

Medical Student Council Meeting
Thursday, **October 15th** at 6:00 PM
Virtual meeting via Zoom
Minutes



Attendance: Alexandra Greenberg, Sejal Shah, Alice Herchek, David Choueka, Jonathan Leong, Rabani Bharara, Elaine Fletcher, Alfonso Caetta, Aaron Conway, Kingsley Cruickshank, Ian Winthrop, Alana Engelbrecht, Srishty Amarnani, Jack Nasar, Hyuck Jun Kwan, Priscilla Varghese, April Kessler, Lulu Wei, Leon Kamen, Hamza Khilji

Minutes recorded by Alexandra Greenberg.

Sejal Shah presiding over meeting. Alexandra is scribing the minutes.

New Business

1. Budget Requests

- a. Ultrasound Student Interest Group - Evan Solomon
 - i. Club founding
 - ii. Holding first interest meeting in Nov, soon after a teaching event/workshop with an ED and OB attending to develop a lesson plan for using POC ultrasound
 - iii. Have they talked to EM interest group? - Rabani can follow up
 - iv. Did they need an account for external funding?
 - v. Total \$1
- b. Pride Cub - Mitchell Bayne
 - i. Honorarium for LGBT health policy guest lecturer (11/10 virtual event)
 1. Speaker: Kellan Baker, Center for American Progress (*not a state government employee*)
 2. From current budget, not requesting new funds
 3. Policy-wonk specializing in sexual orientation and gender identity policy so relevant for students to understand how asking about SODGE data actually informs policy (where does this info go?), promotes future practitioners asking these Qs more
 4. Speaker confirmed, date good to go
 - ii. Total - \$100

2. Thanksgiving Dinner

- a. Every year we do this in Student Center with food served by faculty, given

circumstances around pandemic can't do indoor dining but perhaps could do to-go boxes or something else to keep tradition going (Adam reached out)

- i. PBLs could get sandwiches on Mon for first-years - denied Monday of bc risks associated with travel, don't want to encourage distanced travel out-of-state with no time to properly quarantine when returning
 - ii. Social distancing > when do we give out boxes, do we do it separately for different classes and schools?
 - iii. Usually Thursday before
 - iv. Making Slack channel to discuss details!
3. Financial Curriculum Proposal (Brunicardi)
 - a. Presented at end of meeting = want to implement financial counseling and plan for all four years, want to do this with student input
 - b. Jodi-Ann Edwards (2nd year surgery resident) can give presentation and then we can talk about how to implement this, maybe form a small workgroup
 - c. Draft presentation given > focus group and group of students to come and tailor this to Downstate, let's recruit other students along with four treasurers potentially
 4. Virtual vs Hybrid: Space issue originally with Unit 5 but with Unit 6 more space potentially...
 - a. Returning below for 2023 updates

Old Business

1. Class Updates
 - A. 2021
 - Interview Spaces
 - Spaces are being finalized and being sent out via email (steps to reserve them provided), 5-10 to start and if demand can create more, won't be anyone closed out but still need actual date, can't just reserve for the week, we will find space once you know when you will need it
 - MSPE update
 - Finalized now, some have been already and have been emailed to students to read, not sure what # on now, clinical assistant deans some just finished editing in last day or so, Dean Christoforou and others finalizing and will email password-protected version of MSPE, no header or signatures but all text there, without password you can put comments on it if you see any errors, send to Ms. Frum and finalized and uploaded by Tuesday, Monday night plan for now
 - New AOA schedule very restrictive, adding more spots and trying to be more inclusive but not giving much time, ERAS due next week and then two days to submit after AOA...
 - Reason is ERAS > want people to be able to put it into ERAS and MSPE so need to do it Monday
 - Don't need to write new essay but have opportunity to resubmit if you want

B. 2022

- Alive and well, people getting grades for clerkships, surgery out (Alice nudged Dean JD)
- Students still stressed about site placements (track 1 and 2 didn't know 2 weeks before even)
- More cases of COVID-19 at Maimonides, student stress about exposure
 - Some students can be online during time when can't be in-person, don't have to forfeit clerkship for most of them now! Won't miss time, may have to do something else for 8 days for a few sites.
 - There are back-up plans, as needed, to keep students on track and safe
 - Yesterday's event handled in minutes, many emails and phone calls to make sure handled appropriately
 - Only one student tested positive over summer and this evening one Maimo student tested positive and all students are being tested who were rotating there

C. 2023

- Unit 5 exams - if we need to take them on campus how do we request this?
 - Dean Putman will talk to Dr. Grannat to coordinate, was done for first years already
- Any updates for Unit 6 plan?
 - People are concerned about what plan is (some clarity would be good both on content to be in person, confirmation of being hybrid still...)
 - Doing small-scale contact tracing, access to testing, working for us
- Step decision - option to delay to 3rd year?
- Leo Access Issues
- TOWN HALL MONDAY?
 - Meantime, any questions we already have that can be answered Ian will share with Dean Putman and Dean B and may be able to get answers over email
- New library looks great, space to spread out and social distance, will be open soon

D. 2024

- Rough time with biochem but happy to be done with summatives, waiting for results, should find out if Passed tonight and get grades by end of week
- Survey for popular spots around campus
 - 49 responses (12% of students responding)
- Dorm Wifi
 - Gathered responses from 40 people in dorms concerning this and stating where issues were, how often, etc. and response was to just stay on DMCRH bc more bandwidth than resnet but issue is neither is working well enough, even with hardline, this was right before exams too
 - Contract signed and completely replacing wifi for reshalls, own wifi network through direct provider, how long it will take isn't

- clear, can try to find out
- They did survey those areas but it was working when they went
- Tell students to email when and where it happens to help@downstate.edu with room # so creating task in system, record of complaint, they say no one is calling and telling us this is a problem
- Maybe could pull routers of floors without students and put them on floors with students, Dean Putman will talk to them tomorrow and try to see what they can do
- Zoom access and other online resources for students (any updates?)
 - People want pathology to be in Zooms, not as user friendly on BB collaborate (email Dean Putman and can discuss with faculty)
 - Told Zoom is not giving access for unlimited time to above 12th grade students
 - Trying to get them to update the teams with video, included in our licenses but without video activated
- Also complaint about fire alarm testing > Dean Putman will follow up
- Any update on re-evaluation of guest policy in resident halls, no resources given on how it will be re-evaluated or at what interval and with different aspects of opening such as indoor dining and gyms, seems weird, unclear, want clarity
 - No specific answer bc ResLife not in meeting and doesn't report to us but understanding is SUNY guidelines have become more rather than less restrictive bc of outbreaks on other campuses, policy is designed to maintain closed environment since people from outside DHSU might have been exposed and if coming in COVID-19 could spread very quickly
 - Dean Putman can look into whether any guidance on when it will be rereviewed
 - Suggestion to talk to Student Assembly representative and they can bring it to SUNY: clarify what is a guideline, a rule, etc. so know where there is flexibility and whether graduate students can have different set of policies, also new committee appointed by new SUNY student advocate, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Life, trying to get one of our students appointed to his advisory body because voice of graduate and professional students should be heard at the system level

Dean Putman will schedule separate meetings for each class MC each month so these meetings don't go so long and can take time to discuss issues we want to get into.

- Also discussions about team-building for each class so all on the same page for what we should be doing, we all have titles, what other people do besides president isn't necessarily as clear, can talk about how we can all best work together.

Trending Topics

1. Covid-19 and students
 - a. Discussed above

Closed Meeting

- I. Motioned by Rabani Bharara
- II. Seconded by David Choueka

III. **Meeting is now closed.**

New Business

1. Approval of September Minutes

- 1. Motion to approve September minutes made by Rabani Bharara
- 2. Seconded by David Choueka
 - i. Vote
 - 1. For - 19
 - 2. Against - 0
 - 3. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to approve September minutes

2. Budget requests

A. USIG - Attachment #1

- i. Request for \$1 to set up club account
 - a. Option: Not to fund, if they need an account contact us and if plan events can come back; Option to fund \$1; Option to fund full \$250
 - b. Motion to not fund and follow up by Alice Herchek
 - i. Idea is to make sure events are happening and planned out for the year before we give funding
 - c. Seconded by Rabani Bharara
- ii. Vote
 - 1. For - 17
 - 2. Against - 1
 - 3. Abstain - 1

Motion passes not to fund \$1, pending follow up and future events

A. PRIDE - Attachment #2

- i. Request for \$100 for speaker honorarium
 - d. Option: To approve use of \$100 for honorarium; Not to fund
 - e. Motion to To approve use of \$100 for honorarium by Rabani Bharara
 - f. Seconded by David Choueka
- ii. Vote
 - 4. For - 17
 - 5. Against - 0
 - 6. Abstain - 2

Motion passes to allow Pride to use existing funds to provide a \$100 honorarium

**Motion to end meeting by Rabani Bharara
Seconded by Alice Herchek
Meeting Closed at 7:40 PM**

Minutes were scribed by Alexandra Greenberg

Approved by Alexandra Greenberg - Medical Council Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexandra Greenberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.



Please check one box:

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Other: _____

ORGANIZATION NAME: Ultrasound Interest Group

PRESIDENT: Gonzalo Paz-Soldan

VICE PRESIDENT: Lana Kass-Gergi

BOX #: _____ TELEPHONE: 202-997-9483

TREASURER: Evan Solomon

PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
Ultrasound Interest Group Start-up			\$1	



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ORGANIZATION NAME: Pride Club

PRESIDENT: Mitchell Bayne, Nicholas Sullivan, Antia Gomez, Lawrence Langan

PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
<p>LGBT Health Policy guest lecture. Scheduled for 11/10 at 7:30 via zoom. Open to all schools/students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kellan Baker M.P.H., M.A. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kellan Baker, is a Senior Fellow with the LGBT Research and Communications Project at the Center for American Progress. At CAP, Kellan works on LGBT health and data collection policy across the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and directs the LGBT State Exchanges Project, which partners with LGBT and consumer health advocates in numerous states to ensure that the benefits of the Affordable Care Act reach LGBT communities. He also co-directs the "Do Ask, Do Tell" project on electronic health records. ○ Title: SO/GI and Health Policy ○ Goal: How does SO/GI data collection relate to LGBT Health Policy... can this help solve health inequities? <p>Study on Collection of SO/GI Data</p>	<p>Kellan Baker Honorarium</p>			<p>100 (use of our already allocated funds)</p> <p>I didn't know if I had to make a request for this, we already have enough in our budget to cover this honorarium. I am submitting this as a formality since honorariums are new. Thank you. Please call me at 724-809-7693 for any questions.</p>

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