



Medical Student Council Meeting  
Thursday, **November 10th** at 6:00 PM  
Student Center Main Lounge  
\*\*\*Minutes\*\*\*

***Voting Members in Attendance***

Attendance: Joya Ahmad, Lulu Wei, Alexis Roth, Hang Bui, Liam Deegan, Anna Lieberman, Carl-Frederick Janvier, Hannah Brown, Yusuf Hasan, Alberto Barrientos, Hayley Carabello, Ian Winthrop, Kumika Chahal

***Guests in Attendance***

Zachary Ye, Philip Branigan, Vlad Shknevskiy, Gregory Belizaire, Adam Burgman

**Minutes recorded by Lulu Wei.  
Lulu Wei presiding over the meeting.  
Meeting called to order. 6:14pm.**

1. New Business

a. Budget Requests

- i. Urology Club - presenter Lulu Wei
  1. Surgical Society Food: \$65.34
  2. Community Service cards & materials: \$20
  3. Community Service food for volunteers: \$280
- ii. Downstate Ethics Society - Philip Branigan
  1. Intro meeting & journal club food: \$100
  2. Journal club food x 3 months: \$150
- iii. Badminton Club - presenter Vlad Shknevskiy
  1. Community Service food for volunteers: \$300
- iv. Haitian Creole Club - presenter Gregory Belizaire
  1. Movie night, alumni panel, fiesta: \$150
- v. Vascular Surgery Interest Group - presenter Alexis Roth
  1. New club budget: \$250
    - a. Food for intro meeting: \$100
    - b. Cardiovascular health fair: \$150
- vi. Downstate Music Club - presenter Zachary Ye
  1. Karaoke night food: \$375
- vii. Independent Student Project - presenter Kimanthi Gicovi
  1. No show. Request will not be discussed and voted upon.

b. Class Updates

- i. 2023
    - 1. Interviews underway.
    - 2. Everyone is excited and ready for graduation.
  - ii. 2024
    - 1. Unit 6 panel planned for MS2s.
    - 2. Planning to hold Step 1 panel for MS2s in January.
  - iii. 2025
    - 1. Hayley Carabello is joining as the 6th voting member of MC2025.
    - 2. Anna Lieberman will send an anonymous survey about Step 1 and accommodations. MC24 and MC23 will help advertise the survey to their classes.
    - 3. Unit 5 SAM online exam crashed for entire class. Is this a necessary test to administer when it has a history of glitching.
      - a. 2024 also had test delays with SAM.
      - b. Why is the grade percentage a range of 5-30%? Does it change with how well you do?
    - 4. Had Step 1 info session with Dean C last night.
    - 5. Will have another session with her about taking a research year in the future.
    - 6. AOA is planning to host a Step 1 studying advice session soon
    - 7. Bedside miscommunications ongoing
      - a. Unclear what happens to a student if after 6 visits, they still have not completed all parts of a comprehensive interview and physical.
        - i. Some attendings refuse to let them perform certain parts or students are interrupted during interviews
        - ii. Dean Ovitsh has not responded in a meaningful way to these inquiries and told one student “that sounds difficult” without any solution or follow up.
        - iii. Dr Quinn said to refer to Dr Ovitsh for inquiries.
      - b. Where does the graded write-up grade go?
        - i. Upperclassmen explained that it was a part of Gateway 2 grade in the past. But students need official communication from the Deans because it is entirely possible that the grading system has changed.
  - iv. 2026
    - 1. Updates on the changed date/time of the formative?
      - a. Dean Lazar and Dean Putman have not communicated with them
    - 2. Attendance sheet for past meetings.
      - a. Tabled.
    - 3. Whiteboards used to be in carrels but are missing now.
      - a. Hang Bui will email Jim Neill about this
    - 4. Some people received NBME score breakdowns but others didn't.
      - a. Need to bring this up when Dean Lazar and Dean Putman are here.
- c. Trending Topics
- i. Student Faculty Show is going to be Jan 19 with videos due Jan 17
    - 1. Will be in person, in the auditorium, with dinner served afterwards
    - 2. 15 min limit per video will be strongly enforced.

3. Every council states awareness.
- ii. Greater Med Council Secretary election
  1. Will hold election and vote at the December meeting.
- iii. Thanksgiving dinner
  1. Every council agrees to email/communicate with their class to promote Thanksgiving dinner.
  2. Must fill their plate in person, food will not be prepacked, but students can take the food to go with no need to eat there.
    - a. Students who eat in person can refill their plates as long as they are there.
- iv. Spring Fling planning is underway.
- v. Lulu will send an email about jacket sizes this weekend. Everyone is aware they must answer ASAP.
- vi. Admin met with Dr. Mona Pervil Ulysses of Student Health about improving workflow.
  1. Plan to add work study jobs to help with administrative work.
    - a. Question of if students will choose not to use student health services to avoid work-study students from knowing their information.
    - b. The 2 hired people were repurposed for other tasks and are not available for student health services.
- vii. Reminder to MC26 and MC25 that attendance at all monthly medical council meetings, and starting on time at 6pm, is expected.
  1. Part A of Constitution article VIII on attendance was read out loud: "Two unexcused absences shall be grounds for a dismissal for all first and second year members."
    - a. Explained that members must be present for budget requests in order to vote and lateness/absence affects being able to reach quorum.
    - b. Members verbalized understanding.
  2. Noted that the Secretary of Med Council should be notified of absences in advance to constitute an excused absence.

## Closed Meeting

- I. Motioned by Joya Ahmad
- II. Seconded by Liam Deegan

**Meeting is now closed at 6:50 pm.**

## New Business

1. **Approval of October Minutes**
  - a. Motion to approve October minutes made by Hang Bui
  - b. Seconded by Alexis Roth
    1. Vote
      1. For - 16
      2. Against - 0
      3. Abstain - 2

**Motion passes to approve October minutes.**

**2. Club and Individual requests**

- a. Urology Club - attachment #1
  - i. Option to fund \$365.34 in full
  - ii. Motion to fund in full made by Hang Bui
  - iii. Seconded by Alexis Roth
    - 1. Vote
      - a. For - 15
      - b. Against - 0
      - c. Abstain - 3

**Motion passes to transfer \$365.34 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Downstate Urology Club (40-70274-012-30001)**

- b. Downstate Ethics Society - attachment #2
  - i. Option to fund \$250 in full
  - ii. Motion to fund in full made by Joya Ahmad
  - iii. Seconded by Yusuf Hasan
    - 1. Vote
      - a. For - 16
      - b. Against - 0
      - c. Abstain - 2

**Motion passes to transfer \$250 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Downstate Ethics Society (40-70252-012-30001)**

- c. Badminton Club - attachment #3
  - i. Option to fund \$300 in full
  - ii. Motion to fund in full made by Hang Bui
  - iii. Seconded by Hannah Brown
    - 1. Vote
      - a. For - 15
      - b. Against - 0
      - c. Abstain - 3

**Motion passes to transfer \$300 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Downstate Badminton Club (40-70022-016-30001)**

- d. Haitian Creole Club - attachment #4
  - i. Option to fund \$150 in full
  - ii. Motion to fund in full made by Hang Bui
  - iii. Seconded by Hannah Brown
    - 1. Vote
      - a. For - 16
      - b. Against - 0
      - c. Abstain - 2

**Motion passes to transfer \$150 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Haitian Creole Club (40-70363-012-30001)**

- e. Vascular Surgery Interest Group - attachment #5
  - i. Options to fund \$250 in full
  - ii. Motion to fund in full made by Yusuf Hasan
  - iii. Seconded by Lliam Deegan
    - 1. Vote
      - a. For - 15
      - b. Against - 0
      - c. Abstain - 3

**Motion passes to transfer \$250 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Downstate Vascular Surgery Interest Group (Account not created yet)**

- f. Downstate Music Club - attachment 6
  - i. Option to fund \$375 in full
  - ii. Motion to fund in full made by Alexis Roth
  - iii. Seconded by Kunika Chahal
    - 1. Vote
      - a. For - 16
      - b. Against - 0
      - c. Abstain - 2

**Motion passes to transfer \$375 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Downstate Music Club (40-70368-012-30001)**

**Motion to end meeting made by Yusuf Hasan.  
Seconded by Liam Deegan.  
Meeting Closed at 7:10pm.**

**Minutes were scribed by Lulu Wei**



**Approved by Alexandra Greenberg - Medical Council President.**



# Interim Budget Request Form

Date: Oct 03, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one box:

University Council Funding ONLY
  Med Council Funding ONLY
  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION NAME: Downstate Urology Club

PRESIDENT: Lulu Wei

VICE PRESIDENT: Blaine Russ

TELEPHONE: 8458916642

TREASURER: Susan Gong

PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
Surgical Society Meeting 10/6/2022	Pizza		\$65.34	
Community Service Card Making for seniors with DOROT 11/17/2022	Food x 40 people Cards & Materials x 100 cards		\$280 \$20  Total: \$300	

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**ORGANIZATION NAME:** Downstate Ethics Society

PRESIDENT: Aaron Wait

VICE PRESIDENT: Shalaha Viba

TELEPHONE: 631-574-7404

TREASURER: Philip Branigan

PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
November Introductory Meeting and Article Discussion	\$100 for food		\$100	
January Article Discussion	\$50 for food		\$50	
February Article Discussion	\$50 for food		\$50	
March Article Discussion	\$50 for food		\$50	

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**ORGANIZATION NAME: Badminton Club**

PRESIDENT: Luie Wang

VICE PRESIDENT: Lulu Wei

TELEPHONE: (646)-884-4284

TREASURER: Vlad Shknevskiy

PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
Heart of Dinner Community service event (Card making)	Food (\$10 per person, estimated 30 people in attendance)		\$300	



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**ORGANIZATION NAME:** Haitian Creole Club

PRESIDENT: Alissa Belzie      VICE PRESIDENT: Bradley Amazan

TELEPHONE: 516-492-5767      TREASURER: Alexandra Belzie

PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
Foundational budget goal \$300/\$400 - Food reimbursement for events (HCC opening to lessons) - Movie Night – food (pizza likely---\$65) - Panels planned for spring with Haitian alumni (zoom...patties if in person) - HCC year fiesta! (cultural foods, congratulating reinstatement of club + announcing new eboard) Fiesta estimated cost \$200 at least from looking at menu from a local restaurant	<b>- HCC total cost \$35.44</b>	\$250 (received on 10/24)	\$50 (to make our total budget \$300) or \$150 to make our total budget (\$400 for our anticipated events)  If not used, may we keep in account for new eboard following us to use?	

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**ORGANIZATION NAME: Vascular Surgery Interest Group (VSIG) at Downstate**

PRESIDENT: Perry Kerner      VICE PRESIDENT: Alexis Roth

TREASURER: SeungJoon Noh      SECRETARY: Lindsay Haefner

TELEPHONE: 520-907-2323 (Perry)

PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
Introductory Meeting	Food		\$100.00	
Cardiovascular Health Fair	Healthy Food Handouts and Pamphlets Small Giveaways		\$150.00	

Total Amount Requested: \$250.00



# Interim Budget Request Form

Date: 11/7/2022

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**ORGANIZATION NAME:** Downstate Music Club

PRESIDENT: Lon Yin (Laureen) Chan VICE PRESIDENT: Jessica Mineroff

TELEPHONE: 347-361-0261 TREASURER: Tabrez Alam

PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
<b>Downstate Karaoke Night:</b> Downstate Music Club would like to co-sponsor this karaoke night with SCGB. The event is scheduled for November 9, 2022 from 5-7pm with estimated attendance of 50 people.	Food for 50 people: ½ pan Sausage Dip (No Beef) ½ pan Spinach and Artichoke Dip Scoops 3 – Trays of Wings 1 – Veggie Platter 2 – Cookie Platter Kosher options for 2-3 people Subtotal: \$400 Drinks: Soda, Beer, Water Subtotal: \$100	\$125	\$375	N/A


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