



Medical Student Council Meeting
Thursday, **January 11**, 2024 6:00 PM
Student Center Main Lounge
Minutes

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

Eric Acosta, Joya Ahmad (proxy by Hannah Brown), Srishty Amarnani (proxy by Amanda Jirgal), McKenzie Andrews, Amanda Azmi, Alberto Barrientos, Rachel Baum (proxy by Hannah Brown), Hannah Brown, Hayley Carabello, Kunika Chahal, Liam Deegan (proxy by Amanda Jirgal), Mohamed Heiba, Anna Lieberman, Michel Liu, Christopher Montalvo, Abiha Naqvi, Ijeoma Okoronwko, Kyle Reid, Alexis Roth (proxy by Amanda Jirgal), Lulu Wei (proxy by Amanda Jirgal)

Guests in Attendance:

Schuyler Hooke, Jeffrey Putman, Emma Boden, Philip Branigan, Glenn Arias, Joydeep Baidya

**Minutes recorded by Hannah Brown.
Amanda Jirgal presiding over the meeting.**

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting called to order at 6:12pm with quorum being present.

- a. Approved absences for this meeting: Lulu Wei, Alexis Roth, Joya Ahmad, Rachel Baum, Liam Deegan, Srishty Amarnani
- b. New Business
 - i. Class Updates
 - 1. 2024
 - a. **Ongoing/Repeat Issues:**
 - i. Many students have said that they do not want to buy tickets for a Spring Fling at the Brooklyn Marriott because they are dissatisfied with the venue.
 - 1. Have we paid the deposit?
 - a. Yes
 - 2. Can we have more information about why the Marriott is our best option that we can relay to the

class because they are upset and perceive that it is not the best option.

- a. 2018 the Brooklyn Museum was \$13,500 and waived the \$5,000 corporate membership fees and gave them the gallery
 - b. During the pandemic, they postponed/canceled some events, and when they went back last year, they only waived half the membership fee, and raised the price to \$19,000 and took away the gallery
 - c. This price didn't even include the rental equipment
 - d. Last year it was \$200/person which is too much
 - e. This year, they didn't waive the membership fees, and the cost went up to over \$20,000
 - f. This was way too much money for us
 - g. Schuyler looked into other venues, but they weren't big enough
 - i. BBG
 - ii. Aquarium
 - h. The Marriott is very nice according to Schuyler (it's where the alumni do their reunions)
 - i. It's very accessible by the %
 - i. Number of tickets was cut from 400 to 300 in hopes they will sell out (last year they sold less than 400)
 - j. Schuyler can look again for next year
 - k. Spring Fling will be April 1st, 2024
 - l. It will still have a beer and wine open bar!
3. Students want to have an understanding of the pricing for different graduation and spring fling venues.
- ii. Transition to Residency Meeting with Dr. Quinn
 1. Tuesday, 1/16 at 9:30am
 - iii. Match Day Details
 1. Time, number of guests allowed, RSVP info
 - a. Capacity is ~538 seats
 - b. They need to know how many people are going to come before he says how many guests they can have
 - i. Either MC24 or Dean Putman can send a survey
 - c. Now, after the pandemic they release the results at the same time the school releases, so there's no real advantage to

many holes in it and as a result there was lots of confusion leading up to the exam and possible misinterpretation of what's expected of us. It would put many worries to rest about how we are being graded (and if fairly)."

1. Dr. Putman brought this up yesterday, and Dr. Bianchi was going to look at what was said before about how it was going to be graded
 - a. If someone has a concern about their grade, they should go to Dr. Bianchi
 - ii. For Gateway II, there is no passing threshold provided or any breakdowns of the grade (percentages of each component to overall score). How will students prepare to pass before proceeding to Dedicated?
 1. Dr. Putman asked Dr. Granat to send out more details, but it's unclear if she will send those details
 2. The passing score can change (based on each exam)
 - a. They can eliminate certain questions etc. based on how people do
 - iii. Some people with accommodations have yet to hear back for Step 1 → They should reach out to Dr. Putman, because he has someone he can call
4. 2027
- a. **Ongoing/Repeat Issues:**
 - i.
 - b. **New Issues:**
 - a. Downstate made exam grade breakdown transparency (histo-path vs anatomy, OSCE vs Note, and essay grade per question) faculty has expressed support for giving specific grades but cannot due to policy. Possibly send a message to Dr. Bonnie Granat approved by all med councils.
 - i. We will be happy to co-sign anything
 - ii. Dean Brunichardi is back, so we're going to start to have meetings again
 - b. Class complaints about Dr. Ostrow leading mandatory sessions
 - i. He is retiring at the end of this year
 - ii. Some people sign in to their RRE session and then go to a different section in order to not be with him.
 1. Dr. Putman says that people should not do this, and if there are people with specific issues, they should email Dr. Putman or Dean Lazar
- ii. Trending Topics
1. **Ongoing Issues**
 - a. From comments/concerns form: When is the new accommodations officer going to be hired? There has been little communication about this person being hired with the exception of "soon". Also this accommodation officer was initially stated to

be hired by the end of the summer. Currently, responses to important emails regarding accommodations have been very slow.

- i. SUNY proposal was submitted in September for the funding, and it was initially not approved. They submitted clarification twice, and it was just approved on December 30th.
 1. The way SUNY presented this over the summer was that this was money they would get around September, so they were unaware it was going to take this long
- ii. The job description was just sent to HR, and in about a week they will post the description and they can start the hiring process
- iii. The earliest the person could possibly start would be March
 1. Because the job needs to be posted for 1 month, and the job probably won't be posted until early February
- iv. Dr. Berkowitz has been pretty responsive according to Dr. Putman, and current MC members
- v. They also got funds for 2 individual testing rooms that could be remotely proxied, for students who need private spaces for testing in addition to money for more handicap accessible bathrooms
 1. They're putting in a database to help track and communicate with students who have disabilities. This should be up and running in the Spring.

2. New Issues

- a. SFS is going to be transitioned to a "cocktail hour" of sorts for the same date and time and revamped for next year
 - i. There will be a student-faculty mixer, but it might not be on January 18th anymore (depending on faculty availability)
 - ii. We will talk to Schuyler more about this
 - iii. MS1s suggest we could do a talent show!
 1. There usually is one! The faculty would also participate, according to Dr. Putman

iii. Budget Requests -

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1. GI interest Group - **\$250**

- a. Card making event with pizza and guest speaker event with food
- b. ASK FSA TO REACTIVATE/CREATE account**
- c. They don't have a specific event planned
- d. They haven't had money in a while
 - i. They didn't request a budget last time
 - ii. This would just be a baseline \$250

2. Peds R Us - **\$300**

- a. Mentorship dinner for medical students with different pediatric subspecialties from Kings and Downstate
 - i. They need money for the dinner associated with this event
 - ii. They haven't planned an exact date, but they want to do it in February (post-unit 6 summatives)
 - iii. They haven't had an event like this in the past
 - 1. They're suspecting around 20-30 people to come
 - 2. They may need more money than this
 - iv. Currently has **\$145.48** but wants to request the extra **\$300**
- 3. Global Health Club - **\$2700**
 - a. Emory university international global health case competition
 - i. **Registration: 6 x \$100 = \$600**
 - ii. **Transport: air 6 x \$350= \$2100**
 - 1. This is based on current flight tracking information (but it could be lower!)
 - b. **NOTE:** club currently has pending transactions totalling **\$805** not reflected in the budget sheet. So club only has **\$195** of total funding left
 - c. Expecting ~2-4 med students
 - i. They are only asking for funding for the med students who are going
 - ii. Hopefully, they should know how many med students by February
 - d. In the past, Alumni Organization has funded this
 - i. They will reach out to Alumni to see if they can get funding (they'll send an email)
 - e. Emory covers the lodging and the meals
- 4. Conference funding for **Joydeep Baidya - \$1000**
 - a. Orthopedic Research Society conference in California
 - b. Registration - \$405
 - c. Airplane - \$300
 - d. Hotel (1 night) - \$300
 - e. He's already used up his Alumni funds for the year
 - f. He reached out to the orthopedics department and they said they don't have funds for medical students
 - g. The conference is in early February
 - h. The Downstate logo is on the poster
- iv. Nominees for Medical Student Council Secretary:
 - 1. Mandy Azmi

Closed Meeting:

- i. Motioned by Hannah
- ii. Seconded by Kunika
- iii. **Meeting is now closed.**

New Business

- 1.) Approval of December Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve December minutes made by Kunika
 - b. Seconded by Alberto
 - i. Vote:
 1. For - 21
 2. Against - 0
 3. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to approve December minutes

- 2) Vote for Medical Council Secretary
 - a) Mandy Azmi

Mandy Azmi elected Medical Council Secretary

- 3) Budget Requests: GI Interest Group- attachment #1
 - i) Options: Fund in full
 - ii) Motion to fund in full made by Mandy, second by Ijeoma
 - iii) Vote:
 - (1) For - 21
 - (2) Against - 0
 - (3) Abstain - 0

Motion passes to transfer \$250 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to GI Interest Group (40-70401-012-30001)

- b) Peds R Us - attachment #2
 - i) Options: Fund in full
 - ii) Motion to fund in full made by Eric, second by Kunika
 - iii) Vote:
 - 1) For - 18
 - 2) Against - 0
 - 3) Abstain - 3

Motion passes to transfer \$300 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Peds'R'Us (40-70262-012-30001)

- c) Global Health Club - attachment #3
 - i) Options: Fund registration and flights for the selected number of medical students *if* Alumni Association does not give them the money they need
 - ii) Motion to "Fund registration and flights for the selected number of medical students *if* Alumni Association does not give them the money they need" made by Anna, second by McKenzie
 - iii) Vote:
 - 1) For - 19
 - 2) Against - 0
 - 3) Abstain - 2

Motion passes to transfer the amount of money needed for medical students *IF* Alumni Association doesn't fund. We will alert the FSA if money should be transferred.

- d) Joydeep - attachment #4
 - i) Options: Fund in full
 - ii) Motion to fund in full made by Hannah, second by Abiha
 - iii) Vote:
 - 1) For - 21
 - 2) Against - 0
 - 3) Abstain - 0

Motion passes to approve a reimbursement payment of \$1,000 from Conference Funding (40-70416-012-30001) to Joydeep Baidya for trip to the conference in California.

- e) Radiology Club - attachment #5
 - i) Options: Fund \$250
 - ii) Motion to fund \$250 made by Mandy, second by Rahat
 - iii) Vote:
 - 1) For - 21
 - 2) Against - 0
 - 3) Abstain - 0

Motion passes to transfer \$250 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Radiology Club (40-70177-012-30001)

- f) Ophthalmology club - attachment #6
 - i) Options: Fund \$400
 - ii) Motion to fund \$400 made by Michel, second by Christopher
 - iii) Vote:
 - 1) For - 21
 - 2) Against - 0
 - 3) Abstain - 0

Motion passes to transfer \$400 from Programs and Projects (40-70174-012-30001) to Ophthalmology Club (40-70259-012-30001)

- g) Transfer \$10,000 for Spring Fling

Move \$10,000 from Winter Ball / Spring Fling (40-70226-012-30001) to SCGB Special Events Income (40-41006-015-30001)

Motion to end meeting by Hannah
Seconded by McKenzie

Meeting Closed at 7:47pm

Minutes were scribed by Hannah Brown

Approved by Hannah Brown - Medical Council Secretary





Please check one box:
[] University Council Funding ONLY
[x] Med Council Funding ONLY
[] Other:

ORGANIZATION NAME: GI Interest Group

PRESIDENT: Lauren Namkoong VICE PRESIDENT: Sharon Lee

TELEPHONE: 347-536-4103 TREASURER: Glenn Alvarez Arias

Table with 5 columns: PROJECT, ITEMIZED EXPENSES, AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL, AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL, AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify). Row 1: card making event w/ pizza, \$250, \$250.



Please check one box:
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[X] Med Council Funding ONLY
[] Other:

ORGANIZATION NAME: Peds R Us

PRESIDENT: Jusin Kong
VICE PRESIDENT: Yesha Desai

TELEPHONE: 914-420-8953
TREASURER: Emma Boden

Table with 5 columns: PROJECT, ITEMIZED EXPENSES, AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL, AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL, AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE. Row 1: Mentorship dinner for medical students of all years with different pediatric subspecialties MDs to network and learn about the possibilities in the pediatric field. \$300 for dinner expenses. \$0. \$300. N/A.



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: Global Health Club

Brief Description of Trip (*include Title of conference, destination, etc.*):

Emory University International Global Health Case Competition which will take place March 21, 2024 - March 24, 2024 in Atlanta, Georgia.

The case competition is an opportunity for six students to learn about, develop, and present innovative solutions for a 21st century global health problem. Each six-student team works through the same realistic case and develops their own strategic recommendations to present to a panel of judges from Emory University, the CDC, and other leading organizations, competing against 59 other national and international institutions. Judges evaluate the presentations, give feedback, and award modest cash prizes to the winning teams. Previous years' cases have included addressing vaccine hesitancy (2021), prevention and treatment of obstetric fistulas in rural India (2016), tackling gun violence due to drug trafficking in Honduras (2015), and developing organizational strategies for the World Health Organization (2014).

Date(s) of conference or trip: March 21-24 (2024)

Briefly describe the purpose of attending the event. Be specific. How will attending the event benefit you and/or your organization?

The purpose of attending the Emory Competition is to provide SUNY Downstate students with an enriching opportunity, as well as a wonderful opportunity to promote our school's name. These students will gain knowledge and practice skills that will add value to the Global Health Club and Global Health programs at SUNY Downstate.

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

How do you plan on bringing what you have learned back to the SUNY Downstate community?

The trip was advertised to the: (select all that apply) General student body Club members

General Student Body (TBA) E-board members only

How was the trip advertised?

Email (TBA) Announcement at Meeting Other:

How many people are you requesting funding for? Six

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

Revised: 08/2022

Itemized Budget:

	Per Person	X Number of persons traveling	Total Cost (for each line)
Registration	\$100	6	\$600
Mode of transportation	Airplane	6	(see "Travel cost")
Travel cost	\$350 (roundtrip flight)	6	\$2,100
Meals	Provided by Emory	6	\$0
Location of Lodging			
Lodging	Provided by Emory	6	\$0
Other			

TOTAL: \$2,700

Flight prices :

Economy Round trip Nonstop Less emissions

JetBlue	2h 33m	Nonstop	from \$302
Delta	2h 41m	Nonstop	from \$332
American	4h 6m+	Connecting	from \$335

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Funding Request:

Amount from Med Council: Proportional to number of medical students participating.

University Council: Proportional to number of non-medical students participating.

Amount from other resources (i. e. grants, scholarships, etc.): None

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

Please list the names of the students attending this trip/conference: The participants in the Emory Competition have not been selected yet. When the participants are selected, we will let Med Council know as well as the number of participants who are medical students.



INDEPENDENT STUDENT INTERIM BUDGET REQUEST FORM

This form is to be used by students who would like funding for an event or project but have no club affiliations. **Before considering acting independently of a club, please make every effort to work in conjunction with an already existing organization/club that shares similar interests.** Funding for any projects/events will be provided at the discretion of Med Council and shall be based on the following criteria:

- Available Med Council Funds
- Merits of the student(s) which may include but are not limited to:
 - Frequency and quality of the work and activities performed
 - Size and diversity of the event's attendees
 - Past budget requests and money usage

Any event/project must have a lead coordinator who will ultimately be responsible in making sure that all forms are properly filled out, all receipts are attached and whom Med Council can correspond with. 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.

Student(s) are reminded to keep all receipts pertaining to the event/project for proper and full reimbursement. Please consult with Kristen Diorio and/or the Med Council treasurer at mcbtreasurer@gmail.com to ensure all required forms are appropriately filled out as well as with any other questions.

Event/Project Title: Orthopaedic Research Society 2024 Annual Meeting

Safety And Efficacy Of A Single-stage Versus Two-stage Intramedullary Nailing For Synchronous Impending Or Pathologic Fractures Of Bilateral Femur For Oncologic Indications: A Systematic Review Of Literature

Date(s) of event/project: February 3-4, 2024

Brief description of event/project: Poster presentation at a national conference

Lead coordinator/planner: Joydeep Baidya email: joydeep.baidya@downstate.edu

List other student(s) working on the event/project: Patrick Nian, Vanathi Ganesan

How many people do you expect to attend? 2 medical students from Downstate. Hundreds to thousands of attendees at the conference.

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: N/A

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)
Registration	\$405	\$405
Airplane Tickets	\$300	\$300
Hotel x 1 night	\$300	\$300

Total: \$1000
minus other funding:
Asking amount: \$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.

Presenting this poster would allow me to proudly represent Downstate on the national stage by informing others about our innovative research involvements. Thank you for considering my application, and for providing Downstate medical students opportunities to advance their medical education and training.



11/28/2023

Please check one box:

University Council Funding ONLY Med Council Funding ONLY Other: _____

ORGANIZATION NAME: The Radiology Club

PRESIDENT: Mousa Payinkay

VICE PRESIDENT: Monique Leninen

BOX #: _____ TELEPHONE: 6466449746

TREASURER: Armann Shah

PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
Program coordinator of the Memorial Sloan Kettering summer program attending Downstate to speak about the program	\$500 for food		\$500	



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Attachment #6 Interim Budget Request Form

Date: 9 / 21 / 23

Please check one box:

University Council Funding ONLY Med Council Funding ONLY Other: _____

ORGANIZATION NAME: DMSU Ophthalmology
 PRESIDENT: Zam Queneshi VICE PRESIDENT: Alissa Belzic
 TELEPHONE: 571-239-2147 TREASURER: Ezanna Mesfin

PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
Faculty Panel	Food: Pizza, soda, etc.		\$ 200.00	
Vision Screening Fair Supplies	October - \$10 - 15.00 Alcohol pads - \$6.00 Pen light - \$10.00 Batteries Wall chart - \$8.00		\$40.00	
Eye Glasses Drive	Pizza - \$70.00 - Box shipping - \$50.00		\$70.00 \$50.00	
Shinder Oculoplastic Meeting	Pizza - \$70.00		\$50.00 \$70.00	

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