

**The regular meeting of the MSC was called to order at 7:10 PM by President Chris Redgate.**

**Members present: Chris Redgate, Amy Kaing, Caitlin McGrath, Michael Ayoub, Emily Dubina, Yuliya Olimpiadi, Jean-Phillip Okhovat, Max Goldstein, Christine Thang, Gil Weintraub, Claire Eliasberg, Yas Sanaiha, Scott Greenberg, Abraar Karan, Alfred Yoon, Nina Vyas, Nima Golzy, Ezra Bernstein, Samuel Jackson, Prerna Gupta, Meredith Szumski**

1. **Welcome and Quorum**
2. **Approval of the Minutes**
   1. *motion approved unanimously*
3. **Issues from the Student Body**
4. **Officer Reports** 
   1. MS1 President (Ezra)
      1. First block exam tomorrow
      2. Planning a Vegas trip after the exam
      3. Won Med Games for the 4th year in a row
   2. MS2 President (Abraar)
      1. Block 6 final coming up next week, a little overwhelming
      2. Planning class service project – have reps from Drew, Prime, MSTP
      3. Minority health conference – many MS2s involved
      4. Class jacket going to be made soon
   3. MS3 President (Gil)
      1. Everyone’s done with at least one rotation now
      2. Had most recent “Top Shelf” party on 9/27
      3. Continuing to solicit feedback about rotations – MEC is trying to create a database for future students to use
      4. Short Coat stories – creating a tumblr about funny/interesting med school experiences (HIPAA compliant)
   4. MS4 President (Chris)
      1. Submitted residency applications September 15th
      2. In the process of getting interviews
      3. Interview season is approximately November-January
   5. OSR Rep (Yas)
      1. Sent out survey to other schools about how they run student interest groups
      2. Compiling these for November meeting
      3. Conference in November
      4. Yas will be sending out a newsletter soon
   6. SAO (Meredith)
      1. Groundbreaking ceremony for new medical education building
      2. Halloween plans in store
      3. Working on some IT issues, should be resolved soon
   7. MEC Report (Michael)
      1. Scheduling of 3rd and 4th year/opportunity to have elective time during 3rd year is an issue that has come up
      2. Task force was charged with coming up with a solution, but there were no students on the task force -> decision was to take 3 weeks out of Step 1 study time; MEC needs to vote on whether or not to accept this option
      3. Going to send out a survey to the students (particularly MS3s/MS4s) before making a decision
      4. Talk to your MEC reps if you have questions/concerns
5. **Subcommittee Reports** 
   1. Student Interest Groups (Max)
      1. Looking at how student interest groups are designed/run on campus
      2. We currently have 47 student interest groups
      3. Going to send out a survey to the general student body to see what current students think; also sending a survey out to student interest group leaders to see what they are getting out of the experience
      4. Another survey has gone out to other medical schools across the country, looking into how their student interest groups are run (currently have 46 responses)
      5. Hope to have results to present to the MSC at the next meeting (November)
      6. Then plan to have a “Town Hall” in November/December
      7. If you have any suggestions about the surveys, send them to Max by Friday (10/11) – [MaxDeanGoldstein@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:MaxDeanGoldstein@mednet.ucla.edu)
   2. Med School Winter Banquet (Chris)
      1. Every year the MSC puts on a Winter Banquet and a certain portion of the ticket sales go to charity
      2. Date set for February 1st, 2014
      3. Amy and Nina have been working on scouting potential venues
      4. Hope to have details to present to the committee by the next meeting
      5. If any MS1s want to be involved, please join the subcommittee
   3. Geffy Guide (Chris)
      1. No new updates at this time
      2. Still working on getting the draft to Guy
      3. Hopefully will be out by January or February
   4. Humanism in Medicine Residents Award (Christine)
      1. Award for residents – hoping to recognize residents that are really outstanding
      2. Created a subcommittee at the last meeting
      3. Want to get input from the MSC now -> then will meet with Joyce Fried and the Dean’s Office -> propose award to MSC at November meeting -> following MSC approval, announce award and open nominations to DGSOM students
      4. Format:
         1. One award for each of the core 3rd year clerkships
         2. Professionalism Council could be involved in the screening
      5. Discussion Points:
         1. name of the award
         2. award criteria
         3. place to present the award (White Coat Ceremony, separate ceremony/mixer, etc.)
   5. Budget Committee Update (Christine)
      1. Had most recent meeting last week
      2. Have approved a total of $4,110 this year
      3. If you have any proposals, submit them by the last Tuesday of the month (all of the criteria for funding are on the website)
6. **New Business**
   1. ITEM A: FEC Open Forum: Grade Changes (Oct 22 + Oct 29, 63-105, 6-7PM)
      1. There has been discussion about changing the 3rd/4th year grading system
      2. DGSOM grading system is fail/pass/LOD; LODs are supposed to be given to approximately 15% of students here
      3. Most other schools have a 4-tiered grading system
      4. FEC wants to hear what the students have to say
      5. Please advertise the dates above to your respective classes
   2. ITEM B: All School Paint-Ball Trip Planning (Scott Greenberg)
      1. Scott wants to put together a paintball day, but it probably won’t work just for MS3s
      2. Considering turning it into a school-wide event
      3. Closest field is about 40 minutes away; should be about $60 per person for an entire day of paintball; could cost even less with MSC subsidies
      4. Date set for November 16th, 2013
   3. ITEM C: Discussion About Interviewee Dinner Cancellation (Claire Eliasberg)
      1. MSC Secretaries have been helping to organize weekly interview dinners for applicants over the past 3 years
      2. Admissions recently decided to cancel the interview dinners
      3. Student input:
         1. was really cool to have MS3 and MS4 input at the dinners
         2. there was a big difference between how applicants acted at lunches versus the dinners (students were very anxious/stressed out during the interview day but were more relaxed/open to talking at the dinners)
         3. DGSOM interview day is generally regarded as lackluster
            1. disorganized/not very cohesive
            2. interview experience seems contingent upon who gives you the tours
         4. some of the best interviews at other schools had a LOT of medical student involvement, especially MS4s
      4. Suggestions:
         1. try to incorporate something into the actual interview day
         2. have open lunches – MS4s might be able to make them
         3. informal happy hour after interviews instead
      5. MSC Secretaries will continue to discuss and come up with some proposals – please email additional ideas to Claire – [CEliasberg@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:CEliasberg@mednet.ucla.edu)
   4. ITEM D: Student Enhancement Survey (Chris Redgate)
      1. Want to come up with about 5 big changes we’d like to see in the curriculum
      2. Will analyze everything along with the LCME report
      3. Will give a presentation to Dr. Washington in December
      4. If you’d like to be part of the subcommittee, put your name on the form on the survey
7. **Adjournment**
   1. *motion to adjourn passed unanimously*
8. **Reflections**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM by Chris.**