

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



Attendance: Sejal Shah, Alexandra Greenberg, Alfonso Caetta, Hamza Khilji, Adriana Kavoussi, Ian Winthrop, Jonathan Leon, Elaine Fletcher, Srishty Amarnani, Kingsley Cruickshank, Aaron Huang, David Choueka, Amanda Jirgal, Lulu Wei, April Kessler, Priscilla Varghese, Daniel Kwon, Alana Engelbrecht, Jack Nasar, Aaron Conway

Minutes recorded by Priscilla Varghese.

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

New Business

1. Planetary Health Club - \$400 - Adam Burgman
 - a. Total of 192 bags
 - b. Planetary Health Club would like to pass out tote bags. SCGB is paying for fruit, flavored waters, two bikes, seeds, and globe stress balls from the global health club. UC is paying for 200 plants DINE will be giving out
 - c. Earth Day is next week - Happening next thursday the 22nd
 - d. Requesting \$400 to purchase a total of 192 bags

Old Business

1. Class Updates
 - a. 2021
 - i. Details regarding graduation guests mention "At least two guests"
 - ii. Does this pose a possibility of students having more than two (three) guests?
 1. Answer: It is possible that the state may increase the amount of people that can be in the facility, although there are no guarantees
 - iii. Graduation ceremony details
 1. The likelihood is that the College of Medicine Class of 2021 will not be graduating together
 2. Possible methods for students to request graduating together are being explored.
 - iv. Graduation Ceremony Scheduling
 1. Graduation will either be on the 25/26th)
 2. A final answer will be given to students by Wednesday of next

- week should have an answer
 - 3. This is dependent on the number of total ceremonies that may happen.
 - v. New SUNY rules for Graduation
 - 1. Indoor venue - 10% capacity
 - 2. Outdoor venue - 20% (if over 500 people)
- b. 2022
 - i. Class Update: "We are MS4s"
 - 1. The class members are at a different points in their medical education currently - i.e. studying for step, prepping for electives
 - 2. Everyone is in the midst of transitioning to 4th year.
 - ii. Will residency interviews be virtual?
 - 1. Most likely some residencies will keep virtual interview and some will be in person
 - 2. No clear answer on what residency interviews will look like currently.
- c. 2023
 - i. Class Update: "We are third years"
 - 1. Most of us has transitioned to clerkship
 - ii. Medical Council Member Transitions
 - 1. Srishty (Class of 2023) will be transitioning to Class of 2024
 - 2. Is revising constitution an option to avoid a re-election
 - a. May be disruptive to relationships between the class and faculty to have a second election
 - 3. April (Class of 2024) will also be taking a leave of absence
- d. 2024
 - i. Class Concerns
 - 1. Dorm guest policy change
 - a. We were told that the guest policy would be changing soon
 - b. People who are vaccinated can have those that are vaccinated come over
 - c. Overnight guests have not been discussed
 - 2. Dorm Contracts
 - a. When will the dorm contract end?
 - i. Dr. Alger was given the new date that the first year is ending
 - ii. This was adjusted since spring break was canceled
 - iii. Move out date - Refunded money for the lost week
 - b. Will students be refunded?
 - 3. Security in student buildings
 - a. Students have expressed concerns regarding the professionalism of school security
 - 4. Dr. Putman's Open office hours
 - a. Noted to be between 12 and 1pm on Wednesdays
 - 5. Discord Page

- a. Thank you to fourth years for getting this together
- 6. Fourth Year Panel Proposal
 - a. SLC is working with Dean C show what the next 3 years will look like for first years - *This will overwhelm people enough*
 - b. MS1 would appreciate another informal meeting with MS4s
 - i. Keeping mentorship between consecutive years may be better to ensure that younger years are not overwhelmed
 - ii. Have MS2s take on the responsibility of mentoring the MS1s
 - c. Potential Inter-year panel
 - i. MS1s feel that it is important to make connections between years
 - ii. Panel should focus on non-academic conversations
 - iii. Consensus: SLC panel with Dean C will grant a proper picture of what will come in the following years

- 2. Senior Expenses
 - a. Proposal to integrate a line item for Senior week
 - i. Proposal to add Senior Week funding into the yearly budget
 - ii. Make it so that a fund is allocated to each class, for each year, that is only accessible/used for fourth year for senior week
 - iii. Money would be taken form the projects and programs budget
 - b. Yearbook
 - i. May potentially want to explore a virtual yearbook to save costs
 - ii. Years in the past have need to raise \$24,000 to fund the yearbook - this is unlikely to happen in the future
 - iii. Need to decide before the next year starts if we will be continuing to have a physical yearbook

- 3. Upcoming Budget Approval (Next Greater Med Meeting)
 - i. No stark changes for the 2021-2022 budget requests
 - ii. Very similar numbers to 2020-2021 budget requests
- 4. Health Systems Update
 - a. New Health System for students EMR
 - i. Will house all student health records
 - ii. Features include health notifications (example: will notify you of expired PPD)
 - iii. July 1st will be fully utilized for students
 - b. Building project of students health

Closed Meeting

- I. Motioned by Adriana Kavoussi
- II. Seconded by Hamza Khilji

Meeting is now closed.

New Business

1. Approval of March Minutes

- 1. Motion to approve March minutes made by Adriana Kavoussi
- 2. Seconded by Alfonso Caetta
 - i. Vote
 - 1. For - 14
 - 2. Against - 0
 - 3. Abstain - 4

Motion passes to approve March minutes

2. Vote on funding for Planetary Health Club - \$400

- 1. Option to fund in full
- 2. Motion to fund in full by Adriana Kavoussi
- 3. Seconded by David Choueka
 - i. Vote
 - 1. For - 16
 - 2. Against - 0
 - 3. Abstain - 2

Motion passes to transfer \$400 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Student Center Governing Board Meeting Events (40-70194-015)

3. Elections for Greater MC

- 1. Vote for MC President and Secretary
 - i. Alfonso Caetta nominated as President by Elaine Fletcher
 - ii. Alexandria Greenberg nominated as Vice President by Ian Winthrop
 - iii. Vote
 - 1. For - 17
 - 2. Against - 0
 - 3. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to elect Alfonso as MC President and Alexandria as MC Vice President for 2021-2022.

**Motion to end meeting by Hamza Khili
Seconded by Jonathan Leong**

Meeting Closed

Minutes were scribed by Priscilla Varghese.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Priscilla Varghese". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "P" that loops around the start of the name.

Approved by Priscilla Varghese - Medical Council Secretary