

Medical Student Council Meeting
Thursday, **January 14th** at 6:00 PM
Virtual meeting via Zoom
Minutes



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

Minutes recorded by Alexandra Greenberg.

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

New Business

1. Concert event (if we agree, we can vote to fund) - presented by Adam Burgman
 - a. In Fall started talking to SUNY-wide student center group, 32 campuses looking to participate in a SUNY-wide virtual concert
 - b. Acting contribution - \$10,000 but said smaller university so contributing %5000, already have \$3500 from other councils, looking for \$1500 from MedCouncil, money can come from SpringFling budget as it is already cancelled for 2021
 - c. We will get to vote on who we want to have as entertainment, Sejal can share
 - d. Not on Zoom, would have to use special platform, downstate.edu login would allow you to get into event, only open to students from schools that contribute money, free for those schools to attend, also talking about SUNY concert swag if any extra \$
2. \$2.55 to Medical Artists/Brooklyn Stories (Reimbursement for Hermione Gaw)
 - a. Submitted reimbursement, \$2.55 over in account so didn't ask them to present
3. Refund of SAF
 - a. Fall term refund? Decide now or at the end of year?
 - b. Fee per term = \$55, this is portion for MC
 - c. Refunded $\frac{2}{3}$ last Spring because of lack of events and activities relevant to a normal year, can consider doing the same thing for Fall
 - d. Can discuss just Fall or wait until Spring to do both
 - i. Check with FSA breakdown between Fall normally and this year to see how much should refund
 - ii. Once we have amount set can propose and pass resolution, determine revision to budgets for clubs
4. Student faculty showcase
 - a. Jan 21st
 - b. Maybe delay to April (2nd week??)

5. Academic support

- a. Updates on new Academic Advisors
 - i. 50 new academic advisors, Dean C said today email was sent out asking people about specialties, that's the email to assign advisors, trying to assign based on interest as soon as surveys are returned
- b. Academic help prior to class failure
 - i. First year has heard about people needing to go on leave and repeat year, any ways to get support before end up with an ID?
 - ii. Especially non-traditional and Bridges students felt needed more support
 - 1. May need different type of support or more individualized support for those coming in from different pathways/backgrounds
 - iii. Feedback should be given through formatives, small groups, etc.
 - iv. Academic support's plan is not necessarily the most feasible according to the curriculum, not necessarily realistic, maybe a need to refine academic advising to better meet curriculum expectations
 - 1. Office of academic support services (OASS)
 - v. Struggling student went to academic advising when struggling and did not get help to pass unit and then didn't receive additional support for following units, asked for a tutor and was told no
 - 1. Another student had a different experience, academic advising worked very well because they met with Dr. Robertson, he had his PhD in education and went through medical coursework
 - 2. Academic advising one-size-fits-all approach, shouldn't be, also poor contact with one ID, no follow-up if students don't reach out
 - 3. Issue with access to one-on-one tutoring, told no if "need" not determined
 - 4. Comes back to feeling lack of support, now 5 people going on leave, only in Unit 3, people don't feel set up to succeed
 - 5. Especially for first years a big challenge, virtual so not able to seek support, Unit 1 in particular so short > need to reach out early
 - 6. Third year in a row this has happened, can we please get upperclassmen who ID to support 1/2 years, provide support
 - a. Opt-in form to address privacy issue, MC should just do it, can have it collected through student affairs!! Testimonies too
 - vi. Another point raised, like student affairs does, why can't academic support actively reach out, send info, host events?
 - vii. 2nd year panel again > discuss unit 3 and promote reaching out
 - viii. Can still access counseling when on leave

****Working on phones having someone to answer and ability to make appointments without emailing through a scheduling platform*

6. MC elections coming up in February!

- a. Secretary and treasurer, MS1s filling in roles for 2021-2022
- b. Ali and Jack respectively transitioning out of these roles, feel free to email us!

Old Business

1. Class Updates

A. 2021

- Interviews wrapping up, chill year
- Issue with REP for 4th years, needing to take extra 4 weeks
- Can do class-specific call this month to discuss options
- 1. Match Day - possibly in person in a few locations across campus, these 40 envelopes out here and there, dean's greetings virtually to all of the rooms maybe, need to talk about how that might work
 - Last year was right after self-isolating began, students didn't want to do it without family either but only 1 week in and didn't know much about options, can be more thoughtful this year with more time to consider options
- 2. Graduation - early for final answer but right now being told to plan for virtual by SUNY system, still have contract with Carnegie hall but may not be open and even if it was social distancing likely required, discussion about commencement with class and no guests at some location
 - Right now planning for virtual so it can be meaningful and organized
 - Discussion of opt-in to come in person and walk across stage, caps and gowns will be shipped asap, not in April

B. 2022

1. Class funds for Get Well Basket - information shared bc Downstate police were involved, people kept calling so they shared that it happened but didn't know if they wanted their name shared
 - Yes, all good
2. More standardization for site hours??
 - Dr. EJD working on this, supposed to be equivalent, not necessarily equal, based on needs of different hospitals
 - Students can reach out to her directly to share concerns
 - Can also email Dr. Lazar
3. Career meetings have been helpful, great to have them so early! Thanks to Brunicardi for organizing, small snafu, other inbox got reminder, missed by students

C. 2023

1. Reactivity to 2nd dose happening for vaccines, we have exams at same time we're scheduled for the 2nd dose
 - Simple answer = if you are sick you don't take exam and call to be excused, question then becomes when do you take exam that you missed? OSCE can't just reschedule for following week so pushed to summer!
 - Once you take the exam you can't stop in middle or retake it, you will get an incomplete or ID, don't come if you don't feel well!
 - Currently can't be having people change dates bc the second doses sent are linked to the first, would throw off scheduling
 - Update email on vaccines coming tomorrow from student affairs, don't schedule for earlier please right now
2. Can we congregate now that we have first dose in small groups to study?
 - Not yet, still issue of spread even if can't contract it

- More options online = teams now

D. 2024

1. PBL Remote/Hybrid

- For people commuting, PBL being in person when worked effectively in Unit 3 week 1 being remote, people feel uncomfortable with rising numbers
- Can there be an option for people to call in?
- Unlikely given response to class of 2023, safety concerns addressed, no cases traced to PBL, also many students do want in-person education so it's hard to please everyone on this point, and expectation is to have PBL in person to assess interpersonal skills
- Can perhaps open carrels back up for off-hours

2. White Coat Ceremony Updates - discussed before break

- Like other ceremonies likely going to have to be virtual
- Class meeting to discuss this and other items

3. Mental Health Day

- Capitol events led to idea that it would be helpful to have a day designated as a mental health day, reminder to take care of yourself
 - Maybe can move a lecture or two from a Friday and just have protected study time
- Class very overwhelmed, lots of zoom
- Issue with calendar not being set, things being added
- Try to work with faculty to get calendar set by Sunday of that week, ask for pdf that night

4. Patagonia Distribution for School

- Looking for time to hand them out

*started resource list for class, add to it please in slack!

5. Parking Discounts

6. Re-elections for 2024 should happen this month

- a. MC year above do it, pick 5 people for the next three years and then SLC will be reelected after
- b. People can run against you, if unopposed still need official vote and $\frac{2}{3}$ to vote

Closed Meeting

I. Motioned by Elaine Fletcher

II. Seconded by Ian Winthrop

III. **Meeting is now closed.**

New Business

1. Approval of December Minutes

1. Motion to approve December minutes made by Rabani Bharara
2. Seconded by Ian Winthrop
 - i. Vote
 1. For - 19
 2. Against - 0
 3. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to approve November minutes

2. Budget requests

A. Funds for SUNY-wide concert

- i. Request for \$1500 for SUNY-wide concert
 - a. Option: to fund in full by Rabani Bharara, not to fund by Ian Winthrop
 - b. Motion to to fund in full by Rabani Bharara
 - c. Seconded by Elaine Fletcher
- ii. Vote
 1. For - 15
 2. Against - 3
 3. Abstain - 1

Motion passes to transfer \$1500 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Student Center Governing Board Meeting Events (40-70194-015)

B. Transfer of \$2.55 to Medical Artists/Brooklyn Stories

- i. \$2.55 overdrawn in account
 - d. Option: fund in full
 - e. Motion to fund in full by Hyuck Jin Kwon
 - f. Seconded by Elaine Fletcher
- ii. Vote
 4. For - 18
 5. Against - 1
 6. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to transfer \$2.55 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Medical Artists Guild/Brooklyn stories (40-70256-012-30001)

Motion to end meeting by Rabani Bharara

Seconded by Elaine Fletcher

Meeting Closed at 8:30 PM

Minutes were scribed by Alexandra Greenberg

Approved by Alexandra Greenberg - Medical Council Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Greenberg', written in a cursive style.