

**The regular meeting of the MSC was called to order at 7:04 PM by President Chris Redgate.**

**Members present: Chris Redgate, Sarah Young, Alexa Merz, Amy Kaing, Alex Havard, Max Goldstein, Claire Eliasberg, Christine Thang, Gil Weintraub, Jason Scapa, Abraar Karan, Alfred Yoon, Nina Vyas, Allie Roe, Will Toppen, John Flores, Meredith Szumski, Mitsue Yokota, Shamar Jones, Dr. Parker**

1. **Welcome and Quorum**
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
	1. *motion approved unanimously*
3. **Officer Reports**
	1. MS2 President (Abraar)
		1. class started yesterday
		2. had poster fair a couple of weeks ago for STTP
		3. helped with orientation week for MS1s – orientation events were generally well attended; may want to do tacos and talent along with team building for next year; will try to get feedback for next year
	2. MS3 Vice President (Christine)
		1. shelves for OBGYN and Peds are this Friday
		2. had some MS3s at the orientation events
		3. will try to help out MS2s with Step 1 advice, etc.
		4. gave out first Humanism Award at the white coat ceremony
	3. MS4 President (Chris)
		1. started Sub-Is, many are now on their second SubI
		2. getting ready to turn in applications
	4. Drew Rep (John)
		1. have meeting this Friday with 1st and 2nd year class
4. **Subcommittee Reports**
	1. (None Active)
5. **Issues from the Student Body**
	1. in the future, this will be an open spot for students to voice any questions/concerns
6. **New Business**
	1. ITEM A. Discussion & Vote: revised Constitution & Bylaws
		1. ***motion to accept and approve changes unanimously passed (pending the logo)***
	2. ITEM B. Discussion & Vote: revised MSC position descriptions
		1. previously discussed at the MSC retreat
		2. unanimously approved along with the constitution (see above)
	3. ITEM C. Discussion & Vote: revised Budget Committee constitution + form
		1. revised the budget constitution as well
		2. form reflects changes in the constitution
		3. Dr. Parker approved a new increase in funding for all orgs: now $6.50 per person for events
		4. for class MSC meetings, there is now funding allocated ($250 per class for the whole year) for snacks
		5. ***motion to approve changes unanimously passed***
	4. ITEM D. Discussion: FEC Town Forum re: MS3 Grading Changes
		1. unable to get graduating MS4 input on new grading system
		2. been a lot of discussion about criteria for getting letters of distinction
		3. current system makes it hard to distinguish students
		4. recommendation of panel was to change to a tiered grading system (fail/pass/high pass/honors) – currently conditionally approved by FEC pending student input
		5. there will be a lot of discussion about this going forward
			1. will have a discussion at the next general MSC meeting
			2. hope to organize town hall meetings with students to get their input following the next MSC meeting
	5. ITEM E. Update: Operation Salvation Interest Group
		1. goal is to volunteer at housing facility run by Salvation Army
		2. approximately 2/3 of residents are children in the public school system
		3. will go once a month to teach kids about health/healthy ways of living
		4. Salvation Army will do extensive background checks on regular volunteers
		5. waiting for approval with legal and with Dr. Parker – no updates yet
		6. ***motion to conditionally approve Operation Salvation Interest Group pending legal approval passed (5 for, none opposed, 2 abstentions)***
	6. ITEM F. Update: Geffy Guide (Sarah)
		1. in the process of getting everything finalized
		2. MS2s will edit it and get it out
		3. would still like to get it done by September – bring mock-up to next MSC meeting
	7. ITEM G. New Subcommittee: Med School Winter Banquet
		1. date has been set for February 1st, 2014
		2. every year we seem to scramble to get the Winter Banquet organized
		3. Chris will be heading the subcommittee – ask other class members if they would be interested in working on it
	8. ITEM H. New Subcommittee: Student Interest Groups (Max)
		1. debate about student interest groups vs. student organizations has been going on for some time
		2. goal will be to redefine the role of student interest groups
		3. try to promote more mentorship, better leadership opportunities, reorganizing categories of groups, etc.
	9. DIGITAL UPDATES (Meredith)
		1. now an official DGSOM Facebook page – check it out!
		2. on med student website, now an “annual events” link: (student orgs and events 🡪 annual events) link with an archive for past events, award winners, etc.
7. **Adjournment**
	1. *motion to adjourn passed unanimously*
8. **Reflections**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM by Chris.**