



Medical Student Council Meeting
Thursday, **February 20** 2020 6:00 PM
Student Center Main Lounge
Minutes

Attendance: Alexandra Greenberg, Jordana Schmidt-Swartz, Sarah Galler (Adriana Kavoussi), Antonios Dimopoelos (Pratik Chandra), Rabani Bharara (Marine Coste), David Choueka, Boey Li (Sejal Shah), Kingsley Cruickshank, Jack Nasar, Srishty Amarnani, Hyuck-Jin Kwon, Ian Winthrop, Alana Engelbrecht

Minutes recorded by Alexandra Greenberg.

Jordana presiding over meeting. Alexandra is scribing the minutes.

New Business

1.) Budget Requests

- a. American Medical Women's Association – Anna Fomitchova
 - i. Student Dinner with Female Surgeons co-sponsored by Women's Surgical Society
 - 1. Event done last year w/ 8 faculty attending and 35 students with waitlist
 - 2. Want to open it up to 50 students
 - 3. Food and small gifts for faculty in budget
 - a. Upper limit for price, must come from bookstore
 - 4. Suggested to look into clubs in other schools
 - 5. Current deficit in budget in our record (possibly to be addressed by University Council)
 - a. Return once cleared up
 - ii. Requesting \$350
- b. Interventional Radiology Interest Group – Blake Gershon
 - i. Multiple Events
 - 1. General Interest Meeting
 - a. April event to introduce club to school and recruit members
 - 2. Physician/Residency Panel -
 - a. May event to get more exposure
 - 3. New club > hard max of \$250 and can come back with sign-in sheet

- to propose second event
 - a. Should talk to 4th years who applied for radiology
 - ii. Requesting \$400
- c. Downstate Ethics Society – Michael Goldberg
 - i. Multiple Events
 - 1. Film Screening & Discussion – Miss Evers’ Boys
 - a. Movie about Tuskegee incident in early March (5th)
 - b. 40 people last time
 - 2. Article Discussion Event
 - a. Late March (24th, potentially to be moved)
 - b. 30 people last time
 - 3. Other funding sources
 - a. Talked to John Connelly, they cover certain events fully
 - b. Have not requested money for University Council
 - ii. Requesting \$300
- d. Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Interest Group – Dylan Wolff
 - i. Multiple Events
 - 1. Local Flap Design Session
 - a. Already happened on January 17th, got \$190 from UC, spent more than expected
 - b. 22 attendees
 - c. Asking for money to cover food and supplies retroactively
 - 2. Pathways to Plastic Surgery Meeting
 - a. Similar to a match panel but would have to go outside Downstate to find residents in plastics
 - ii. Requesting \$273.28
- e. Poster Presentation: “Staring Pain the Face: A Novel Clinical Skills Session for Early Learners” – Deborah Silber
 - i. Directors of Clinical Skills Courses 2019 Annual Meeting
 - 1. Phoenix, AZ
 - 2. Presented poster
 - a. New part of curriculum for first years – how to do a PE for a patient in acute patient = MedEd project
 - b. Working to publish on MedEd portal
 - c. Being incorporated now with SPs, last May pilot with 91 MS1s and practicing on 3rd and 4th years, used student survey data and had statistically significant findings, worked with Dr. Ovitsch
 - d. Going to be continued with new MedEd pathway members
 - e. Kingsley participated, helpful practice pre-Gateway
 - f. Received alumni association funding for everything but poster and second night of hotel
 - g. Stayed in same room and took same flights so same budget
 - ii. Total \$256.20
- f. Poster Presentation: “Staring Pain the Face: A Novel Clinical Skills Session for Early Learners” –Sarah Galler
 - i. Learn Serve Lead 2019: AAMC Annual Meeting
 - 1. Phoenix, AZ

- 2. Presented poster
 - a. Same as above, separate conference
- ii. Total \$256.95

g. Maimonides Society – Moshe Baitelman

- i. Multiple Events
 - 1. Purim event in March
 - a. Annual event as is Passover – was this in previous annual budget?
 - 2. Passover event in April
 - 3. Weekly meeting with food
 - a. Was this discussed in terms of having weekly meetings with full meals? – not communicated to new E-board, will not be covered by MedCouncil moving forward
- ii. Requesting \$1893.75
 - 1. Have \$200 currently in account

Old Business

1.) Class Updates

A.) 2020

- a. 4th year planned specialties to have meetings with 3rd years to figure out scheduling for next year!
 - i. Get CARE to sponsor and run this event moving forward – Dawn Froum
 - 1. Cover organization and meals for 4th years participating
- b. Stressed about rank list due on Feb 26
- c. Match day four weeks from tomorrow!

B.) 2021

- a. Specialty meetings today with 4th years
- b. Almost done with 3rd year, 5 more weeks and mostly one shelf left
 - i. Figuring out next year, VSAS, etc.
- c. Gateway 3 will be on site in new Sim Center!
 - i. Excited not to go to Einstein but unclear even after meeting on scoring with new components > exams starting on March 7th
 - ii. Not given samples on write-up/door posting for cases

C.) 2022

- a. STEP 1 dedicated!!!!!!!!!!!! Lots of stress, depression, lots of emotions, trying to keep morale up, waiting on Unit 6 grades but should be soon
- b. Gateway exam was on site, went great, very nice not to go to Einstein
 - i. Slight issue with one of cameras not being on and having to stop interview, some complaints but still big improvement

D.) 2023

- a. Life's good, 3.25 weeks from summatives so getting down to business
- b. Concern over Step 1 change to P/F (more details below)
- c. Starting planning for Donor Memorial – send info (May 5th)

Trending Topics

1.) New dean and MedCouncil member introductions

- a. Appointing Jane Kim to oversee Sim Center, will be expanded as well moving forward
- b. 3 initiatives focusing on: (1) professionalism (kindness, compassion over command, control, fear, intimidation for training), (2) diversity and inclusion (gender, race), (3) wellness and resilience (critically important that this is addressed, need to learn to manage our stress in medicine)

2.) Wellness

- a. 2nd years studying in library and Dr. Brevel gave out treats, really sweet
- b. Dr. Marquel shared thinking of tearing down interlab area on 5th floor > survey for 2nd years about putting lounge there for students
 - i. Concern with 5th floor carrels being study spot that it could be distracting if loud, not best location
 - ii. Brought up by LCME survey that more study spaces would be ideal
- c. Goal was to start MC sponsored wellness events, hasn't happened yet
 - i. Jordana talking to Adam about yoga
 - ii. Next meeting each bring an idea for a fun, engaging wellness event
 - 1. Aaron Huang organized some events for 2022: rock-climbing, Botanical Gardens, poorly attended but solid effort
 - iii. Big struggle with lack of consistency and structure in day
 - 1. Consistent and FREE event would be ideal – yoga every 2 weeks
 - 2. People don't want to pay for mini-courses, also not ideal timing

3.) Step 1 Pass/Fail

- a. Would like to get some sort of update from admin as it becomes available
 - i. Didn't expect this decision to be made so fast, now doing recon
 - ii. Questions about people in MD/PhD and people considering a gap year and about what this will mean for Step 2
 - iii. Email has gone out from Dr. Putnam to MS1 and 2 classes and invited students to send in questions
 - iv. Will send out any updates as they become available
- b. Discussion of moving Step 1 to end of third year but now would mean it would be P/F for current first years, no answers yet, need to talk to residency programs, ongoing conversation
 - i. Meeting next month with residency programs where more info may be available
 - ii. Issue is may be better for some people to take it graded and for others to wait
 - iii. Also, what does it mean if you don't have that six-week break? Do you start clinicals in February, then not enough space, three classes in clinical sites at same time?

4.) Student Activities Referendum

- a. Need to have student activities fee to continue all activities of student clubs, organizations, food at events, yearbook, intramural sports, orientation, mini-courses, gym, movie nights, coffee houses, thanksgiving dinner, etc.
- b. Vote on whether to make student activity fee mandatory, every four years we vote to continue to have activity fee and then every student has to pay it, if vote fails then becomes voluntary and can't pay for important initiatives
 - i. Being emailed on March 30th
 - ii. Encourage class members to vote in favor because we want to continue to have student services and extracurriculars

- iii. Not vote to save \$200 a year, vote to keep the student life program alive!

5.) Election Process

- a. Only six of us running, need to get survey up and share posters/speeches
- b. Giving class a week, will get chocolate to vote
- c. Separate conversation – why do we do this?
 - i. Making decision of running without positions and then majority vote becomes president
 - ii. Should vote for president when only six of us rerunning...
 - iii. Ian feels even for first Fall election need to be clear voting for President or general role
 - iv. Send ideas to Jordana, we can think about changes for going into next academic year

Closed Meeting:

- i. Motioned by Rabani Bharara
- ii. Seconded by Dan Kwon
- iii. **Meeting is now closed.**

New Business

1.) Approval of January Minutes

- a. Motion to approve January minutes made by Dan Kwon
- b. Seconded by Sarah Galler
 - i. Vote:
 - 1. For - 16
 - 2. Against - 0
 - 3. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to approve January minutes

1) Budget Requests:

- i. American Medical Women's Association (Attachment 1)
 - 1. Options: Fund in full (\$350)
 - 2. Motion to fund in full made by Antonios Dimopoulos, second by Srishty Amarnani
 - 3. Vote:
 - a. For – 15
 - b. Against – 0
 - c. Abstain – 1

Motion passes to transfer \$350 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to AMWA (40-70244-012-30001)

- ii. Interventional Radiology Interest Group (Attachment 2)
 - 1. Options: Fund as new club with (\$250), Fund in full
 - 2. Motion to fund \$250 made by Rabani, Bharara second by Srishty Amarnani

3. Vote:
 - a. For – 15
 - b. Against – 0
 - c. Abstain – 1

Motion passes to transfer \$250 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Interventional Radiology Interest Group (40-70290-012-30001)

- iii. Downstate Ethics Society (Attachment 3)
 1. Make it clear moving forward need to request from UC too
 2. Options: Fund in full (\$300)
 3. Motion to fund in full made by Sarah Galler, second by Boey Li
 4. Vote:
 - a. For – 15
 - b. Against – 0
 - c. Abstain – 1

Motion passes to transfer \$300 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Downstate Ethics Society (40-70252-012-30001)

- iv. Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Interest Group (Attachment 4)
 1. Clarify in email won't typically fund if go over-budget
 2. Options: Fund in full (\$273.28)
 3. Motion to fund in full (\$273.28) made by Boey Li, second by Sarah Galler
 4. Vote:
 - a. For – 15
 - b. Against – 0
 - c. Abstain – 1

Motion passes to transfer \$273.28 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Interest Group (40-70384-012-30001)

- v. Deborah Silber – Poster at a DOCS 2019 Annual Meeting (Attachment 5)
 1. Options: Fund in full (\$256.29)
 2. Motion to fund in full by Ian Winthrop, seconded by Kingsley Cruickshank
 3. Vote:
 - a. For – 15
 - b. Against – 0
 - c. Abstain – 1

Motion passes to approve a reimbursement payment \$256.29 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Deborah Silber for trip to DOCS 2019 Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona

- vi. Sarah Galler – Learn Serve Lead 2019: AAMC Annual Meeting (Attachment 6)
 1. Options: Fund in full (\$256.95)
 2. Motion to fund in full by David Choueka, seconded by Antonios Dimopoelos
 3. Vote:

- a. For - 15
- b. Against - 0
- c. Abstain - 1

Motion passes to approve a reimbursement payment \$256.95 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Sarah Galler for trip to The AAMC 2019 Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona

- vii. Moshe Baitelman - Maimonides Society (Attachment 7)
 - 1. Options: Funding for two annual events in full and three once-monthly lunches (\$808.75)
 - 2. Motion to fund \$808.75 by Srishty Amarnani, seconded by Kingsley Cruickshank
 - 1. Vote:
 - a. For - 16
 - b. Against - 0
 - c. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to transfer \$808.75 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Maimonides Society (40-70255-012-30001)

- viii. Fourth year gift
 - 1. Options: Fund in full (\$660)
 - 2. Motion to fund in full made by Rabani Bharara, second by Dan Kwon
 - 2. Vote:
 - a. For - 12
 - b. Against - 0
 - c. Abstain - 4

Motion passes to transfer \$660 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to the Class of 2020 (40-72020-012-30001)

- ix. Jordana Schmidt-Swartz - Medical Council Guidelines Update
 - 1. Options: Adopt new guidelines as they are
 - 2. Motion to adopt new guidelines by Jack Nasar, seconded by Rabani Bharara
 - 3. Vote:
 - a. aFor - 16
 - b. Against - 0
 - c. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to adopt new guidelines

Motion to end meeting by Rabani Bharara
 Seconded by Sarah Galler
 Meeting Closed at 8:07 PM

Minutes were scribed by Alexandra Greenberg
 Approved by Alexandra Greenberg - Medical Council Secretary





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COUNCIL

Student Council Name: Medical Student Council

February 20th, 2020

Time Meeting was Held: 6:00 PM

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