

Medical Student Council Meeting
Thursday, **March 11th** at 6:00 PM
Virtual meeting via Zoom
Minutes



Attendance: Sejal Shah, Alexandra Greenberg, Alfonso Caetta, Rabani Bharara, Hamza Khilji, Adriana Kavoussi, Ian Winthrop, Jonathan Leon, Alice Herchek, Elaine Fletcher, Srishty Amarnani, Kingsley Cruickshank, Marine Coste, Aaron Huang, David Choueka

Minutes recorded by Alexandra Greenberg.

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

New Business

Brunicardi - We did very well on LCME from what we have heard and preliminary exit report, there were no major citations related to the curriculum. They were very impressed with our medical students.

- Working on new lounge at King's county, student health EMR, learning environment committee and kudos and concerns live, everything is in motion to address gaps we are aware of already
 - For MS4s, finish the GQ!
1. Food Pantry, Student Center open 2 and soon to be 3 days a month so going to reopen pantry, donated prior food to res halls because no one could come to get it and with few people on campus now not much available
 - a. Going to go to Costco to stock Food Pantry and asking to match \$1000 given by SGB until summer when we can hopefully get donations again
 2. SUNY-wide concert April 24, all day event, called SUNY Fest, working on branding
 - a. Can have student groups perform but only one per school so contacted Music Club so far to see if they can do it, if not will circle back to MC
 - b. Headliner hopefully either Jason Derulo or Keisha and opening act possibly AJR but still need to reach out to see if they are available
 - c. Possibly some freebies for the event too!
 3. First coffee house again next month too at student center
 - a. Will try to start weekly outdoor events starting in April
 - b. Will allow clubs to book patio space for events starting in April
 4. [Club & Individual Requests](#)
 - a. MedEd Pathway - Innovations in Medical Education Conference - Alfonso Caetta
 - i. 8 students from MedEd presented at a national virtual conference hosted by USC

1. Registration fee \$25 per person, all on posters, 7 total with one shared
2. Didn't ask alumni association for funding
- ii. Total request from MC - \$200
- b. Primary Care Sports Medicine Interest Group - Weston Buehring
 - i. Requesting money for an introductory meeting and three events
 1. \$50/event for three events for pizza/drinks - \$150
 2. \$100 for ride/clothing for sideline event?
 - ii. Already got \$200 because a new club, just let them know that they can come back if use what is in account
 - iii. Total request from MC - \$250
5. Need money for graduate frames, 1-2 left over, 7 seniors > requesting ~\$720 for remaining frames for MC seniors
 - a. Happens every year, MC tradition to get graduating class diploma frames
6. Student faculty Showcase
 - a. Discuss scheduling to April
 - i. Looking at Thursday, April 8th, need to confirm open for T2C week, also night before megashelf... another date?
 - ii. April 15th or 16th instead, start of clerkships won't be too intense

Old Business

1. Class Updates
 - a. 2021
 - i. Match Day - program will be virtual, just three admin, Dean P, Dean Brunnicardi and Dean Riley talking, students can be live on the zoom but if inviting people not with you physically have them watch live stream/youtube so don't clog bandwidth on zoom
 1. Also asked faculty to record comments to make a video to play around 11:35 AM March 19th
 2. Around 11:50 AM Dean Brunnicardi and Dean Riley give remarks, then Dean P gives statistics to class
 3. Issue with email and not physical envelopes is don't know when it is coming so no countdown, 11:58 all unmute and sit and wait for email while Dean P talks until it comes in
 4. We are allowing people to gather in rooms on campus, limited # of people per a room, can send survey to see how many people want to come and figure it out from there, put Zoom on in room so kind of a hybrid ceremony but no auditorium with people on stage
 - ii. Graduation - authorized to look for an outdoor space for commencement, Dean P will be looking at a number of locations, date may shift based on availability of space
 1. Don't know yet whether any guests would be allowed, how many, whether have to follow new NYC protocols and test if coming like for sporting events
 2. Probably can't do special hooders because can't clear people to huddle on stage and can't have faculty march back and forth
 3. Need to keep an eye out for a third surge and/or any new variants

but guarded optimism!

4. As of right now, limited to 500 people gathering by the state and 800 people graduating this year so would probably split it up into schools, also may change but go with what rule is right now
- iii. Also talking to alumni association to do an event for 2020 and 2021, can't invite them back for shared graduation bc of size limit of gatherings and current state of pandemic
- b. T2R will be optional for 2021

**70-80% of med students have been vaccinated, hard to nail down the exact number because don't know who was vaccinated at other sites, instructions coming to submit your vaccination card if you received it elsewhere!*

c. 2022

- i. Know lots of uncertainty around always potentially starting in August, informed if allowed will be close to time to submit and requires certain form
 1. AAMC Standardized Immunization Form and VSAS/VSL0 Preparation for this process, requires certain lab results and timeframe for Student Health to fill these out will be very short, want to discuss alternatives for doing this effectively if needed
 2. Hoping EMR will resolve a lot of these issues, being implemented now so hopefully will be live soon
 - a. Medicaat will tell you when anything expires and needs to be renewed
 3. Can possibly bring in a temp like last year and send emails to each student if need anything done to be cleared, have all info for form and anything that needs to be updated, Dean P will talk to Student Health to see if they can do that
 4. Also working with King's to see if they will accept our clearance so not a separate process, meeting on this last week
- ii. T2R and 4th year - a lot of new info came out this week, particularly with Markell email and frustrated because had a talk with Dean C one month ago and were told interviews would be virtual and that T2R would be in person
 1. Now being told interviews haven't been determined and T2R may or may not be in person, will be mandatory though which will delay loans coming in because at end of year
 2. Would be helpful if things are not set in stone then say so, don't say things are finalized, centralize info, share dates with whole class and expected timeline for decisions
 3. T2R answer soon, being reviewed by DC next week, now saying 2 weeks but perhaps not 2 weeks in a row, maybe some asynch alone and 1 week together, looking at it though
 4. Also don't share big things in weekly email buried only, issue is conflicting information too, not just frequency or mode of communication
- iii. People in research years "forgotten about", finding out about things late, can be more mindful of people taking gap years and that they are looped into class below's updates
 1. When you take a leave and grad date is changed, banner is supposed to move you to appropriate year automatically but sounds like errors

occurring, will look into it, audit it more often, not just annually
**On that note, is communications committee happening?? - now that LCME is over working groups will be meeting soon*

d. 2023

- i. Travel rules for week before T2C (nevermind, emailed!), schedule for T2C and in-person days
 1. Definitely hybrid, finalizing schedule, not decided yet but parts that have to be in person
- ii. Clearance for KCHC, other sites...
 1. Looking into letting us know if need titers if we didn't redo them after 2019 forms
 2. KCHC clearance info coming soon

e. 2024

- i. Pataguccis - here, need to figure out pick-up
- ii. Unit 4 Panel Update - March 22nd at 6 PM, mix of years, announcement going out tomorrow
- iii. Mental Health Services - have they been being used
 1. Class doesn't trust admin right now to make decisions regarding academic or personal well-being according to survey, hesitant to vote for a lighter week bc don't trust admin to do that in reality
 - a. Majority have voted for extra week in summer, others who wanted lighter week upset though
 - b. Need a real stance on mental health, class has double depression and anxiety rate based on peer wellness data, feels like it was ignored, we've been in COVID a year, argument of things being unprecedented getting outdated
 2. Class is really struggling and not able to connect and talk about and more unsettling that don't know how people are doing and who is struggling in silence
 3. Challenge with not hearing from admin, appreciate MC and some emails but want more from admin, even Unit 4 email confusing
 - a. Email subject upsetting people at this point because don't feel heard
 4. Need more beyond emails about student counseling, Dean P suggests an in-person meeting with the class, can't necessarily do a whole class meeting but used to have lunch with dean events, will try to do that when possible (any way to do it virtually with small rotating group of students and send code to order food?)
 5. Maybe Dean P, important bc face behind student affairs, possibly Dean C because approachable, can come to each carrell during Unit 4 to see everyone in person, also not a town hall with three more classes and a stream of Qs, can engage
 - a. Can tell PBLs in advance and they can prep Qs to ask
 - b. Also have unit director come in each unit as well to introduce themselves
 6. Could do a town hall with just class and Dr. Meyers, he could also report back and would be anonymous
- iv. Also let's do an MC picnic at Prospect Park now that it's getting warmer!!!

**Need individual class meetings to start, that's where could include pre-clinical or clinical faculty*

- v. White Coat Ceremony two options to be discussed - one is doing it later like August at beginning of second year so can more likely have guests OR could do it at T2C time when actually starting clinicals, up to the class!
- vi. Dorm issue raised again - policy saying can't even visit each other's rooms let alone have outside visitors
 1. Were told at beginning of year would review policy regularly but no changes, no transparency on if being reviewed
 2. Want backing from student affairs to discuss this with reslife, not asking for overnight or multiple guests, what if even other students with ID?
 3. Very isolating, feels like a jail cell, going out into school, hospital, friend's places and arguably less safe, paying to be there to be so restricted and when weren't aware when incoming students for MS1s
 4. Also getting tested now on a weekly basis so safer, also all vaccinated
 5. Dorms would also help mental well-being, one step to help students
- vii. EMAIL recently reminding SA of this issue and Dean P brought it up at SUNY level, still a SUNY requirement but started discussion today about this, mentioned vaccinated students and said students aren't vaccinated and Dean P reminded them we are so going to review and get back to him tomorrow, likely will be able to have other vaccinated students visit soon
 1. Don't want to promise anything bc it is really a SUNY rule, technically not that much flexibility bc reslife director becomes responsible if changes our rule from recommended one
 2. Argument is visiting someone else's apartment only see people there vs. dorms seen like nursing home as communal housing, exposing every resident, not really that true when compare to modern apartment buildings with common spaces and even more residents, many of who aren't vaccinated, at this point policy for dorms is stricter than nursing homes or hospitals
 3. Only one case in dorms all year
 4. Next step schedule meeting with Justin

Closed Meeting

- I. Motioned by Jonathan Leong
- II. Seconded by Ian Winthrop

Meeting is now closed.

New Business

1. **Approval of February Minutes**
 1. Motion to approve January minutes made by Jonathan Leon
 2. Seconded by Elaine Fletcher

- i. Vote
 1. For - 15
 2. Against - 0
 3. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to approve February minutes

2. **Vote on Food Pantry Funding of \$1000**
 1. Option to fund in full
 2. Motion to fund in full by Ian Winthrop
 3. Seconded by Kingsley Cruickshank
 - i. Vote
 1. For - 15
 2. Against - 0
 3. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to transfer \$1000 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to SCGB Food Pantry Donations & Food Purchases (40-70383-015-30001)

3. Club and Individual requests

1. MedEd Pathway - Innovations in Medical Education Conference - Alfonso Caetta
 - i. Option to fund in full
 - ii. Motion to fund in full by Adriana Kavoussi
 - iii. Seconded by Aaron Huang
 - iv. Vote
 1. For - 14
 2. Against - 0
 3. Abstain - 1

Motion passes to transfer \$200 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Alfonso Caetta, Jacqueline Benayoun, Bethel C. Ozed-Williams, Christopher Garnett, Adam Wolfert, Deepti Mahajan, Nina Kumar, and Esther Yoo

2. Diploma frame funding request - Senior MC members!
 - i. Option to fund in full
 - ii. Motion to fund in full by Jonathan Leong
 - iii. Seconded by Alice Herchek
 - iv. Vote
 1. For - 15
 2. Against - 0
 3. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to transfer \$720 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Class of 2021 (40-72021-012-30001)

**Motion to end meeting by Jonathan Leong
Seconded by Alice Herchek**

Meeting Closed

Minutes were scribed by Alexandra Greenberg.

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

Approved by Alexandra Greenberg - Medical Council Secretary



BUDGET REQUEST FORM
TRAVEL AND LODGING

Funding for any trips or conferences will be provided at the discretion of Med Council and shall be based on the following criteria:

- Available Med Council Funds
- Merits of the club that may include but are not limited to:
 - Frequency and quality of the work and activities of the club
 - Size and diversity of the club's membership
 - Past club budget requests and money usage

Approval for funding will be given as an amount per person and reimbursements will be processed as such. Individuals who spend more than what they were initially approved for are welcome to request additional funding at the following Med Council Meeting, however, additional funding is not guaranteed. **Med Council reserves the right to not reimburse any amount of money that was not used for its intended purpose as detailed in this form and approved at a Med Council meeting.** Clubs are required to:

- Attach a copy of this form to the payment request form along with all relevant receipts in order for reimbursements to be processed
- Email Med Council a brief summary of what participating individuals have learned or how individuals have benefited from attending the trip/conference within seven (7) days of returning from the trip/conference

Failure to fulfill any of the requirements may delay or prevent the processing of payment request forms. For any further questions, contact the Med Council Treasurer at mcbtreasurer@gmail.com

Club/Organization: Medical Educator Pathway

Brief Description of Trip (*include Title of conference, destination, etc.*): Innovations in Medical Education Online Conference 2021, Virtually hosted by USC

Date(s) of conference or trip: February 18-19, 2021

Briefly describe the purpose of attending the event. Be specific. How will attending the event benefit you and/or your organization? Present Downstate research, learn from other presentations, advance medical education.

How many people, if any, will be presenting at the conference? 8

How do you plan on bringing what you have learned back to the SUNY Downstate community? Applying our MedEd research to further learning and considering new MedEd research direction

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

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

ATTACHMENT #1

How was the trip advertised?

Email Announcement at Meeting Other: Dr. Eisner emailed the MedEd pathway repeatedly regarding this conference.

How many people are you requesting funding for? 8

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

Itemized Budget:

	Per Person	X Number of persons traveling	Total Cost (for each line)
Registration	\$25.00	8	\$200
Mode of transportation	Home		
Travel cost	\$0	\$0	\$0
Meals	\$0	\$0	\$0
Location of Lodging	Home		
Lodging	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0

TOTAL: \$200.00

Funding Request:

Amount from Med Council: \$200 University Council: \$0

Amount from other resources (i.e. grants, scholarships, etc.): \$0

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:

Alfonso Caetta, Jacqueline Benayoun, Bethel Ozed-Williams, Christopher Garnett, Adam Wolfert, Deepti Mahajan, Nina Kumar, and Esther Yoo