



Medical Student Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 13 at 6:00 PM
Student Center Main Lounge
Minutes

1. Approved absences for this meeting: Shadman, Hannah, Mandy, Rachel, Kyle, Ijoema, Eric, Abiha, Chris
2. Student Faculty show - (Response from Adam) This was canceled at your request, Schuyler is looking at the idea of doing a Talent show in Mid-January
3. New Business
 - a. Class Updates
 - i. 2025
 1. **Absence policy for EM rotation- is match day automatically given off or do students have to use up one of their 3 absences for it?**
Double-checking, but yes
 2. **Health insurance policies/status for students who take a leave of absence?**
Still an issue but trying to get an alternative for LOA students
 - ii. 2026
 1. **Step 1 pass rate?**
86%. Now national average has dropped to 90% (has been decreasing for the past three years)
Admin is considering early intervention for students struggling academically during Foundations before Step 1. There seems to be a correlation for # of IDs and students failing Step 1
Almost 30% of the class delaying Step 1 — but delaying is not increasing the rate of passing
Dean Lazar described a “6 point plan” but concrete resources to offer are coming later
People get healthbridge access now, thank you!
 - iii. 2027
 - **Male students not getting paternity break**
According to Dean Putman, all students who are new parents should get the time off they need. He’s not aware of someone requesting paternity leave, so please clarify or contact Student Affairs
 - Students have not received any information or guidance about Step 1 registration/ preparation

iv. 2028

1. From comments/concerns form:

- a. This pertains to Unit 1 summatives. I wasn't going to mention anything initially but after hearing this from a large number of students I feel compelled to say something. I'm honestly concerned with the lack of standardization in grading practices between both OSCE and histo proctors. I've been told by a number of students that their OSCE proctors prompted them to do a test if the student had forgotten to do so, and otherwise gave students hints throughout the practical. To be clear, if this was the exception I wouldn't bother mentioning anything, but I'm honestly baffled by the number of times I've heard this. I was also discussing the histo practical with a group of students this week and was told that in response to a point-out, their histo proctor told the student "not quite, why don't I circle back" implying that the student's answer was incorrect and giving them another opportunity to answer the question?? We all obviously work hard and I just find it really discouraging when certain practices are **allowed/in-place that unfairly disadvantage a subset of students.**

Dr. Quinn leads regular "Faculty Development" meetings that prepare proctors; this can be brought up.

(Standardization is valid, but most IDs are due to NBMEs or essays, not the OSCE.)

- b. A lot of people around me agree that the pops quiz should open earlier. Many times we finish the cases early and we have to wait for the pops test to open before using our time to do anything else. It's frustrating because we could use that time to go to the library and study, but instead we sit in the carrels waiting for the quiz to open.
- c. **SLC discrepancy between the chair decided by number of votes or decided amongst themselves.**
Nick Cromie (now Student Affairs) pointed out the student manual indicates the latter.
- d. Opening up available School of Public Health rooms instead of locking students out

b. Adam:

i. Sex-in-medicine month

1. Thank you for the support!

ii. Thanksgiving Dinner

1. As of November 6th only 16 tickets left, thank you for helping push this event and making it successful!

c. Trending Topics

i. **Ongoing Issues**

1. Student health requiring drug tests to sign health clearance forms for away institutions despite written confirmation that the

institutions do not want a drug test

2. Constitution: need to send out constitution for student body vote
 - a. (Response from Adam) Ask Schuyler for help with sending this out, he can make the qualtrics with ease

ii. New Issues

- d. Budget Requests
 - i. PHR Honorarium for speaker \$300
 - ii. Gingerbread house mentorship for FM

4. Closed Meeting at 7:23 PM
Motioned by McKenzie, seconded by Hend
Vote:
For - 15
Against - 0
Abstain - 0

Motion passes to close the meeting

- a. Budget Requests
 - i. Family Medicine Interest Group: Gingerbread Event Attachment #1
 1. Motion: Fund in Full
 2. Vote:
 - a. For - 15
 - b. Against - 0
 - c. Abstain - 0

MOTION PASSES to transfer \$225 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Family Medicine Interest Group (40-70347-012-30001)

- ii. PHR: Honorarium for Speaker Attachment #2
 1. Motion: Option to fund \$300 for honorarium
 - a. Vote:
 - i. For - 14
 - ii. Against - 1
 - iii. Abstain - 0

MOTION PASSES to transfer \$225 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Physicians for Human Rights (40-70369-012-30001)

Motion to approve November meeting minutes made by Rahat, seconded by Alberto

1. Vote
 - a. For - 15
 - b. Against - 0
 - c. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to approve November meeting minutes

Motion to end meeting made by Rahat Elahi, seconded by Alberto

1. Vote
 - a. For - 15
 - b. Against - 0
 - c. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to end the meeting

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Azmi'.

Amanda Azmi, Medical Council Secretary



Please check one box:

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University Council Funding ONLY

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Med Council Funding ONLY

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Other: _____.

ORGANIZATION NAME: **Family Medicine Interest Group**

Attachment #1

PRESIDENT: Sarah Jadoo

VICE PRESIDENT:

Netanel Yomtov

BOX #:

TELEPHONE:

TREASURER: Claire O'Laughlin

PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
Gingerbread House Mentorship Initiative Event	\$225 22 Gingerbread houses Candy/Royal Icing		\$225	

Interim Budget Request Form

Date: 11/12/2024

Attachment #2

Please check one box:

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 ☐ Other: _____

ORGANIZATION NAME: Physicians for Human Rights at Downstate

PRESIDENT: Anastasia Bui

VICE PRESIDENT: Jessica Murphy

TELEPHONE: 917-912-0994

TREASURER: Cheryn Aouaj

PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
Movie screening and talk	Honorarium for speaker		\$300	