

Medical Student Senate Meeting Minutes – October 23, 2012

1. BMAA Report: organizing body for alumni of medical school - meet twice per year - Jimmy, Honora, Kartik - particularly interested in increasing student participation in their events, as they feel we don't go to their events - really, what are we looking for in events? - eg HOST program, practice interviews, etc

-- setting up a middleman to access the list (?Academy Directors, website where you can submit preferences)

-- shadowing opportunities/research projects in the area

-- increasing BMAA presence at Senate meetings

-- importance of networking events - need to increase advertising of actual events

-- adding section on Alumni Resources to Senate website (BMAA Board listing, etc)

-- create lecture series in conjunction with student groups

-- connect student groups and alums in that field

-- Participat-SHIN Challenge

2. Class reports:

Fourth years: aways, interviews, checking email a lot...

Third years: OSCEs, shelf exams, vacation next week

Second years: just started human reproduction, thinking about Step 1

First years: BURP event (hoping to do prior to every exam), White Coat was this weekend, not enthusiastic about reception in the academies instead of Hope Club, insufficient shuttles

3. Academy Directors Meeting: planning wellness event and community outreach events (organic farm tours, meditation with Newport chaplain associated with Harvard – January; sleep specialist - November 13th; dessert parties - next few weeks, etc)

Red Academy: planning for Red-centric social event (can't get social funding unless all academies are participating)

Academy Planning: "they're just rooms, dude" - open and porous - need some sort of field day/competition - need to find ways to bring back third and fourth years - possibly reframing Al's Pals within academies - Senate-organized panel of third and fourth (tips for surviving curriculum, Doctoring, what to do in the summer, how third and fourth year works) or "speed dating", clerkship guide -- Ben Kowitt, Jason Bowman, Jimmy Rotenberg agree to serve on committee

4. MDCC: Dean Gruppuso wants alternates - review of LCME review - "support systems are the best in the country" - no faults with faculty or with building (would not have been accredited if we didn't move out of BioMed) - criticisms: faculty diversity, mistreatment of students, MDCC doesn't review entire curriculum every year - plan for report to be made public in February 2013 - interest in innovative curriculum design - freshman class for PLMEs (physics, chemistry, biology, biochem) with PBL structure without specific timeline - PLME department with the 4th year transition course

-- Motion to have second year exams moved to Friday

5. Operations and Safety: fitness center started construction, no official opening date but plan for completion in January 2013, plan to open 24/7, only to medical students - AV systems have been having problems with TVs in small group rooms, looking into it - door should be accessible from parking garage on second floor - increased lighting in garage - fire alarm and need for better education regarding the way it works – temporary extra covered bike parking hopefully coming this winter
6. BUCC: strategic planning committees - online education - gender neutral housing - athletic outreach and development
7. CLAB: next meeting November 2nd - need an alternate - dining dollars, etc - Nelson reservations without needing to be a student group
8. Social Committee: Winter Ball in conjunction with GSS, planning for Convention Center - soliciting suggestions for in lieu of Halloween party - GCB dues taken care of
9. PLME: hoping for social event or mentoring/shadowing program - Boards care packages?
10. Transcripts from undergrad are sent with residency applications - can we separate them? - whole argument about PLME is that people are encouraged to take advantage of a wide range of courses - previously discussed with Dean Gruppuso approximately 2 years ago
11. Next meeting: Tuesday, November 6th at 6pm – reminder email to follow