



Medical Student Council Meeting  
Wednesday, **February 17th** at 6:00 PM  
\*\*\*Agenda\*\*\*

### **New Business**

(Dr. Lazar will be there at 6 (though he will need to leave by 6:30-6:45), Dr. Putman will come 6:30)

#### **1. Budget Requests**

##### **a. Global Health Club**

- i. Emory Case Competition
- ii. MC Request: \$175
  1. The school has been a participant for the past 4 -5 years
  2. This year the alumni association is only covering a portion of the fee

##### **b. Aaron Huang**

- i. AUA 2022 Meeting
- ii. Total Amount: \$995
- iii. MC Request: \$375.29
- iv. Research presented was conducted at Downstate

##### **c. Lulu Wei**

- i. 2022 National Kidney Foundation's annual conference
- ii. MC Request: \$450
  1. \$50x9 per student

##### **d. Elver Ho**

- i. American Association of Orthopedic Surgeons 2022 Annual Meeting
- ii. MC Request: \$810

##### **e. Adam Burgman**

- i. Payment for Jackets
  1. \$1189.50 to ACUI
  2. 20 Jackets for MC members and 3 advisors
- ii. \$8000 dollars need to be transferred to SGBC Special Events for Spring Fling
  1. Current waiting list is for 50 students
  2. If any students cannot make it - please notify Adam so we can reach out to those on the list
  3. Diet restrictions
    - a. Vegan, Kosher, Halal, Vegetarian are available

- b. If you are on the waitlist and require a special meal we may not be able to accommodate you
    - 4. BRING TIP MONEY
      - a. Send messages out to your class
    - 5. There will be photobooths, DJ, Etc.
  - iii. Food budget for Leadership Training Event
    - 1. Allocated budget was already depleted in early fall.
    - 2. Upcoming training will have bagged lunches as a means to reduce costs but additional funding is still needed
    - 3. Asking for \$2000 from both MC and UC
  - iv. Basketball Court Maintenance Fees
    - 1. SUNY will not pay to have the basketball courts redone until 2026
    - 2. This is because there is currently an 8 million dollar project ongoing focused on fixing all of the leaks on the Downstate campus.
    - 3. SUNY has agreed to completely redo the basketball courts after this project
    - 4. Given this situation the proposed plan is to “maintain” the basketball courts so that it can be used by the students
    - 5. This plan includes “fixing” the current leaks by using padding
    - 6. Utilizing buckets every night and having cleaners to remove bucks
    - 7. Ensuring that no puddles build up
    - 8. Current estimates for this plan are around \$20,000 - 25,000.
    - 9. We are asking all of the councils to contribute, specifically asking MC to contribute up to \$7500.
  - v. Student Activities Refund
    - 1. Medical council will need to make a decision regarding student activities fee refunds to students by the March meeting.
    - 2. Currently there is a build up of approximately 2 years worth of fees.
    - 3. The fee is \$210 per year (105 per semester)
      - a. The totality of this student fee is split between all of the councils.

## 2. Class Updates

### a. 2022

- i. No major updates
- ii. We will match in less than a month!!!
- iii. Aaron has matched urology!!!
- iv. Match Day
  - 1. Guest Allowance
    - a. Allowance of guest being permitted to attend match day has not been clarified yet.
    - b. Students may need to register who they want to bring to the event.
    - c. We also need to ensure that the auditorium is never at

- capacity.
      - d. AAMC has also sent out a survey to medical schools regarding the specific proceedings schools are adapting for their Match Day's
      - e. Possible vaccination requirements for guests will be announced. .
  - b. 2023
    - i. Career advisory dean meeting
      - 1. Overall most people have streamlined the process
      - 2. No major issues - these meetings have been helpful
      - 3. Very functional meetings where as the prior meeting have not been
      - 4. Student historically have been dissatisfied with the clinical advisory meetings
        - a. Previous focus groups showed that students would want more advice
          - i. Ex - I am getting married - when is the best time to that
          - ii. For this reason we assigned career advisors/early career advisors
          - iii. As we progressed these advisory meetings have been happening earlier and earlier in a medical school
          - iv. Career advisors = first two years
          - v. Clinical advisors = later two years
      - 5. Take everything with a grain of salt with clinical deans
        - a. What you are told from
    - ii. Graduation for the class of 2023
      - 1. Know its a very polarizing topic right now
      - 2. There is no contract for the next year
      - 3. There has never been the case
      - 4. Carnegie hall will likely not happen again
      - 5. We are pursuing locations to see
      - 6. A majority of the class has communicated that they would rather not graduate from Coney Island
        - a. This also depends what the alternatives are
        - b. The only reason we choose this venue is to avoid any restrictions should COVID rise again
        - c. This is the only covered outdoor venue available
        - d. Currently it is medicine and grad studies
        - e. And health profession and nursing for the split of graduation ceremonies
- c. 2024
  - i. Waiting on Clerkship rotations
  - ii. Currently in dedicated
  - iii. Booster mandated
    - 1. Downtate and affiliate hospitals are also holding us responsible

- for sharing the information along
    - iv. Health Clearance for sites
      - 1. This was chaotic for bedsides
      - 2. We dont what this to repeat for clearance for clerkship rotations
        - a. Janelle Gordon
          - i. Used to be the staff individual that oversaw foundations
          - ii. A new position has been created - she goes around and asks if everything is going alright
          - iii. She has troubleshooted problems that previously students would have been shy about
          - iv. We are trying to transfer her to oversee a few of the clerkship sites so that should help make the transition better
    - v. More than two tickets for White Coat
      - 1. The capacity if it is full full is 547
      - 2. It may be possible
      - 3. This decision would be made 3 weeks from the event
      - 4. Can we potentially
    - vi. Slideshow for the 2024
      - 1. Approved if MC2024 makes the slideshow
- d. 2025
  - i. Were in the middle of unit 3
  - ii. Getting back into the hang of anatomy lab
  - iii. Students are wondering if and how they can get more feedback from previous summatives so that students can learn how to improve
    - 1. This is especially the case
    - 2. There have been a lot of challenges regarding that
    - 3. There's been discrepancies with what they hear back from academic advising
    - 4. We have surveyed our class and have some feedback from that we will pass along to administration
  - iv. Recently met with Bianchi regarding communication and support for those who are not following the curriculum
    - 1. There are definitely a lot of people who are not following
    - 2. The need for more feedback after summatives and outside of the unit
    - 3. If you email the right people you may be able to get your NBME breakdown
    - 4. Students that need accommodations
      - a. There was a lot of chaos during Unit 2 for students that needed additional help
      - b. This has been an ongoing issue for various members of our class
  - v. Overall students should have access to their exam breakdown so that they know how to proceed for subsequent units
    - 1. Scheduling this kind of a meeting is also particularly difficult

- a. Advisors late to meeting, scheduling during class, etc.
  - vi. Overall students want to know if they should be continuing with approaching the curriculum the way that they do
  - vii. The response from advisors overall is that its on the students if they follow outside resources rather than the curriculum.
  - viii. Tests are really important for Downstate students - but we get little to no feedback regarding them
  - ix. There needs to be a communication to students that they can get this feedback/breakdown should they want on their exams
  - x. NBME is specific on how we can distribute exam breakdowns to students
  - xi. Those students with an ID are being tracked consistently
    - 1. Those that are on the cusp are also being tracked but not as strictly
- 3. Plan - create a slack channel to be able to hash out these issues

### **Trending Topics**

- 1. Conference Funding Meeting
  - a. People who are interested can let Ali know ASAP
    - i. Joya, Alfonso, Aaron, Priscilla, Lulu, Rachel

### **Closed Meeting 7:42**

### **New Business**

- 1. Approval of January Minutes (Vote)
  - 1. Motion to approve minutes made by Alfonso Caetta
  - 2. Seconded by Ian Winthrop
    - i. Vote
      - 1. For - 17
      - 2. Against - 0
      - 3. Abstain - 1
- 2. Vote on club & Individual Requests
  - 1. Vote on Global Health Club request - \$175
    - i. Motion to approve made by Full Dan Knwon
    - ii. Seconded by Aaron
      - 1. Vote
        - a. For - 15
        - b. Against - 0
        - c. Abstain - 3
        - d. PASS
  - 2. Vote on request from Aaron Huang - fund in full

- i. Motion to fund in full Aaron
  - ii. Seconded by Alana
    - 1. Vote
      - a. For - 17
      - b. Against - 0
      - c. Abstain - 1
      - d. PASS
3. Vote on budget request from Markell Research Group - Lulu Wei
- i. Motion to approve Amanda
  - ii. Seconded by Rachel
    - 1. Vote
      - a. For - 17
      - b. Against - 0
      - c. Abstain - 1
      - d. PASS
4. Vote on request from Elver Ho
- i. Motion to approve
  - ii. TABLED SEE BELOW
5. \$8000 dollars need to be transferred to SGBC Special Events
- i. Motion to fund in fully by Dan; Seconded by Rachel
    - a. For 17
    - b. Against 0
    - c. Abstain 1
    - d. PASS
6. Food budget - Budget meeting
- i. \$2000
  - ii. Motion to fund in full by Ian; Seconded by Dan
    - a. For 18
    - b. Against 0
    - c. Abstain 0
    - d. PASS
7. Basketball court
- i. Option to table
  - ii. Motion to table by McKenzie, seconded by Jack
  - iii. Tabling vote to next month pending more info from Adam
    - 1. Need to know timeline if approved for how long gym would be back to full operation
    - 2. What are mitigating plans to prevent redamage/leaking in gym
    - 3. If floor redamaged before other projects done then who pays?
    - 4. Can we get a quote and/or get damage assessed?

Vote for Elver tabled:

Table till Alumni association will get disregarding. Tell him to poke them via email saying time-sensitive.

**Motion to end meeting by Elaine Fletcher  
Seconded by Adriana Kavoussi  
Meeting Closed at 8:56 pm**

**Meeting ended at 8:05 PM**