



Medical Student Council Meeting
Thursday, February 22, 2024 6:00 PM
Student Center Main Lounge
Minutes

Voting Members in Attendance: Eric Acosta, Joya Ahmad, Rahat Elahi, Srishty Amarnani (proxy by Alexis Roth), McKenzie Andrews (proxy by Anna Leiberman), Amanda Azmi, Alberto Barrientos, Rachel Baum, Hannah Brown, Hayley Carabello (proxy by Joya Ahmad), Liam Deegan, Rahat Elahi (proxy by Hannah Brown), Mohamed Heiba, Amanda Jirgal, Christopher Montalvo, Abiha Naqvi, Kyle Reid, Alexis Roth, Lulu Wei (proxy by Alexis Roth)

Approved Absences: Michel Liu, Lulu Wei, Rahat Elahi, Ijeoma Okoronkwo, Kunika Chahal

Guests in Attendance: Sarah Chaudhary

**Minutes recorded by Amanda Azmi.
Amanda Jirgal presiding over the meeting.**

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting called to order at [1805] with quorum being present.

1.) New Business

- a. New hires
 - i. processing takes approx 6 months for a new position to be approved
 - ii. director of accessibility services new job posting is waiting to be approved before it gets posted
- b. Meetings with Dr Brunicardi
 - i. will resume - invites to each class med council lunch/early dinner to be determined soon; fourth years are starting first
- c. From Adam:
 - i. Does anyone have a suggestion for a giveaway for Earth Day please let me know

ASAP I need to order them next week. Any likes/dislikes from last year?

1. asking for \$1200-1500 to work with E-board about what to give out on Earth Day (4/22), he is also asking for feedback on last year's event and is looking for suggestions!
 - a. one of the few entire campus wide events, last year was attended by 600+ people
 - ii. Student/Faculty Mixer
 1. wants to confirm that Med Council is on board, 4/3/24 in the evening
 2. if this event goes well then perhaps we can plan it for the fall
 - iii. Spring Fling
 1. COME! Nursing and Public health is now open to RSVP; roughly less than 100 tickets are left; last day to buy is whenever tickets run out
 2. transfer 10K to the account that has already been budgeted
 3. \$500
 4. \$500 from MC to transfer from projects to suturing for needles
 - iv. Lounges for students on clinicals
 1. funding for food and snacks in the lounges but ensuring not to take food home because it's for all the students using the lounge
 2. reserve funding to go to the lounges
 - a. Dean Putman wants to make sure that the reserves try to be used fairly and equally among the future classes
 - b. ideas for having a set lounge amount of money given
 - c. \$3000 used for ms1/ms2 mixer, proposition for a ms3/ms4 mixer or still encouraging MS3s to have an event for their class for morale boosting!
 - v. Updated Constitution
 1. constitution was updated a few months ago
 2. Once Adam and Med Council read the updated version, then all students will be given the chance to read it and vote on it
 - a. Adam will read it and get back to us next week
- d. Class Updates
1. 2024
 - a. **Ongoing/Repeat Issues:**
 - i. Transition to residency
 1. would be mostly in person sessions taking place over 2 week
 - b. **New Issues:**
 - i. Elective contact updates, many don't respond
 1. Also no information or guidance for many electives - not hearing when to show up, when trying to set up an elective people are not responding, multiple coordinators have been emailed trying to get elective rotations with scant reply, students asking if registrar can confirm contacts are UTD; there is information on banner for the elective rotation description but some electives have no description
 2. Dr Lazar says students should email him; Dr Putnam will talk to the registrar to seek help updating the banner; weekly reminders are sent

to preceptors who do not submit grades on time, and states sometimes the grades/evaluations have to be scanned into the system and could take longer; if there have been missing grades since 1 month please send an email to student affairs

ii. Graduation

1. How to handle ticket swaps/extra tickets
 - a. Schyuler in charge
 - b. last year there were enough spots for each graduating students to have 6 tickets; there was also a lottery for those who wanted extra tickets- this year there will likely also be a lottery system
 - c. Dean Putman will double check with Schyuler to inquire about tickets
 - d. the survey was done
2. Food - March 1 deadline for food restrictions
3. Hooders garb, MD/DO/MBBS can all hood?
 - a. if you have a complete gown/cap/hood (tam hat) as long as you have a complete set with hood you can wear it
 - b. pricing is online
 - c. hoods can be DO, as long as the person is a physician
4. Designated hooders chosen?
 - a. Schyuler in charge

iii. Match day: can other people hand out items in the morning besides us?

1. Schyuler to answer the question
2. help with handing out T-shirts, flyers, - first years have summatives that week but student workers are needed for help!
3. COM2024 will be doing champagne toast at breakfast before letters are opened

2. 2025

a. **Ongoing/Repeat Issues:**

- i. MS4 scheduling information - the meetings we have had have been helpful, but we still don't know the exact setup of the lottery and that makes applying for away rotations very difficult
 1. lottery change to how students are registering for rotations but students do not have a list of dates for when this is happening
 - a. Dean to send out information next week (ideally Monday or Tuesday)

b. **New Issues:**

- i. NBME reports from shelf exams
 1. there has been a disparity with how COM is notifying students- some schedules depending on the speciality are more in depth and give complete

information but other subjects have no information provided

- a. ie neurology feedback is thorough and comprehensive and useful, comparable to the STEP feedback; OB/GYN had no score report, IM had no score report
- b. students requesting for specific and individual score reports so the discrepancies are dealt with and students are transparent

3. 2026

a. **Ongoing/Repeat Issues:**

- i. Thank you for sharing the passing threshold for Gateway 2 Clinical NBME. Can a further grading breakdown for the other Gateway 2 components be transparent for those remediating?
 1. if a further grading breakdown is possible: MS2s received a very helpful breakdown for clinical diagnosis about percentiles needed to pass, their performance, but other categories minimal feedback was given
 - a. in prior years students were requesting more information to prepare for retakes and future note writing on clinicals, students receiving only "p" or "f"
 - b. PBLI and iCDA shelf are the only sections where feedback is given
 2. Dean Putman will relay the information

b. **New Issues:**

- i. Transition to Clerkship schedule
 1. Plan to be on campus 9-5 that week, monday of the week is Spring Fling; approx 1 hour given for lunch daily

4. 2027

a. **Ongoing/Repeat Issues:**

i.

b. **New Issues:**

- a. Would like more transparency about our academic performance
 - i. hearing from PBL facilitators and instructors about rumors of declining academic status
 - ii. Dean Lazar and Dr Putman assuring the class that such information is not true, and that any disclosing of academic performance is unprofessional, Dean Lazar reaching out to ask if PBL facilitators are privy to knowing class grades
 1. students can share on Kudos and concerns
 - a. https://downstate.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eIXjsaZTDSosHr
 - b. it is absolutely anonymous unless you put your name on it

- e. Budget Requests
 - i. **Urology Club - Sarah (representative from the club) to present**
 - 1. **Match panel Social**
 - a. **Pizza - \$200**
 - b. **Utensils - 15**
 - c. **Total - 215**
 - 2. **Braid Mission card making event**
 - a. **Empanadas - \$210**
 - 3. **Grand total = \$425**
 - ii.

Closed Meeting:

- i. Motioned by Anna
- ii. Seconded by MO

iii. Meeting is now closed.

New Business

- 1.) Approval of MONTH Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve February minutes made by Joya
 - b. Seconded by Mandy
 - i. Vote:
 - 1. For - 18
 - 2. Against - none
 - 3. Abstain - none

Motion passes to approve February minutes

- 2) Budget Requests:
 - a) Urology Club - attachment #1
 - i) Options: fund in full
 - ii) Motion to fund in full made by Chris, second by Hannah
 - iii) Vote:
 - (1) For - 18
 - (2) Against - none
 - (3) Abstain - none

Motion passes to transfer \$425 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Urology Club (40-70274-012-30001)

SPECIAL EVENTS (SPE)

- iv) Budget Requests:
 - (1) Spring Fling attachment #1
 - (a) Options: transfer money to spring fling

(b) Motion to transfer money for Spring Fling made by Anna, second by Liam

(c) Vote:

- (i) For – 18
- (ii) Against – none
- (iii) Abstain – none
- (iv) Abstain – none

***** this motion was already approved as referenced in the January 2024 minutes, updated budget online is not reflected*****

(2) Budget Requests:

(a) Earth Day-

- (i) Options: fund in full up to \$2,000
- (ii) Motion to fund in full made by Mo, second by Alexis
- (iii) Vote: passes unanimously
 - 1. For – 18
 - 2. Against – none
 - 3. Abstain – none

Motion passes to transfer \$2000 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to SCGB Special Events 40-41006-015-30001

(3) Budget Requests:

(a) Student Organization Leadership training

- (i) Options: fund in full
- (ii) Motion to fund in full made by Alexis, second by Kyle
- (iii) Vote:
 - 1. For – 18
 - 2. Against – none
 - 3. Abstain – none

Motion passes to transfer \$358 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Student Leadership Training (40-70388-012-30001)

(4) Budget Requests:

(a) Zoom account funding

- (i) options: fund in full
- (ii) Motion to fund in full made by Kyle, seconded by Abiha
- (iii) vote:
 - 1. For- 18
 - 2. against - none
 - 3. abstain - none

Motion passes to transfer \$150 from Zoom Account (40-70413-012-30001) to SCGB Special Events 40-41006-015-30001

(5) Budget Requests:

(a) Suturing Equipment Account

- (i) Options: fund suturing club \$500
- (ii) Motion to fund in full made by Eric, second by Chris
- (iii) Vote:

1. For - 18
2. Against - none
3. Abstain - none

Motion passes to transfer \$500 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Suturing Equipment (40-70410-012-30001)

Motion to end meeting by Chris Montalvo

Seconded by Mandy Azmi

Meeting Closed at 7:45 pm

Minutes were scribed by Amanda Azmi

Approved by Amanda Azmi - Medical Council Secretary