

# Student Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2020

12:00 – 1:00 pm, HMEB 128 / Zoom

**Attendance:** Shelley Collins, Beverly Dede, Mitsy Audate, Ester Duqueny, Samari Blair, Zak Krumm, Hannah Fahsbender, Alejandro Albizu

Recording: Renata Dolbier

**Begin** 12:09 pm

## 1. Introductions

New members introduced themselves and other members introduced themselves and gave a snip about things they have worked on last year as student advocate.

## 2. 1<sup>st</sup> YR

Class reps will be elected this week. 1<sup>st</sup> exam on Friday. Orientation evaluations good.

## 3. 2<sup>nd</sup> YR

Some are concerned with attending CLG in-person and would like the ability to have the option to attend via Zoom. MS1 would like to attend in-person anatomy. Students have begun dissection in the labs, suggestion to have pre-lab dissection videos to help provide a visual of steps. Will follow up with Dr. Rarey. Concerned lab coats have gone missing, but may not be an issue any longer. Could the tuition be decreased? Many lectures are pre-recorded or were from previous years. Cost is not likely to change because overhead cost doesn't change and in general COM and hospitals are at a revenue loss, but Dr. Collins will follow up.

## 4. Diversity

1<sup>st</sup> YR orientation diversity workshop was a success. Feedback was very good. Students took an Implicit Bias test prior to a presentation given by Dr. Parker. They broke out into groups and rotated through activities; one was a solar system activity that took place outside; student would step forward or backward in response to questions regarding patient related topics. Others worked through case studies and had a TED talk with discussion. Reps set on a Jedi taskforce. SEED organization not moving forward. Next step: meeting with 4<sup>th</sup> YR class president to have communication with other organizations. Needs to be representation across all our graduate programs. Reps have begun to do their write up on the diversity workshop to be placed on the Med Ed Portal. Fall lunch series beginning again in late September. Approached to do a book journal/book. Include this in discussion with 4<sup>th</sup> YR president.

## 5. MD/PhD

Program has a goal of creating a Dean of Diversity for Health Science Centers to have a centralized focus. Can send progress, but will need people to carry torch going forward. Dr. Dede informed us that there is a Diversity Director at the UF Graduate School – Dr. Kishmar Best, Office of Graduate Diversity Initiatives. Have need for basic supplies and doing a drive to collect items for underserved in community. Will bring more info to next meeting. Contact building manager for permission to place collection box in HMEB.

**6. 1<sup>st</sup> YR PA**

How did you gather concerns from class? Mitsy to send copy of her form. Elected a diversity liaison and is on the Jedi taskforce this is a new position this year.

**7. Biomedical Science**

New diversity liaison. Will send contact it include in future meetings.

**8. Comments from Dr. Dede**

When will doors be unlocked? 4<sup>th</sup> YR interviews will be held via Zoom. Dr. Duff is holding interview workshops. Can practice “Zoom interviews” be set up? Jim Gorske gave a workshop to PA, it was well received. Regarding websites, Dr. Dede is requesting help from students, what information do they want to see?

**9. Overall comments from Dr. Collins**

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> YR reps can't always make it to meetings. We will continue with the zoom option. Class reps are problem solvers for the class, but need to protect their time, set boundaries and suggest to set “office hours.” Regarding diversity, Dr. Collins will figure out how Dr. Parker's office fits into the UF Grad School Diversity office. Can we build a stronger connection? Students are encouraged to write up their work to share on the Med Ed Portal. 2020 elections are upcoming, encourage all to vote. Dr. Dede and Jim Gorske have plans in place to help classes, but stay in touch and reach out sooner than later for help.

**Meeting adjourned: 1:01 pm**