

**The regular meeting of the MSC was called to order at 7:08 PM by President Chris Redgate.**

**Members present: Chris Redgate, Sarah Young, Alexa Merz, Michael Ayoub, Jean-Phillip Okhovat, Amy Kaing, Angela Orozco, Max Goldstein, Christine Thang, Gil Weintraub, Claire Eliasberg, Jason Scapa, Azim Lawalla, Melody Chung, Abraar Karan, Alfred Yoon, Nina Vyas, Ezra Bernstein, Samuel Jackson, Prerna Gupta, Caroline Gross, Brandon Scott, Meredith Szumski, Mitsue Yokota, Dr. Parker, Joyce Fried**

1. **Welcome and Quorum**
2. **Approval of the Minutes**
	1. *Motion approved unanimously*
3. **Issues from the Student Body**
	1. It is hard to get to know people from the class, especially at the beginning of first year; could there be a pdf/directory of all the students in the class with some info about them
		1. There is currently a directory on MSC website with pictures/names of all students
		2. However, the MS1 MSC could take on a project in which they put together a more comprehensive directory of students with more information about them
4. **Officer Reports**
	1. MS1 President
		1. In the middle of Block 2 (renal) right now
		2. Sent out survey to class to see if they wanted to spend their class money on coffee – no
		3. Will continue to post academic information to Facebook group
		4. Holding a ping pong tournament in Wilson Lounge
	2. MS2 President
		1. Survived Block 6
		2. People are enjoying Block 7
		3. Class jacket is now in the bookstore
		4. Class service project is moving forward
		5. Had mixer with MS1s last weekend
	3. MS3 President
		1. Many students finished OBGYN/Peds shelf last Friday
		2. December 3rd students will have a mandatory meeting on campus
		3. Excited for Winter Break
	4. MS4 President
		1. Some students are finished with rotations
		2. Starting the process of interviews – exciting but somewhat stressful
	5. Riverside Reps
		1. In Block 7 now
		2. Working on community building within class
		3. Incoming class is very large (everyone has 2-3 “little sibs”), working on the transition to new Riverside med school
	6. Drew Rep
		1. Starting interviews
		2. Last year community garden partnership was formed, looking to follow-up on that
		3. Other classes are working on individual fundraisers
	7. PRIME Rep
		1. Working on Happy Feet project
	8. SAO
		1. Thanks to those who donated books
		2. Liz’s farewell and Dr. Braddock’s hello today
	9. AAMC Rep
		1. There are four reps
		2. Had annual conference at Philadelphia
			1. Dr. Lee Miller was given award
			2. Gil and Kris presented for Operation Mend
		3. Going to present survey results soon (hopefully by next meeting)
5. **Subcommittee Reports**
	1. Excellence in Teaching with Humanism Residents Award (Christine)
		1. In trying to change the culture at UCLA (student mistreatment in clinical years), wanted to create an award to celebrate residents who exhibit exemplary behavior as well
		2. Residents will get a pin, a certificate, and a $75 gift card; will also get presented at 4th year Banquet
			1. Two-tiered voting:
				1. Professionalism Council will determine finalists
				2. MSC will vote on finalists and determine winners
			2. Open to all sites
			3. Residents can only win the award once
			4. Could send letter of recognition to other nominees that don’t end up winning the award as well
		3. ***Ready to vote: passed unanimously***
		4. ***Vote of approval for MSC to back the award and allow the subcommittee to move forward with amendments: passed unanimously***
	2. Student Interest Groups (Max)
		1. Student Interest Group Analysis
			1. Distributed three surveys:
				1. To all DGSOM students
				2. To all current and past SIG leaders still at DGSOM
				3. To all OSR reps from medical schools around the nation
			2. Overall, students are satisfied with the current structure
			3. Student leaders are getting a lot out of their leadership roles
			4. Struggles we are facing are similar to those going on at other schools
			5. Many events and a lot of competition, but students don’t want fewer groups or fewer events
			6. At other schools, there is no separation between interest groups and clubs
		2. Brief discussion
			1. Data not stratified by different types of interest groups
			2. Didn’t quite get the response rate in the surveys we were hoping for
		3. ***Vote of support to move forward using the results of these surveys and making proposals for improvements: passed with majority, 2 abstentions***
	3. Med School Winter Banquet (Chris)
		1. Banquet started 5 years ago, key purpose is to FUNDRAISE for a local charity
		2. Date set: February 1st, 2014
		3. Did a scan of many potential venues, eliminated many based on price, availability, etc.; narrowed it down to three locations:
			1. Olympic Collection
				1. Venue we used last year
				2. Includes appetizers and open bar (1.5 hrs), then cash bar
				3. Price: $9500
			2. Venice Arts
				1. Art gallery/party venue
				2. Dance floor, outdoor patio, elevated DJ stage
				3. We will have to bring in food, drinks,
				4. Potential to make a lot of money, but also a lot of work
				5. May be harder from a liability standpoint
				6. Price: $7000-7700+
			3. The Cat and the Fiddle
				1. Restaurant on Sunset in Hollywood
				2. Open bar (3hrs) and cash bar all night, cocktail waiters also walking around
				3. No catering fee
				4. Whole restaurant would be closed down for our event
				5. 300 person maximum
				6. Price: $10965
		4. ***Ready to vote: unanimously passed***
		5. ***Vote to decide on formal venue:***
			1. Venice Arts – none
			2. Olympic collection – 1
			3. **Cat and the Fiddle – 8**
			4. Abstentions - 1
	4. Geffy Guide (Sarah)
		1. Final copy sent in yesterday, going to press tomorrow
		2. Hoping to get it to applicants this year and current students as well
	5. Budget Committee (Sarah)
		1. Good things passed last meeting, $19000 left
		2. MSC has its own account, about $8500 left
	6. MEC Update (Michael)
		1. Going to bring up scheduling issues at next MEC meeting
		2. Late start of fourth year compared to other school
		3. Issues with electives
6. **New Business**
	1. ITEM A: Well-being proposal (Amy)
		1. Budgets
			1. Winter All School Event (proposed date 12/6/13): $1400
			2. Spring All School Event (proposed date after Match Week): $700
			3. Individual Class Events: $900
				1. Class of 2014 - $200
				2. Class of 2015 - $200
				3. Class of 2016 - $200
				4. Class of 2017 - $300
			4. Total Budget Request: $3000
		2. ***Vote to approve Well-Being budget proposal of $3000 for the coming year: unanimously approved***
	2. ITEM B: OSR Announcement (Alfred)
		1. See above
	3. ITEM C: Potential MSC Funding Proposal (Ezra)
		1. Sent out survey to MS1s about having coffee provided, buying coffee makers; class did not want to spend their budget money, but could potentially use Wilson Budget money…
		2. Discussion
			1. Could get messy/dirty
			2. People present at MSC meeting don’t seem to feel very strongly either for or against it
	4. ITEM D: Dr. Elizabeth Yzquierdo Farewell + Party (Chris)
		1. Starting a donation library in her honor
		2. Bring in books
	5. ITEM E: Grading Forum – Website (Chris)
		1. All the information is now online
		2. Chris will send out an email soon summarizing everything
7. **Adjournment**
	1. *Motion to adjourn passed unanimously*
8. **Reflections**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM by Chris.**