization with the Department of Student Life and shall have a Representative of the organization present the following to Med Council in person. A written proposal stating:

- A. The purpose of the organization
- B. The organization's rules, regulations, or charter
- C. A proposed budget
- D. Any other pertinent information requested by Med Council.

Section 4: A new organization shall be inducted into the Med Council Umbrella by majority vote.

Section 5: All organizations under the Med Council Umbrella shall be held but not limited to the following guidelines:

- A. Any SUNY-DMC COM student shall be allowed without discrimination to partake of any Medical Council funded SUNY-DMC COM activity, within the limits of allotted resources.
- B. Shall submit regular Progress Reports to Med Council or to the SUNY-DMC Department of Student Life student club registration designee. The Progress Report shall include but is not limited to:

- i. Participation record in all recent sponsored events and meetings. Membership confidentiality shall exist for all members that are not officers of said organization or voting members of Med Council who belong to said organization.
 - ii. Itemized Budget Statement of recent events and expenses.
- C. Shall be required to provide the SUNY-DMC COM with sponsored events that are enriching to the community by accomplishing the goals and purposes of the organization.

Section 6: A Med Council recognized organization or activity which does not adhere to the guidelines above can have funds and/or membership withdrawn by simple majority vote following an investigation.

Section 7: Any organization or student belonging to the COM, not included in the Med Council Umbrella and not requesting membership into Med Council may request funds from Med Council in order to provide a service to SUNY-DMC COM community. If funds or support are allocated, the organization or student shall be held to specific guidelines set by Med Council.

Article XX: RATIFICATION AND AMENDMENTS

Section 1: This constitution shall be considered as ratified and active with a majority vote of those voting from the Student Body the Med Council vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority.

Section 2: This Constitution voids all previous amendments, bylaws, executive orders, and memoranda.

Section 3: All future amendments and bylaws shall be approved by majority vote of those voting of all four (4) classes. Memoranda and Executive Orders may be issued without the consent of all four (4) classes.

Section 4: All ratifications shall be done in the same academic year.

Section 5: The Constitution and all future amendments shall be disseminated to, but not limited to, all the appropriate organizations, students, and administrators.

Initially Approved and Effective on March 3, 1998. Certified by RJ Bentley

Amendment 4/12/2006: Add sentence to X.1 Changes in student activity fee rate shall be made by a two-thirds majority vote of the Medical Student Council. Certified by RJ Bentley

Revision 8/2/2010: MSC Reps on FSA Board revised to 2 as per SUNY approved change in FSA bylaws. References to HSCB changed to DMC. Certified by RJ Bentley.

Amendments 1-17-13. Multiple revisions approved by Med Council 5-22-12 but was never submitted to FSA for certification. Some revisions were inconsistent, impractical or contradictory and redrafted. Approved by Med Council on 1-17-13. Certified by RJ Bentley.