



Medical Student Council Meeting  
Thursday, **September 19** 2019 6:00 PM  
Student Center Main Lounge  
\*\*\*Minutes\*\*\*

Attendance: Name (proxy for name)

Antonios Dimopoulos, Jordana Meisel, Sarah Galler,  
Jonathan Leong, Rabani Bharara, Adriana Kavoussi, Sejal Shah,  
Elaine Fletcher, Alice Herchek, Aaron Conway, Kingsley Cruickshank, Alfonso Caetta, Aaron Huang  
Ali Greenberg, Srishty Amarnani, Dan Kwon, Ian Winthrop, Alana Engelbrecht, Jack Nasar  
Dr. Luchessi, Dean Putnam

Minutes recorded by Aaron Huang

Jordana Meisel presiding over meeting. Aaron Huang is scribing the minutes.

New Business

1.) Budget Requests

- a. American Society of Plastic Surgery Conference – Olachi Oleru
  - i. Conference
    - 1. Location - San Diego this coming weekend 9/20-23
    - 2. Presenting 3 research projects (2 podium 1 poster) - not a common opportunity for Downstate students; will be featured in magazine after conference (top 200)
  - ii. Requesting \$216.35 from MC
- b. AMWA – Juliana Gabbay
  - i. First meeting of year - Dean Christoforou would want to talk as a woman in med
    - 1. Has money but saving for the mentor dinner; going to do it next 2-3 weeks so mid October or so
  - ii. Requesting \$160 from MC
- c. Downstate OB/GYN Society – Myanna Olsen
  - i. Multiple events

1. Surgery society interest meeting
  - a. Co-sponsor for 50\$ as they were one of the speakers
2. Interest meeting held today
3. Suture workshop with Dr. Ward and OBGYN residents
  - a. Expect 40 attendees sometime in October
- ii. Requesting \$300 from MC
- d. Downstate Organization of South Asians – Srishty Amarnani
  - i. Various events
    1. Interest meeting and many other events
  - ii. Requesting \$250 from MC, \$250 from UC
- e. Sex in Medicine Week – Alyson Clarke
  - i. Held every year - this year 10/7-11
    1. 5 events - PEDS R US, PRIDE, nurses, midwifery, students for choice, FMIG
    2. SCGB is sponsoring an event?
    3. Speaker gifts, workshop, lunch, refreshments
    4. % of 800\$ = 533\$ and we don't sponsor the workshop
  - ii. Requesting \$1168 from MC, \$585 from UC
- f. Downstate Immigrant Health Initiative – Pakinam Mekki
  - i. Interest meeting
    1. Idea that different immigrants have different barriers to healthcare - facilitate discussions between group and community
    2. Thinking of BP screenings in the community and other
    3. Technically new club as budget for fiscal year didn't go through
  - ii. Requesting \$150 from MC, \$150 from UC
- g. Photography Club – Alejandro Vega
  - i. Travel to take pictures by Manhattan bridge and prospect park etc
    1. Money for metro passes and set aside for refreshments for first meeting
  - ii. Requesting \$300 from MC
- h. Ethics Society – Lawrence Langan
  - i. Monthly journal club
    1. 100\$ for food (25 people each meeting or so)
  - ii. Requesting \$700 from MC

#### Old Business

- 1.) Class Updates
  - A.) 2020
    - a. Submitted apps, waiting for interviews
  - B.) 2021
    - a. All good, have shelf next week
  - C.) 2022
    - a. SLC - our class is unhappy with the double sign in issues;
  - D.) 2023
    - a. People are stressed but it's because it's close to summatives; issues with Panopto this week

#### Trending Topics

1.) Wellness! :)

- a. Anonymous/non emails sent to deans about high incidences of alcohol abuse with classmates so people are upset and talk about how people got through college drinking and they can't get through exams without drinking
- b. Markell sent out an email about venues for wellness concerns
- c. Substance abuse counselor is coming
- d. Dr. Tam isn't here anymore, but backup counselor is here who will start next week; talked about increasing number of people in counseling center
- e. Peer wellness felt a bit inefficient for the first years; maybe should be connected to a physician or even have curriculum based off something

2.) Student health services update

- a. Had meeting with Dr. Pervil, meeting again in around 6 weeks for a check in on what we discussed

3.) Registrar/financial aid staff

- a. Heard there are many rude interactions with those that work there; if someone is rude, ask for their name and we will compile list of the names
- b. Have good and bad interactions as a list too

4.) CAMS/BFC budget switch issue

- a. Certified budget had different issues with both so we need to approve the transfer

5.) LCME Accreditation

- a. Survey coming soon but need to hit 80% threshold for each class - has to not be bashing but more of a constructive manner

Closed Meeting:

- i. Motioned by Aaron Huang
- ii. Seconded by Sejal Shah

iii. **Meeting is now closed.**

New Business

1.) Approval of August Minutes

- a. Motion to approve August minutes made by Rabani Bharara
- b. Seconded by Antonios Dimopoulos
  - i. Vote:
    - 1. For - 17
    - 2. Against - 0
    - 3. Abstain - 1

**Motion passes to approve August minutes**

- 1) Motion to revise the MSC 2019/20 budget allocation to BFC from \$300 to \$6700 and to correct the CAMS allocation from \$6700 to \$300 by Sejal Shah

- a. Seconded by Alice Herchek
  - i. Vote:
    - 1. For - 18
    - 2. Against - 0
    - 3. Abstain - 0

**Motion passes to approve the 2019/20 MSC Budget allocation corrections for BFC**

**(40-70280-012-30001) to \$6,700 and CAMS ( 40-70281-012-30001) to \$300.**

2) Budget Requests:

- a. Olachi Oleru – Presentation at American Society of Plastic Surgery Conference
  - 1. Options: Fund in full (\$216.35), no funding, fund \$166.35 as we don't fund for food
  - 2. Motion to fund \$166.35 by Sejal Shah, seconded by Kingsley Cruickshank
  - 3. Vote:
    - a. For – 17
    - b. Against – 0
    - c. Abstain – 1

**Motion passes to approve a reimbursement payment \$166.35 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Olachi Oleru for trip to the conference in San Diego**

i. AMWA

- 4. Options: Fund in full (\$160), no funding
- 5. Motion to fund in full made by Rabani Bharara, second by Sarah Galler
- 6. Vote:
  - a. For – 17
  - b. Against – 0
  - c. Abstain – 1

**Motion passes to transfer \$160 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to AMWA (40-70244-012-3001)**

ii. Downstate OB/GYN Society

- 7. Options: Fund in full (\$300) but also they should go to the spring budget meeting, fund \$325 instead
- 8. Motion to fund in full 300\$ made by Dan Kwon, second by Sarah Galler
- 9. Vote:
  - a. For – 17
  - b. Against – 0
  - c. Abstain – 1

**Motion passes to transfer \$300 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Downstate OB/GYN Society (40-70258-012-3001)**

iii. Downstate Organization of South Asians

- 10. Options: Fund in full (\$250), no funding
- 11. Motion to fund in full \$250 made by Sejal Shah, second by Rabani Bharara
- 12. Vote:
  - a. For – 16
  - b. Against – 0

- c. Abstain – 2

**Motion passes to transfer \$250 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to DOSA (40-70289-012-30001)**

- iv. Sex In Medicine Week
  - 13. Options: Fund \$814, no funding
  - 14. Motion to fund \$814 made by Sejal Shah, second by Ali Greenberg
  - 15. Vote:
    - a. For – 17
    - b. Against – 0
    - c. Abstain – 1

**Motion passes to transfer \$814 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Sex in Medicine Week (40-70287-012-30001)**

- v. DIHI
  - 16. Options: Fund \$250, no funding
  - 17. Motion to fund 250 made by Rabani Bharara, second by Sarah Galler
  - 18. Vote:
    - a. For – 13
    - b. Against – 0
    - c. Abstain – 5

**Motion passes to transfer \$250 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to DIHI (40-70377-012-30001)**

- vi. Photography Club
  - 19. Options: Fund \$250 with stipulation that they buy metro cards through student life, no funding
  - 20. Motion to fund \$250 made by Rabani Bharara, second by Alice Herchek
  - 21. Vote:
    - a. For – 17
    - b. Against – 0
    - c. Abstain – 1

**Motion passes to transfer \$250 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Photography Club (40-70379-012-30001)**

- vii. Ethics Society
  - 22. Options: Fund \$200, fund \$300, fund \$250
  - 23. Motion to fund \$200 made by Sejal Shah, second by Ian Winthrop
  - 24. Vote:
    - a. For – 11
    - b. Against – 0

c. Abstain – 7

**Motion passes to transfer \$200 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Ethics Society (40-70252-012-30001)**

Motion to end meeting by Elaine Fletcher

Seconded by Dan Kwon

Meeting Closed at 8:08

Minutes were scribed by Aaron Huang

Approved by Aaron Huang - Medical Council Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Huang', written in a cursive style.



Club/Organization: N/A

Brief Description of Trip (include Title of conference, destination, etc.): American Society of Plastic Surgeons annual conference: Plastic Surgery The Meeting, San Diego, CA

Date(s) of conference or trip: September 20-23, 2019

Briefly describe the purpose of attending the event. Be specific. How will attending the event benefit you and/or your organization? I was selected to present three of my original research projects at this conference. This type of academic conference presentation will be an important step in building my career in academic medicine. In addition, I have the opportunity to represent Downstate at this national academic Plastic Surgery conference.

How many people, if any, will be presenting at the conference? 1

How do you plan on bringing what you have learned back to the SUNY Downstate community? Upon returning, I plan to share my experience and connections with other students who have interests in plastic surgery. The Plastic Surgery Interest Group is in the process of being established as an official group, and a recap of this event can be featured at a meeting.

The trip was advertised to the: (select all that apply)

☒ General student body      ☐ Club members only      ☐ E-board members only

How was the trip advertised?

☒ Email      ☐ Announcement at Meeting      Other:

How many people are you requesting funding for? 1

How many people are committed to attending/travel if funding is not provided? 1

	Per Person	X Number of persons traveling	Total Cost (for each line)
Registration	\$0.00	1	\$0.00
Mode of transportation	Airplane		
Travel cost	\$370.60	1	\$370.60
Meals	\$50.00	1	\$50.00
Location of Lodging	Comfort Inn Gaslamp		
Lodging	\$166.35	1	\$166.35
Other	\$0.00	1	\$0.00

TOTAL: \$216.35

**Funding Request:**

Amount from Med Council: \$216.35 University Council:

Amount from other resources (i.e. grants, scholarships, etc.): \$370.60

Please include any additional information that you believe Med Council should be aware of.

Please list the names of the students attending this trip/conference:

Olachi Oleru



Please check one box:

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☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION NAME:** American Medical Women's Association

**PRESIDENT:** Anzeleque Hart

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Glaynel Cordero Taveras

**BOX #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TELEPHONE:** (917)848-3574

**TREASURER:** Juliana Gabbay



PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
Interest Meeting with Dean Christoforou speaking	6 pizzas, 5 regular and 1 kosher- \$100 Soda/water bottles- \$20 Napkins/cups/plates- \$10 Gift for dean Christoforou from bookstore- \$30		\$160	



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 ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION NAME: Downstate OB/GYN Society

PRESIDENT: Adeyemi Funmi Ob'show    VICE PRESIDENT: Myanna Olsen

BOX #: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: 760-855-6293    TREASURER: Christina Ellison



PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
Surgery Society 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Surgery Interest Meeting – Co-sponsor (August)	\$50 - pizza	\$25	\$25	
General Interest Meeting (September)	\$100 – food	\$25	\$75	
Suture workshop with Dr. Ward and OB/GYN residents (October)	\$300 – food for ~40 attendees Suture supplies supplied by Dr. Ward	\$100	\$200	

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☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION NAME:** Downstate Organization of South Asians (DOSA)

**PRESIDENT:** Nimisha Jain

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Maryam Choudhary

**BOX #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TELEPHONE:** 310-384-9026

**TREASURER:** Srishty Amamani

PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
Student Activities Fair	Candy ~\$5	<b>\$5</b>		
General Interest Meeting (October 10, 2019) We plan to present cultural and health-related information relating to South Asia.	Food from local restaurant ~\$50	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$25</b>	
Navaratri (October 5, 2019) Navaratri is a 9-day festival celebrated in autumn every year. It is celebrated through dance and music. ~10 people	N/A	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	
Diwali (October 28, 2019) Celebrate the Indian Festival of Lights and raise cultural awareness with a PowerPoint presentation, Indian food, music, dance, henna designs, decorations, etc. ~200 people in previous years	Food from local restaurant ~\$200 Decorations, Henna, other supplies ~\$30	<b>\$115</b>	<b>\$115</b>	

Service Learning Projects (2)  
1 – December 2019  
2 – February 2020

Dance Workshops (4)  
We hope to host dance workshops for 4 different styles of South Asian dance (Garba, Bhangra, Bollywood, and Indian Classical)

UC Multicultural Expo  
University Council holds an event to showcase the cultural diversity on campus. We plan to have an informational poster along with food and a performance.

Holi in NYC (March 10, 2020)  
Celebrate the Indian festival of colors in the city  
  
Will travel via train to an event hosted in NYC

Movie Screening  
Host a night where we can all watch a Bollywood movie together

Vaisakhi Meeting (April 13, 2020)  
Have an informational meeting about the origins and celebration of Vaisakhi, a historical and religious holiday in Sikhism.

Co-Host Eid with MSA  
As a large part of the South Asia diaspora is Muslim, we want to work with MSA to host an EID celebration on campus.

Thank you gift cards to instructors (Downstate Students) ~\$20 (\$5 each)

Food from local restaurant (~\$200)

N/A

Snacks (~\$30)

Food from local restaurant (~\$50)

Food and Decorations (~\$115)

N/A

\$10

N/A

N/A

\$15

\$25

\$55

N/A

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N/A

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\$15

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\$60

Attachment #4

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ORGANIZATION NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex in Medicine Week (October 7-11)

PRESIDENT: Alyson Clarke

VICE PRESIDENT: Alexander Barna

BOX #: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: 3057664554

TREASURER: N/A



PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
Lunch for 11:30-1:30 PM events	\$400x 3 events = \$1,200	\$400	\$800	N/A
Refreshments for 5-7:30 PM events	\$150 x 2 events= \$300	\$100	\$200	N/A
Speaker gifts: Estimated 5 speakers	4 speakers x \$30= \$120	\$40	\$80	N/A
Babeland Workshop (cosponsored by SFC and SPH Council) 1/3 of total cost	\$133  Total: \$1753	\$45  Total: \$585	\$88  Total: \$1168	N/A

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**ORGANIZATION NAME:** Downstate Immigrant Health Initiative

**PRESIDENT:** Bakim Mekki **VICE PRESIDENT:** Renata Lopez

**BOX #:** 190 **TELEPHONE:** 516-668-2310

**TREASURER:** Eric Hirsch



PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
General Interest Meeting	Indian Food Paper plates Utensils Soft drinks	\$150	\$150	

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ORGANIZATION NAME: Photography Club

PRESIDENT: Alejandro Vega

VICE PRESIDENT: Marc Moscatelli

BQX #: 40-70379-012

TELEPHONE: +1 646-339-8143

TREASURER: Giovana



PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
Travel to take pictures by Manhattan bridge and prospect park	2.75\$ $\times$ 100=275.00\$		275.00\$	
Refreshments for first meeting	25\$		25.00\$	



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☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION NAME:** Ethics Society

**PRESIDENT:** Emily Stanford

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Michael Goldberg

**BOX #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TELEPHONE:** 631-662-0281

**TREASURER:** Maryam Choudhary



PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
<b>Introductory Meeting and Article Discussion (October 16, 2019)</b>  Introduce the aim the of club, give details on the Downstate Bioethics Pathway, and discuss an issue affecting the field of medicine with a group of peers.	Food from a local restaurant ~\$100	\$0	\$100	
<b>Article Discussion Event (November 2019)</b>  Discuss an issue affecting the field of medicine with a group of peers.	Food from a local restaurant ~\$100	\$0	\$100	
<b>Article Discussion Event (December 2019)</b>  Discuss an issue affecting the field of medicine with a group of peers.	Food from a local restaurant ~\$100	\$0	\$100	

<b>Article Discussion Event (January 2020)</b>  Discuss an issue affecting the field of medicine with a group of peers.	Food from a local restaurant ~\$100	\$0	\$100	
<b>Article Discussion Event (February 2020)</b>  Discuss an issue affecting the field of medicine with a group of peers.	Food from a local restaurant ~\$100	\$0	\$100	
<b>Article Discussion Event (March 2020)</b>  Discuss an issue affecting the field of medicine with a group of peers.	Food from a local restaurant ~\$100	\$0	\$100	
<b>Article Discussion Event (April 2020)</b>  Discuss an issue affecting the field of medicine with a group of peers.	Food from a local restaurant ~\$100	\$0	\$100	

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**STUDENT COUNCIL / CLUB MEETING MINUTES  
ATTENDANCE COVER SHEET**

COUNCIL / CLUB NAME: Med Council

Date Meeting Was Held: 9/19/19 Time Meeting Was Held: 6 PM

Place Meeting Was Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Member or Guest (can customize to pre-print voting member names)	Present ✓	Voting Member (Yes/No)	Signature ("If Bylaws permit, when present by proxy, insert name of person holding proxy)
Aaron Huang	✓	✓	
Jan Wintrop	✓	✓	
Jack Nasar	✓	✓	
Rakani Bharama	✓	✓	
Elaine Fletcher	✓	✓	
Alfonso Caella	✓	✓	
Ariana Fuyabreca	✓	✓	
Michael Lucchesi	✓		
Jeffrey Rimmer	✓		
Alechi Oleru	✓		
Alyson Clarke	✓	No	
Maryam Choudhary	✓	No	
Adrianakivoussi	✓		
Jonathan Lee	✓		
Aaron Conn	✓	✓	
Alexandra Granberg	✓	✓	
LAWRENCE LAMHAN	✓	No	
Juliana Gabbler	✓	no	
Pakman Nukle	✓	no	
Christina Ellison	✓	No	
Myanna Olsen	✓	NO	
Antonios Antonopoulos	✓	yes	
Jordana Schmidt-Schwartz	✓	yes	
Kingsley Conchinski	✓	yes	

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Srishty Amaman, ✓ yes  
Sejal Shah ✓ yes