



Medical Student Council Meeting  
Thursday, October **10th** , 2024 at 6:00 PM  
Student Center Main Lounge  
\*\*\*Minutes\*\*\*

1. Approved absences for this meeting: Rachel Baum

Meeting called to quorum at 6:08 pm

2. New Business

- a. Adam - Thanksgiving Dinner 11/19, tickets are on sale now!! Tiered pricing is so there is an appropriate amount of food to order without getting too much; right now tickets are \$5
  - i. Halal turkey will be served
  - ii. If someone wants to buy a ticket for someone else (ie a student who is unavailable to pick up tickets) that is okay too! You don't need to be in person
- b. Dan Green MS2 President of Global Health Club
  - i. Coming to speak because as of now an abroad elective is only credited if the region is classified as a Level 1 travel advisory country which limits students who want credit; most faculty do work in level 2 and level 3 countries and students who are in those places now are not getting credit. Most other nearby NY schools allow travel to level 2 areas and therefore has created a small space for SUNY Downstate students to travel
    1. Per Dr Putman the worry is that if the institution approves students going to Level 2 or 3 places, there is additional liability and fear of students being hurt abroad, by giving credit for going to level 1 places the school is accepting responsibility for the student's safety. In years prior there was concern over students who were injured abroad. Dr Putman asked our attorney to reach out to Stonybrook who currently allows Level 2 travel
- c. Class Updates
  - i. 2025
    1. **Ongoing/Repeat Issues:**

- a. Residency application communication & timelines
  - i. Applications are in! Letters were uploaded very last minute, students wish communication was improved so students knew when letters were coming out. An issue that has been raised is that students are panicked for not having proper letter updates. Standardized letters and evaluations are necessary for residency applications and students are lost to communication with faculty and having evals submitted close to ERAS due dates. Since students have to do this every year, there should be more communication among faculty and letter writers to improve efforts. Standardization and guidance for students should be done to help students have more trust in the match process.
    - 1. Per Dr Putman, new programs branched from ERAS (ie Ob/Gyn) are new to letter writers, but that does not mean they should be transparent with students and letting them know when letters will be submitted
- b. Elective registration/documentation/clearance
  - i. Currently the way 4th year electives work - evals are written by hand and cannot be seen by students and eventually they are uploaded as a grade and students have no way of knowing if there were additional comments
    - 1. Per Dr Putman this is one of the last paper-friendly strategies used and it is used per attending preference. At some point this year, the electives will be moved online (new innovations)
- c. Losing rotation time
  - i. Students have said certain electives (Psychiatry one of them) have had time reduced because of lack of students receiving information on where to go/report to and when, and students being unaware of rotations

## **2. New Issues:**

- a. Mock interviews and interview space
  - i. Students did not get info about the existence of Mock interviews until after apps were submitted and only 6 specialties were offered. The 6 specialties that have agreed to this have not reached out to students for interview planning either. For future years there should be earlier mock interviews as well as interview information sent out by admin to help students be more prepared

ii. AOA

1. Students who were just informed of AOA status not being able to put that on their residency applications due to delay of information being sent, which adds to work load

- a. Per Dr Putman a solution is coming in the next 2 months

b. Pathway leadership - HEAL & MedEd

- i. The HEAL pathway just had applications go out, current MS2s never got the application, and yesterday 10/9 the application came out to current MS2s. This is further emphasizing the need for additional non-student leadership to strengthen the pathway
  - ii. MedEd pathway has a student lead steering committee that works closely with faculty and perhaps the same could be done with HEAL

ii. 2026

1. **Ongoing/Repeat Issues:**

- a. Student lounges restocked! Link of items for future reference: [Copy of Student Lounges Order 9.24 - Google Sheets](#)

2. **New Issues:**

3. **From September:**

- 1) Students still being told they're not allowed to have remote Healthbridge access (sent emails to Dr. Putman)
  - a) CIO currently has proof of the issues and they are currently figuring out where the miscommunication is coming from. When this was going on students were emailing Dr Putman who was directly asking for access, and students have not come to him in the past 3 weeks so we are hoping the issue is fixed.
- 2) What is our class's Step 1 pass rate?
  - a) Per Dr Putman the pass rate has dropped as well as the national pass rate but he does not know the specific rate
- 3) From comments/concerns: "Responsiveness to emails for clerkship coordinators and their assisting staff. The surgery clerkship email has never replied to an email unless the director has been personally copied in, as is the same with the psychiatry clerkship. It is incredibly frustrating to be held to a professional standard and not receive any response when pertinent questions/concerns are being asked."
  - a) Note: the coordinator for surgery and psychiatry are the same person

- b) This is the same coordinator who has sent incredibly last-minute emails informing students of mandatory events hours before they happen. Can something be done? Any updates for hiring?
- c) Per Dr Putman the wheels are in motion for hiring new coordinators

iii. 2027

1. **Ongoing/Repeat Issues:**

a.

2. **New Issues:**

- a. Unit 5 summative week does not have a break despite there being no holiday until the following Monday. Students are worried about not having their mid-week study day before essays and NBME.
  - i. Dr Putman will investigate and get back to us
- b. Students are curious as to why we have 2 less days of winter break than previous years
  - i. Dr Putman will look into this and get back to us

iv. 2028

1. **Ongoing/Repeat Issues:**

- a. Previous concerns discussed last meeting
  - i.

2. **New Issues:**

- a. Request to receive unit schedules (mid unit exams in particular) further in advance to help with scheduling, planning and travel around holidays.
  - i. Per Dean Putman- will be looking into it

d. Trending Topics

i. **Ongoing Issues**

- 1. Request for creamer in the student lounges

ii. **New Issues**

- 1. Global health only allowed to travel to level 1 countries.

e. Budget Requests

i. Association of Women Surgeon

- 1. \$500 AWS/AMWA Annual Mentorship Dinner, 11/21/2024
  - a. Funding is going toward catering from Cafe 101 who they have partnered with in the past as well as small gifts for lectures that have not been thought of yet
  - b. University Council, AMWA have already funded the event
  - c. Last year we funded \$500

ii. Book Club Without Borders - New Club **Create FSA Account**

- 1. \$100 - First Club Book meeting with snacks
- 2. \$150 - Food for first meeting

iii. First Generation Healthcare Professionals (FGHP) - New Club **CREATE**

### **FSA ACCOUNT**

1. New Club start up requesting \$250 for Step 1 Event
- iv. Social Justice for Palestine (SJP) - New Club **Create FSA Account**
  1. Retroactively fund \$250 for interest meeting per Adams Request
- v. Gabriel Luce Conference Funding
  1. MedED pathway student working on an AI curriculum for med students - his advisor Dr Quinn and Dr Bianchi have suggested we submit a Table Talk to talk about integrating AI in medical schools to share the progress that has been made and facilitate a discussion. The presentation is just oral with a discussion happening after. Alumni association has granted him \$895.04, the event is in Atlanta, he is asking medical council to cover the additional funds, \$217.55
- vi. APAMSA Conference
  1. Requesting \$1635 for 3 members to attend National Conference
  2. Nov 16th, haven't been accepted yet
  3. Alumni Association is only funding 2 people, last year a hepatitis B screening event was done → research was done on that event and now they want to present the research at an APAMSA Conference in San Diego, they are asking Med Council to fund 3 additional members. They do not know if they will be accepted until the end of the month.
    - a. APAMSA travel grant was inquired, but maximum they would only fund \$100 total.
- vii. Sanjeda Patwari
  1. Requesting \$1000 11/9 conference for presenting a Med ED project based on ob/gyn ultrasound curriculum with trauma-informed care that was created
  2. She received the maximum amount from Alumni Association already
- viii. Reallocate funding for med council lounge from Class reserves to splitting between COM25 and COM26
  1. Class reserves should be used for special events and in case of low funds

Ijeoma motioned to close the meeting 649, Hannah seconded

### **MOTION PASSES to close the meeting**

1. Motion to approve October minutes made by Hannah Brown
  - a. Seconded by Hayley Carabello
    - i. Vote:
      1. For - 20
      2. Against - 0
      3. Abstain - 0

### **MOTION PASSES to approve the November minutes**

### 3. Closed Meeting

#### a. Budget Requests

##### i. Book Club Without Borders - Attachment #1

###### 1. Motion to fund \$250

###### a. Vote to fund in full

i. Yes - 21

ii. No - 0

iii. Abstain - 0

**MOTION PASSES to transfer \$250 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Book Club Without Borders (needs FSA account)**

##### ii. FGHP - Attachment #2

###### 1. Motion to fund \$250

###### a. Vote to fund in full

i. Yes - 21

ii. No - 0

iii. Abstain - 0

**MOTION PASSES to transfer \$250 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to First Generation Healthcare Professionals (needs FSA account)**

##### iii. SJP

###### 1. Motion to fund \$250

###### a. Vote to fund in full

i. Yes - 21

ii. No - 0

iii. Abstain - 0

**MOTION PASSES to transfer \$250 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Students for Justice in Palestine (needs FSA account)**

##### iv. APAMSA Conference - Attachment #3

###### 1. Option not to fund at all, option to fund one additional person, give each presenter \$100 so \$300 total

###### a. Vote to not fund at all

i. Yes - 18

ii. No - 3

iii. Abstain - 0

**MOTION PASSES to not provide funding for the APAMSA Conference**

##### v. Sanjeda Patwari - Attachment #4

###### 1. Option to fund everything except food, \$910

###### 2. Motion to fund \$910

###### a. Vote to fund \$910

i. Yes - 20

ii. No - 0

iii. Abstain - 1

**MOTION PASSES to transfer \$910 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Sanjeda Patwari for conference funding**

- vi. Gabriel Luce - Attachment #5
  - 1. Conference funding for the difference, \$217.55
    - a. Vote to fund \$217.55 in full
      - i. Yes - 21
      - ii. No - 0
      - iii. Abstain - 0

**MOTION PASSES to transfer \$217.55 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Gabriel Luce for conference funding**

- vii. Association of Women's Surgeons - Attachment #6
  - 1. Motion to fund \$500 for dinner
    - a. Vote to fund \$500 in full
      - i. Yes - all
      - ii. No - 0
      - iii. Abstain - 0

**MOTION PASSES to transfer \$500 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Association of Women's Surgeons (40-70291-012-30001)**

- viii. Lounge funding - pre approved funding from last meeting
  - 1. Motion to reapprove
    - a. Vote to reapprove
      - i. Yes - all
      - ii. No - 0
      - iii. Abstain - 0

**MOTION PASSES to transfer the already pre approved motion of \$700 from COM 2025 (40-72025-012-30001) and \$700 from COM 2026 (40-72026-012-30001) to restock the student lounge (see September minutes)**

Motion to close the meeting at 7:49 pm made by Ijeoma, seconded by Hannah

**MOTION PASSES to close the meeting**



Amanda Azmi, Secretary

Attachment #1

Book Club Without Borders

☐ University Council Funding ONLY

☒ Med Council Funding ONLY

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION NAME: Book Club Without Borders

PRESIDENT: William Carter VICE PRESIDENT: Sarah H

TELEPHONE: 951 719 5076 TREASURER: Daniel De Leon

PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
Purchase several loaner copies of our first book, and provide snacks for our first book discussion.	\$100/10 paperbacks as loaners, \$150/food for our first meeting		\$250	



Attachment #2

First Generation Healthcare Professionals

☐ University Council Funding ONLY

☒ Med Council Funding ONLY

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ VICE PRESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ TREASURER: \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
Step 1 Event	\$100 - Food (Lenny's Pizza)		\$100	

### Attachment #3

#### Itemized Budget:

	Per Person	X Number of persons traveling	Total Cost (for each line)
Registration	\$35	5	175
Mode of transportation	Flight & uber		
Travel cost	\$350	5	1750
Meals	60	5	300
Location of Lodging	Sheraton La Jolla		
Lodging	50 per person x 2 nights	5 people	500
Other			

TOTAL: 2725

#### Funding Request:

Amount from Med Council: 1635

University Council:

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

Alumni Association - up to \$800 for two people  
Applied for APAMSA Travel Grant Subsidy - TBD how much we will receive

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

MedCouncil or University Council cover the expenses of the other members.

Attachment #4

Itemized Budget:

Items (e.g. food, supplies, etc.)	Cost per item	Total Cost (for each line)
AAMC Learn Serve Lead registration	\$570	\$570
Round Trip Flight (JFK-ATL)	\$341.20	\$341.20
Food per day	\$30	\$90

Total: \$1001.20  
minus other funding:  
Asking amount: \$1000.00

Attachment #5

## Gabriel Luce Conference Funding

**Itemized Budget:**

<u>Items (e.g. food, supplies, etc.)</u>	Cost per item	Total Cost (for each line)
Air Travel (LGA-ATL round trip)	237.95	237.95
Lodging x 1 night	293.84	293.84
Conference Registration	\$570	\$570
Public Transportation - NYC	\$2.90 x 2	\$5.80
Public Transportation - Atlanta	\$2.50 x 2	\$5.00

Total: 1112.59  
minus other funding: (895.04)  
Asking amount: 217.55

Attachment #6

## Association of Women Surgeon

<input type="checkbox"/> University Council Funding ONLY		<input type="checkbox"/> Med Council Funding ONLY		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>University council and med council funding</u>
Please check one box:				
ORGANIZATION NAME: <u>Association of Women Surgeons</u>				
PRESIDENT: <u>Sasha Balkaran</u>		VICE PRESIDENT: <u>Aayushi Jha</u>		
BOX #: _____ TELEPHONE: <u>3476757157</u>		TREASURER: <u>Sanjeda Patwari</u>		
PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
AWS/AMWA Annual Mentorship Dinner	Cafe 101 cost around \$25-\$30 per person. Last year charged \$1800 for 60 people, but this actually fed 75 people. Expecting to have ~115 participants. Will order for -80 people this time total -\$2000	\$500	\$500	Alumni association: \$500 COM Deans office: \$500 COM surgery department: \$500 office of diversity & education: \$500 Dean of student affairs: \$500