



Medical Student Council Meeting
Wednesday, **December 9th** at 6:00 PM
Minutes

Voting Members in Attendance

Alexis Roth, Liam Deegan, Rachel Baum, Alexandra Greenberg, Alfonso Caetta, Aaron Conway, Elaine Fletcher, Anna Lieberman, David Diaz. Ian Winthrop, Amanda Jirgal, Srishty Amarnani, Lulu Wei, McKenzie Andrews, Aaron Conway, Priscilla Varghese

Guests in Attendance

Freddie Bimbaum

**Minutes recorded by Priscilla Varghese.
Alfonso Caetta presiding over the meeting.**

New Business

1. Budget Requests

a. None

2. Class Updates

a. 2022

- i. Downstate Rebranding / Website Change / Merchandise
- ii. Grievances About Graduation
 1. Date Change: From May 24-25 to May 12
 - a. Members of the class are upset that visiting family can no longer easily attend due to the shift from a holiday weekend
 - b. COM2022 would appreciate transparent communication regarding why there was a change in date and acknowledgement of the issues that this shift in date may have caused
 - c. Putman's response - Change of Date is related to previous students requesting earlier date due to wanting a greater amount of time to transition to residency
 - i. This was previously not possible given the venue was Carnegie Hall
 - ii. Since the graduation is no longer at Carnegie Hall

- organized service to the class
 - 2. Satisfaction Survey (Transparency Concerns)
 - a. There have clearly been some transparency concerns expressed by members of the COM2024 class .
 - b. Srishty created an extensive survey that she wants to send out to the school
 - i. The goal is to see what the internal issues are that students are reluctant to share with faculty and staff
 - ii. How does this replace LCME surveys?
 - 1. Student to Student surveys allow for students to be more transparent that they can be on LCME surveys
 - 3. Putman - Hesitant about this because there are a lot of surveys being sent out and this will continue to rise through LCME
 - a. Plan: Share survey with Dean Putman for feedback.
 - ii. Places to Eat on Campus
 - 1. Additional Seating in the Cafeteria
 - a. More tables are going to be moved into the cafeteria
 - b. Social distancing may also be toned down
 - c. Issue is that there may be patient guests that are not vaccinated - a reason why social distancing is also still being implemented
 - 2. Other spaces could include
 - a. Hallway outside PHAB
 - i. Couches in lobby
 - 3. Solution is hopefully found in the next week or so
 - iii. White Coat Oath Changed - Dean Communication
 - 1. Our class is still under the impression that we will be getting the hippocratic oath
 - a. Putman - there is a thought that the hippocratic oath should not be taken till students graduate
 - b. The White Coat ceremony will have students recite the same oath that 2025 did
 - c. This will be communicated to the class
 - iv. Website issues
 - 1. Archived Copy of the Website - Is it possible for us to get access to an archived website?
 - a. Many links on the new school website are not accessible
 - b. This includes links to the calendar, clubs, budget forms, etc
 - 2. There are a few issues on the website in terms of wording that should be fixed because it may rub others the wrong way
 - a. Members of the council will reach out to Putman regarding the specifics of the language used on the new website
- d. 2025
 - i. Unit 2 exams next week (hopefully we can get out quickly!)
 - ii. Score Release
 - 1. Faculty plans to give an email saying that all students who have

- ID'ed have been notified
- iii. Osce Scheduling
 - 1. We would appreciate the schedule being released earlier
 - 2. Current rumors are that they will only be released 12 hours before
 - 3. Putman - will find a way to get this information to students soon
 - iv. Unit 3 Anatomy
 - 1. Would appreciate upperclassman to become anatomy tutors since MS2s will be studying for STEP and Unit 6

3. Student Faculty Show

- a. Reschedule to January (Not April) - reminder!!

Trending Topics

1. Student Counseling

- a. Student Counseling Services Updates
 - i. Waiting for SUNY approval to reduce the technology fee and increase health.
 - ii. Also working to make counseling sessions in person
 - 1. Current spaces are not large enough for 6 ft distancing
 - iii. A goal is to triple the amount of counselors
 - iv. We are also working to make Dr. Deutscher full time
 - 1. She is currently part time
- b. Medicap
 - i. New Software is also being bought for the counseling center
 - ii. Currently Medicap being used for the health center
- c. There is a licensing issue regarding counseling by a mental health counselor
 - i. In terms of insurance - NYS states say that both people have to be in the state of New York
 - ii. SUNY has been made aware about this being problematic in terms of virtual counseling
 - 1. This is a law - and may take a while to change
 - iii. Away rotation - (INCLUDE ELSEWHERE)
 - 1. A lot of 4th years are on medicaid
 - a. Over 26 years of age
 - b. When you go out of state for away rotations, many places do not take medicaid - this makes it an issue and student may at last minute not be able to attend away rotations

Closed Meeting

- I. Motioned by Alfonso Caetta
- II. Seconded by MK

Meeting is now closed.

New Business

1. Approval of November Minutes (Vote)

1. Motion to approve October minutes made by Rachel Baum
2. Seconded by Ian Winthrop
 - i. Vote
 1. For - 17
 2. Against - 0
 3. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to approve November minutes

2. Budget Requests (Vote)

1. None

3. Bylaws Update (Vote)

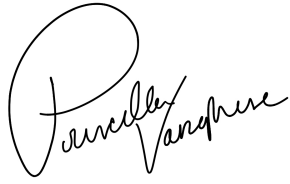
1. Motion to approve the Bylaws as presented in the updated document by Srishty Amarnani
2. Seconded by Ian Winthrop
 - i. Vote
 1. For - 16
 2. Against - 0
 3. Abstained - 1

4. Article XX: RATIFICATION AND AMENDMENTS (Vote)

1. Motion to implement changes as described by Srishty Amarnani
2. Seconded McKenzie Andrews
 - i. Vote
 1. For - 17
 2. Against - 0
 3. Abstained - 0

Motion to end meeting by McKenzie Andrews
Seconded by - Ian Winthrop
Meeting Closed at 7:18 PM

Minutes were scribed by Priscilla Varghese

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'P' followed by the name 'Priscilla Varghese' written in a cursive script.

Approved by Priscilla Varghese - Medical Council Secretary