



Medical Student Council Meeting
Thursday, **January 12th**, 2023 6:00 PM
Student Center Main Lounge
Minutes

Voting Members in Attendance: *Name (proxy for name)*

Anastasia Bui (Hannah Brown), Carl Janvier, Kunika Chalal, Alberto Barrientos, Yusuf Hasen, Joya Ahmed, Rachel Baum, Hayley Carabello, Alexandra Greenberg, Lulu Wei, Jack Nasar, McKenzie Andrews, Anna Lieberman, Mohamed Heibi, Hamza Khilji, Srishty Amarnani, Liam Deegan (Alexis Roth), Ian Winthrop

Guests in Attendance:

Elver Ho, Jacob Sabu, Nickie Uwoghien, Zachary Ye, Mojdeh Yadollahikholes

Minutes recorded by Hannah Brown.

Alexandra Greenberg presiding over the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 6pm

1.) New Business

- a. From Adam: Spring Fling updates
 - i. Spring Fling will be Monday, March 27th from 7-11pm
 - ii. Location will be upstairs in the main hall of the Brooklyn Museum
 - iii. There are 400 tickets available
 - iv. \$75 for Downstate students who pay cash
 - v. \$80 for Downstate students who pay credit card
 - vi. \$125 for guests who pay cash
 - vii. \$130 for guests who pay with credit card
 - viii. People who need assistance paying should talk to Adam and Schuyler
 - ix. They're going to look for a new/more affordable venue for next year

- b. From Adam: Referendum voting
 - i. In March there will be voting for SCGB, UC, and student activity fee
 - 1. The mandatory student activity fee pays for all clubs and our med council contributions to conference funding, so it's important!
 - 2. This important vote will be on 3/27

c. Class Updates

i. 2023

1. Match day event?

- a. Dean Putman says there will be a Match Day event. There will be some speeches, envelopes distributed, countdown at 11:59am with envelope opening at 12pm
- b. Pre-pandemic, NRMP didn't release results until 1pm so the only way to get results at 12pm was to go in person, but now it releases online at noon
- c. Last year only ~ half the class went to Match Day because they could see it at home at the same time, so it's unclear what will happen this year
- d. Ian has requested slightly earlier envelope opening because last year people got their email notifications before envelope opening. Putman will try to change it to something like 11:57am so envelope opening beats the email
- e. Things that can happen after envelope opening:
 - i. There used to be a heavily attended lunch (hopefully on-campus food will be allowed again by then to have a lunch and a toast)
 - ii. T-Shirts done in prior years; will discuss again for this year
 - iii. In prior years commencement tickets were handed out at Match Day but now it's not clear if there are going to be physical tickets for commencement vs. virtual ones
 1. They need to figure out how trading tickets is going to work given paper tickets are less likely

2. Graduation Updates

3. Ticket exchange

- a. Class of 2023 already has a list of who wants to swap/give away tickets
- b. We will see how that will work in the next 2 weeks so people can have their families know when/if to come in for commencement
- c. LiveNation is the new venue owner but things are in flux so we're basically in a holding pattern

4. Guest speaker

- a. Speaker has not been approved by SUNY yet, so they can't announce it yet
- b. Most likely will be someone receiving an honorary degree
- c. Students cannot vote on this
 - i. But possibly student can sit on the honorary degree selection committee

5. Student speaker

- a. Switches yearly between MD, MD/MPH, and MD/PhD students
 - i. They are willing to give students some input, but this process is not in place yet
 - ii. They are trying to be as fair as possible, but they're unable to have a student from every school
- b. Someone will sing the national anthem

- i. There will be an audition in early April (either send in a video or sing in person)
 - ii. 2024
 - 1. Updates with the lounges for students in UHB and Kings?
 - a. They put a lock on the door, which doesn't make sense since they can't give every student a key. So, they're in the process of switching it to a keypad
 - b. Dean Lazar is working on the Brooklyn Hospital Center issues
 - iii. 2025
 - 1. Step 1 study events/practice tests on campus
 - a. Hoping to have a time and space to proctor a practice test
 - b. No need for a proctor, they just need space and food
 - i. There's a timer and everyone's quiet, but everyone brings their own test
 - ii. Dean Putman says this is most likely possible; class of 2025 will reach out to him next week to get a space reserved for this and to get approval for food
 - c. They can look into getting practice tests for everyone, actually!
 - i. In the past, Downstate students would get access to one practice test through Kaplan, but that deal was dropped because not enough people were signing up
 - ii. But Dean Putman says he's willing to look into getting a practice test again
 - d. An idea would be doing 2 of these practices, one at the beginning of dedicated and one at the end
 - e. This could possibly be MedEd hours for proctors
 - 2. Unit 6 language & student well-being
 - a. Psychiatry subunit just started, and there's a lot of concerns about the language used
 - i. Stigmatizing language, and calling them difficult to work with
 - ii. Very upsetting for students who are themselves psychiatric patients
 - iii. There have been no discussions on the sensitivity of the topics discussed, and no offers to step out without repercussions if material is upsetting
 - iv. There was a very triggering PBL case with an SP who's a law student admitting for a psychiatric emergency over academics
 - 1. This is a big issue with facilitator expertise: facilitators who have no experience in psychiatry are leading these sessions
 - b. Conversation about mental health in medical students and residents
 - i. Conversations are usually about how it's "our job" to take care of each other, which is true, but there's a real lack of discussion on the systemic issues at play
 - 1. It's not feasible for people to take on the responsibility of safeguarding the physical and mental health of all of their fellow students

3. There have been issues with students who ID'd unit 5 not knowing if they should pay their Spring tuition or not
 - a. The time that students are waiting to hear about decisions regarding their IDs is very anxiety-producing and interferes with learning
 - b. The process of IDing professionalism isn't as concrete, so they're more mystery
 - i. The absence policy is a big problem

iv. 2026

1. Setting up a date to test Sunday night formative option
 - a. Members of COM2026 volunteer to pilot a weekend formative to test out the tech support options
 - b. They will meet with COM2026 next Thursday or Friday to present their proposed solutions, and hopefully a change will come from that
 - i. Dean Lazar: There are "considerable concerns" about the class's proposal
2. Remote option for students with circumstances other than COVID
 - a. They're going to modify the absence policy a week from Monday: people will be able to get remote access if you can document your illness (either their own doctor or Student Health), and these absences will be treated like COVID absences
 - i. But, you have to give ample notice in order to get remote access, but the absence will still not be counted against you if it's last minute
 - ii. Dean Lazar says they will need some time to communicate this change to everybody
 - iii. Note: this does not mean that students can guarantee themselves latitude for procedures (like surgeries); they reserve the right for case-by-case assessments of those situations
 1. Absences for surgeries will always be excused, but there's no guarantee you'll get remote access
 - iv. They might try to make this policy retroactively applicable so people won't get penalized on Professionalism; but there will need to have been documentation received at the time of the absence
 - b. Also contingency for summative for sick students
 - i. People had COVID and other illnesses during summatives but came in anyway, because retaking it over the summer is so onerous
 1. This feels like a penalty
 - ii. There is also a fear that IDing after missing a unit will lead to repeating the year
 - iii. Possible solutions could be remote proctoring or other alternatives to taking it over the summer?
 - iv. Dr. Putman says there's a worry that students will ignore the first 1-2 weeks of the next unit if they're allowed to take the previous unit's summatives once the next unit

starts

3. NBME profile for students with accommodations
 - a. Students with accommodations have been told by Dr. Granat that they can't receive their individual NBME topic breakdowns, which is not fair. Also, students last year were still able to get them, so there's confusion.
 - i. Anastasia will forward the email from Dr. Granat to Dr. Lazar and Dr. Putman
 - b. Anna ('25) brought this up and emailed Dr. Lazar and Dr. Granat about this prior to this meeting
- v. Updates from Dean Putman:
 1. Learning Management system is now Desire to Learn *not* Blackboard (important to know for clerkships)
 2. The flooding is a problem: causing offices to move and the phones don't work
 - a. Anatomy lab is working on being repaired
 - i. There are NO floating cadaver bits!!! And the fridges were not damaged
 - ii. Anatomy lab should be up and running soon (in time for Unit 3 anatomy)
 - iii. Exam for Unit 6 will likely be in-person because the brains can be moved to another location

d. [Budget Requests](#)

- i. Independent Student Project - Presenter Mojdeh Yadollahikhales
 1. Conference Registration : \$560
 2. Air Fare: \$350
 3. Lodging for one night (April 19th): \$200
 4. Total Amount: \$1,100
 5. **Amount Requested From Med Council: \$1,000**
 6. Notes:
 - a. She is the only student working on the project
 - b. The PI is external
 - c. Research was conducted at Downstate
 - d. Unable to get funding from her PI's institution because she's not a student there
 - e. Already previously met maximum for alumni funding, so she's no longer eligible for money from alumni
 - f. There is no virtual option for the conference
- ii. Independent Student Project - Presenter Elver Ho
 1. Hotel: \$400
 2. Plane Tickets: \$300
 3. Registration Fee: \$300
 4. **Amount Requested From Med Council: \$1,000**
 5. Notes:
 - a. Previously received \$500 from Med Council, so he knows he can't get the full \$1,000 from us now
 - b. He requested Alumni funding 3 months but hasn't heard back
 - i. Ali recommends that he go in to meet with them

- iii. Medical History Club - Presenter Jacob Sabu
 - 1. Newly Established Club Introductory Meeting
 - a. Food (pizza, snacks, drinks): \$187.50
 - 2. First Presentation/Discussion Event
 - a. Food (pizza, snacks, drinks): \$56.25
 - 3. **Amount Requested from Med Council: \$243.75**
 - 4. Notes:
 - a. New clubs are permitted to request up to \$300 as start-up funds
- iv. Volleyball Club at Downstate - Presenters Anna Gao and Sharon Yu
 - 1. General Interest Meeting
 - a. 8 pizza pies: \$153
 - 2. Volleyball Practice
 - a. Water bottles and granola bars: \$80
 - 3. Service Learning Project
 - a. Project supplies: \$50
 - 4. **Amount Requested from Med Council: \$283**
 - 5. Notes:
 - a. New clubs are permitted to request up to \$300 as start-up funds
- v. APAMSA - Presenter Zachary Ye
 - 1. APAMSA National Conference, funding for 6 members
 - a. Registration: \$40 x 6 people = \$240
 - b. Travel Cost (Plane): \$280 x 6 people = \$1,680
 - c. Lodging (Hyatt House, Portland): \$200 (two nights, shared rooms) x 6 people = \$1,200
 - d. Other (one-way travel via public transportation): \$30 x 6 people = \$180
 - e. **Amount Requested from Med Council: \$3,300**
 - f. Notes:
 - i. There are 4 Downstate students on the national board
 - ii. Downstate has been really involved in the planning of the whole national conference
 - iii. This would be the only change at a national conference for 2 of the MS4s, and the change for underclassmen to network on a national level with the organization they're a part of
 - iv. Two people are required to go as voters (but APAMSA doesn't provide much funding)
 - 1. 6 people are not required to go
 - v. APAMSA gives \$80 per national member and \$100 per voting delegate, so \$360 needs to be subtracted from the requested total
 - vi. Appears that no one is going to be presenting at the conference
 - vii. The House of Delegates meeting has a virtual option for one of two voting delegates. If doing the virtual option, they don't need to pay to register for the conference.
 - viii. They need to check the MS1's schedule since one of the conference days is a Friday

e. Trending Topics

- i. Budgeting for conference and club-trip funding
 - 1. We are no longer able to fund \$1,000 per student per year. We can now do \$1,000 per student per 4 years (otherwise Med Council will run out of money)
 - 2. We will stop supplementing alumni funding for the same conference
 - 3. Club trips are going to be limited as well (we need to re-evaluate the annual amount for club trips)
 - ii. University-wide mixer planning (Jan event canceled due to flooding and masks)
 - 1. We could do an inter-class mixer off campus
 - 2. If people have ideas, they should let everyone know
- f. MC Treasurer election
- i. Hamza is nominated by Mo, seconded by McKenzie

Closed Meeting:

- i. Motioned by Rachel
- ii. Seconded by Joya
- iii. **Meeting is now closed.**

New Business

- 1.) Approval of December Minutes
- a. Motion to approve December minutes made by Anna
 - b. Seconded by Joya
 - i. Vote:
 - 1. For - 18
 - 2. Against - 0
 - 3. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to approve December minutes

- 2) MC Treasurer Election
- a) Hamza is nominated by Mo, seconded by McKenzie
 - b) Hamza has held this position before and is looking forward to doing it again
 - i) He has the skillset and the admin connections
 - c) Ali motioned to elect Hamza
 - d) Seconded by Joya
 - e) 18 votes for, 0 votes against, 0 abstentions

Motion passes to elect Hamza as treasurer of Medical Student Council

- 3) Vote to approve transfer of funds for MC Block Party to SCGB Block Party and MC Spring Fling to SCGB Special Events Income
- a) \$2,000 for Block Party
 - b) \$10,000 for Spring Fling
 - c) Ali motions to fund in full
 - d) Anna seconds the motion
 - e) 18 votes for, 0 against, 0 abstentions

Motion passes to transfer \$2,000 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to SCGB Block Party (40-70409-015-30001) and \$10,000 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to SCGB Special Events Income (40-41006-015-30001).

4) Budget Requests:

- a) Mojdeh Yadollahikhales – Presentation at ISHLT conference - attachment #1
 - i) Options: Fund in full
 - ii) Motion to fund in full made by Mo, second by Kunika
 - iii) Vote:
 - (1) For – 18
 - (2) Against – 0
 - (3) Abstain – 0

Motion passes to approve a reimbursement payment \$1,000 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Mojdeh Yadollahikhales for trip to the conference in Colorado

- b) Elver Ho – Presentation at Academy of Academic Physiatrists Annual Conference - attachment #2
 - i) Options: fund \$500 if Alumni Association does not fund him; not fund him
 - ii) Motion to fund \$500 if Alumni Association does not fund him made by Srishty, second by Rachel
 - iii) Vote:
 - 1) For – 10
 - 2) Against – 8
 - 3) Abstain – 0

Motion passes to approve a reimbursement payment \$500 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Elver Ho for trip to the conference in California

- c) Medical History Club - attachment #3
 - i) Options: Give them the \$300 new club money
 - ii) Motion to Give the club \$300 new club money made by Mo, second by Rachel
 - iii) Vote:
 - 1) For – 18
 - 2) Against – 0
 - 3) Abstain – 0

Motion passes to transfer \$300 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to **NEW CLUB PLEASE CREATE ACCOUNT**

- d) Volleyball Club at Downstate - attachment #4
 - i) Options: Give them the \$300 new club money
 - ii) Motion to Give the club \$300 new club money made by Srishty, second by Anna
 - iii) Vote:
 - 1) For – 18
 - 2) Against – 0
 - 3) Abstain – 0

Motion passes to transfer \$300 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to **NEW CLUB PLEASE CREATE ACCOUNT**

- e) Club Trip to APAMSA National Conference for 6 members of Downstate APAMSA - attachment #5
 - i) Options: Fund \$2,000; delay voting until next meeting when we can come up with guidelines for club funding; fund \$1,000
 - ii) Motion to fund \$1,000 made by Rachel, second by Srishty
 - iii) Vote:
 - 1) For - 14
 - 2) Against - 3
 - 3) Abstain - 1

Motion passes to transfer \$1,000 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Asian Pacific American Association (APAMSA) (40-70261-012-30001)

- f) Vote to transfer \$1,312.25 to ACUI Promos to pay for Medical Council jackets. **Item added virtually on January 13th, 2023**
 - i) Vote:
 - 1) 13 votes For, 0 Abstain, 0 Against

Motion passes to Pay ACUI Promos \$1,312.25 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001)

Motion to end meeting by Anna

Seconded by Joya

Meeting Closed at 8:27pm

Minutes were scribed by Hannah Brown

Approved by Hannah Brown - Medical Council Secretary





**INDEPENDENT STUDENT INTERIM
BUDGET REQUEST FORM**

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- Merits of the student(s) which may include but are not limited to:
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Event/Project Title: The ISHLT 43rd Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions Poster Presentation

Date(s) of event/project: April 19, 2023 - day of presentation

Brief description of event/project: The 43rd ISHLT will take place in person only at Colorado Convention Center in Denver, CO USA. There will not be a virtual component to the meeting and all speakers and moderators are expected to travel to Denver to participate in-person. I will be presenting a poster on cardiac size matching in cardiac transplant surgeries on Wednesday April 19th.

Lead coordinator/planner: Kevin J. Clerkin, MD, MPH

email: kjc2142@cumc.columbia.edu

List other student(s) working on the event/project: N/A

How many people do you expect to attend? >3000

The event/project was advertised/pertains to the: (select all that apply)

College of Medicine Graduate School CHRP Entire Downstate Community

How was the event/project advertised?

Email Class Announcement(s) Other: Well-Known intl. heart and lung conference

Has this event/project ever been done before? Yes No If yes, when (e.g. annually)? Annually

Are there any clubs/organizations co-sponsoring this event/project? Yes No

If answered YES to the previous question, please list the clubs/organizations and how they plan to contribute (if they are contributing money, indicate how much):

Itemized Budget:

<u>Items (e.g. food, supplies, etc.)</u>	Cost per item	Total Cost (for each line)
Conference Registration	\$560	560
AirFare	\$350	350
Lodging for the 19 th	\$200	200

Total: \$1,100
minus other funding:
Asking amount: \$1,000

Funding Request:

Amount from Med Council: \$1000

University Council:

Amount from other resources (i.e. grants, department donations, etc.): I attended the AAMC conference for a medical pathway project in Novemeber 2022 through \$1000 Alumni funding and will not be elligble for a second conferene until next semester. This conference however, is unlike Medical Education, rather focused on clinical research and transplnt surgery and will allow professinoal develop and downstate presentation in a separate field.

Please include any additional information that you believe Med Council should be aware of. This is a research project conducted under a Columbia University Physician, however the submission and represented institution for my work is under SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University.

Given the long distance as well as other sessions at the conference that I would appreciate making use of, staying an additional night may be warranted if possible to be covered by University council.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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Event/Project Title: Acedemy of Academic Psychiatrists 2023 Annual Conference in Anaheim, California

Date(s) of event/project: 02/21/2023 - 02/24/2023

Brief description of event/project: Presentation of published research at AAP annual conference

Lead coordinator/planner: Elver Ho email: elver.ho@downstate.edu

List other student(s) working on the event/project: n/a

How many people do you expect to attend? Hundreds to the conference. 4-5 from Downstate

The event/project was advertised/pertains to the: (select all that apply)

College of Medicine Graduate School CHRP Entire Downstate Community

How was the event/project advertised?

Email Class Announcement(s) Other: Independent Project

Has this event/project ever been done before? Yes No If yes, when (e.g. annually)? Annually, the conference meets

Are there any clubs/organizations co-sponsoring this event/project? Yes No

If answered YES to the previous question, please list the clubs/organizations and how they plan to contribute (if they are contributing money, indicate how much):

Itemized Budget:

<u>Items (e.g. food, supplies, etc.)</u>	Cost per item	Total Cost (for each line)
Hotel	\$400	<i>\$400</i>
Plane Tickets	\$300	<i>\$300</i>
Registration Fee	\$300	<i>\$300</i>

Total: \$1000

minus other funding:

Asking amount: Up to \$1000

Funding Request:

Amount from Med Council: \$1000 University Council:

Amount from other resources (i.e. grants, department donations, etc.):

Please include any additional information that you believe Med Council should be aware of.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal! I have been funded previously by Med Council. For the 2022 year, I am currently waiting on the Alumni Association to get back to me regarding my application to them. I applied with them approximately 1-2 months ago and have not heard back regarding my status.

Please check one box:

University Council Funding ONLY Med Council Funding ONLY Other: _____

ORGANIZATION NAME: Medical History Club

PRESIDENT: Isaac Weber

VICE PRESIDENT: Matthew Kahn

BOX #: _____ TELEPHONE: 347-706-0146

TREASURER: Jacob Sabu

PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
Newly Established Club Introductory Meeting	Food: - Pizza - Snacks - Drinks		\$187.50	
First presentation / discussion event	Food: - Pizza - Snacks - Drinks		\$56.25	

USE THE BACK OF THIS FORM IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED. PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY AND CLEARLY. ILLEGIBLE REQUESTS WILL BE REJECTED.



Interim Budget Request Form

Date: 1/10/2023

Please check one box:

University Council Funding ONLY Med Council Funding ONLY Other: _____

ORGANIZATION NAME: Volleyball Club at Downstate

PRESIDENT: Mina Boutros VICE PRESIDENT: Sharon Yu

TELEPHONE: 646-964-8889 TREASURER: Anna Gao

PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
General Interest Meeting	8 Pizza Pies		\$153	
Volleyball Practice	Water bottles and Granola Bars		\$80	
Service Learning Project	Project Supplies		\$50	



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: APAMSA

Brief Description of Trip (*include Title of conference, destination, etc.*): 2023 National APAMSA Conference

Date(s) of conference or trip: March 3-5, 2023

Briefly describe the purpose of attending the event. Be specific. How will attending the event benefit you and/or your organization? Over the past two years one of our MS4's has worked really hard to increase the Downstate representation within APAMSA community locally and nationally. There are currently 4 Downstate student on the National Board of APAMSA. One of the folks going is organizing the entire conference as External VP of APAMSA. This conference will allow fourth years to attend their only APAMSA national conference, and allow us to introduce the underclassmen to APAMSA on a national level. The conference will serve as a platform to network with AANHPI physicians and colleagues across the nation, present student research, learn about the initiatives important to the AANHPI community, and most importantly, gain inspiration/ideas from attending the conference. We will bring ideas back from the conference to develop events to help build the student community within Downstate. Most importantly, we will help contribute to the DEI initiative at SUNY Downstate.

How many people, if any, will be presenting at the conference? 0

How do you plan on bringing what you have learned back to the SUNY Downstate community? We will implement initiatives we learn at the conference. The upperclassmen will remain as key mentors to the underclassmen

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

General student body Club members only E-board members only

How was the trip advertised?

Email Announcement at Meeting Other: Group Message

How many people are you requesting funding for? 6

How many people are committed to attending/travel if funding is not provided? 1

Itemized Budget:

	Per Person	X Number of persons traveling	Total Cost (for each line)
Registration	\$40	6	\$240.00
Mode of transportation	Airplane		
Travel cost	\$280	6	\$1680
Meals			
Location of Lodging	Hyatt House Portland/Downtown		
Lodging	\$200 (Two nights, shared rooms)	6	\$1200
Other	\$30 (6 one-way travel via public transportation)	6	\$180

TOTAL: \$3300.00

Funding Request:

Amount from Med Council: \$3,300.00

University Council:

Amount from other resources (i. e. grants, scholarships, etc.): \$160 - From the fact that two members going are national board members (External VP of National APAMSA and Region 2 Director). National board members receive a travel subsidy of \$80 per person.

Please include any additional information that you believe Med Council should be aware of. Our group spans all years, with members from MS1, MS3, and MS4, so that we can adequately represent Downstate. Last year, we were fortunate to receive funding from Med Council to go to the National Conference 2022, however 3 of the 4 members had to withdraw due to COVID. This year, it will be the last opportunity for the 3 fourth years to go to their first and

only National APAMSA conference during medical school. In addition, we have 1 Executive Board Member of National APAMSA who is in charge of organizing the national conference, 1 National Board Member of National APAMSA, 2 House of Delegate representatives (as APAMSA requires at 2 voting reps per chapter that aren't part of the national board or committees). 2 4th years are part of the national conference planning committee (separate from the board so don't receive travel subsidies). This would also be the first conference for the two MS1's in our group, which we hope to expose the underclassmen to what APAMSA can offer.

Please list the names of the students attending this trip/conference:

Laureen (Lon Yin) Chan - MS4, External VP of National APAMSA (National Executive Board Member), Organizer of 2023 APAMSA Conference

Crystal Choi - MS3, Region 2 Director (National Board Member)

Zachary Ye - MS4, National Conference Planning Committee

Linda Pak - MS4, National Conference Planning Committee

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