



Medical Student Council Meeting
Medical Student Council Meeting
Tuesday, October **14th** , 2025 at 6:00 PM
Student Center Main Lounge
Agenda

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

Mohammed Shah, Shadman Kazi, Mike Lynch, Dominic Williams, Samantha Lam, Hend Heikal, Abiha Naqvi, Chris Montalvo, Michel Liu, Genesis Rodriguez, Coleman Yorke, Gretchen Mackie, Abigail Yuhan, Matthew Rubin, Eric Hakimi, Eric Acosta

Guests in Attendance:

Dr. Putman, Sasha Balkaran, Charlotte Walden

Called to order at 6:15 PM by Christopher Montalvo.

Approved absences for this meeting: Hannah Brown, Rahat Elahi, Mandy Azmi, Kyle Reid, Ijeoma Okoronkwo, Kunika Chahal

Minutes recorded by Shadman Kazi.

Christopher Montalvo presiding over the meeting.

1. New Business

a. Class Updates

i. 2026

1. **Ongoing/Repeat Issues:**

a. Graduation Date

- i. Still not confirmed as contract talks are still ongoing on. New venues are being looked at

trying to prevent reduction of tickets. The goal week is the week of May 11th (assuming no issues).

2. New Issues:

- a. AOA selection process transparency
 - i. 6-point process. Top 2 quartiles (50%) can apply, write an essay, CV: activities, pubs, involvement. A more holistic approach compared to previous years (only 20% gets inducted vs top 20% like previous years). Resilience, community service, no point minimum. New officers are working on updating website
 - ii. Dr. Putman will look back on AOA Constitution regarding the transparency requirements.

ii. 2027

1. Ongoing/Repeat Issues:

- a. Snacks/water during shelf exams
 - i. Still waiting on update but did not receive one before meeting.
- b. Kings county clearance
 - i. Dean Brunicardi and Dean Lazar met with Chief Academic Officer who stated was not aware of change in appointments leading to lateness and is working on modifications.

2. New Issues:

- a. Wrong NBME ordered for accessibility room, some students given OBGYN shelf and others didn't have an exam. Students had to wait approximately an hour to receive the correct exam. One student took their OBGYN exam while others in the room talked while waiting for the issue to be corrected.
 - i. Dr. Putman will talk to Dr. ____ about this as he is seeing her tomorrow.
- b. Students are wondering how AoA and class rankings will work in reference to students who took research years and are now joining our class considering that grade cutoffs have changed.

- i. You are considered in the year you are a senior (ex: COM 26 that takes research year will be considered in 27)

iii. 2028

1. **Ongoing/Repeat Issues:**

a.

2. **New Issues:**

- a. Clarification Regarding Gateway 2 During Unit 5 Summative Week and Grade Structure Now.
 - i. No Unit 5 OSCE and instead is giving gateway OSCE in that slot. Grades seem to be solely NBME PC and midunit PC. SAM is still occurring. Dean Putman stated he needs to follow up on this.

iv. 2029

1. **Ongoing/Repeat Issues:**

a.

2. **New Issues:**

- a. Budget clarification – we have heard conflicting information about what our budget for the year is and would like a confirmed number.
 - i. It's being decided by Daniel Minnock and should know by next week.
- b. COM-Specific Merch – clarification on College of Medicine-specific items both Patagonia and storewide.
 - i. Follow-up with Adam as he returns 10/15. Patagonia will be added to school store (approved last week) and Adam is working on it.

b. Trending Topics

i. **Ongoing Issues**

1.

ii. **New Issues**

1.

c. Budget Requests

i. AIM - **\$228**

- 1. Pizza - \$142
- 2. Garlic Knots - \$45
- 3. Plates - \$9

4. Napkins - \$2
5. Drinks - \$30
- ii. AMWA x AWS - **\$1000 or co-Sponsorship**
 1. AMWA and AWS each using \$500 from their budgets.
 2. Sponsorship (\$500) from Dean's Office.
 3. Pending amount from Alumni Association.
 4. Denied from usual source due to budget cuts (Office of Diversity Education and Research).

Closed Meeting:

- i. Motioned by Chris Montalvo
- ii. Seconded by Eric Acosta
- iii. **Meeting is now closed.**

New Business

- a. Approval of September Minutes
 - i. Option to approve meeting minutes by Chris
 - ii. Motion to approve meeting minutes by Mike, seconded by Shadman
 1. For - 17
 2. Against - 0
 3. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to approve September minutes

- b. Budget Requests
 - i. AIM – Attachment #1
 1. Option to fund in full by Eric
 2. Motion to fund in full by Chris, seconded by Mohammed
 - a. For - 16
 - b. Against - 0
 - c. Abstain - 1

Motion passes to transfer \$228 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to [AIM] (40-70284-012-30001)

ii. AMWA – Attachment #2

1. Option to fund in full by Eric, option to fund \$500 by Michel
2. Motion to fund in full by Eric, seconded by Mike.
 - a. For - 17
 - b. Against - 0
 - c. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to transfer \$1000 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to [AMWA] (40-70244-012-30001)

Motion to end meeting by Christopher Montalvo

Seconded by Shadman Kazi

Meeting Closed at 7:00 PM

Minutes were scribed by Shadman Kazi

Approved by Shadman Kazi - Medical Council Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shadman Kazi", written in a cursive style.

Attachment #1

Please check one box:

☒ Med Council Funding ONLY

☐ Other: _____

ORGANIZATION NAME: Adversity In Medicine Support Group (AIM)

PRESIDENT: Abiha Naqvi

VICE PRESIDENT: Lucia Perez Calvino

TELEPHONE: 786-218-9848

TREASURER: Juan Carrero Munoz

PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)	OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION
Destressor event	Pizza- \$142 Garlic Knots- \$45 Plates- \$9 Napkins: \$2 Drinks: \$30	\$228		Destressing event before exams to foster a supportive environment for students- mentorship connections Attendance last year: About 45 students! We ordered \$107 worth of pizza and it was not enough

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Interim Budget Request Form

Date: 10/5/2025

Attachment #2

Please check one box:

☒ Med Council Funding ONLY

☒ Other: Med Council Cosponsorship

ORGANIZATION NAME: American Medical Women's Association

PRESIDENT: Charlotte Walden

VICE PRESIDENT: Zoe Lainis

TELEPHONE: 415-419-6002

TREASURER: Elizabeth Katanov

PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)	OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION
Women Physician Dinner (Cohosted with Association of Women Surgeons)	Catering (Cafe 101): ~\$1900 Thank you gifts: \$50 Decorations: \$100	\$1000 or Med Council Co-sponsorship		
AMWA and AWS are each able to use \$500 of our allocated budgets, respectively. We are also seeking sponsorship from the Dean's Office (pending confirmation) and were unfortunately denied by our other usual source of funding (Office of Diversity Education and Research) due to budget cuts. This is the third year of our 100+ person Women Physician Mentorship Dinner, which has been a major success since its conception. The event connects women physicians and medical students across specialties for mentorship and networking in a supportive, diverse environment. We have pursued all other potential funding sources, and given the scale of the event, it is not feasible within our current budgets. Co-sponsorship from Med Council would allow us to cover remaining costs for catering, materials, and event logistics, ensuring we can continue offering this impactful and inclusive program for our student community!!				

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