

# Student Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2020

12:00 – 1:00 pm, Via Zoom

**Attendance:** Shelley Collins, Beverly Dede, Jim Gorske, Morgan Brazel, Mitsy Audate, Ester Duquaney, Samari Blair, Aalekhya Tenali, CJ Arcalas, Alejandro Albizu, Julien Habif, Vanessa Metellus, Shavano Steadman, Krystal Glasford,

**Recording:** Renata Dolbier

**Begin** 12:02 pm

## 1. 3<sup>rd</sup> YR MS

Class is doing well and they are on rotations now.

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

Gearing up for STEP registration, encouraged to reach out to Dr. Duff for guidance. Lab access has been revoked and students have met with Drs. Harrell & Rarey to reinstate use. Resolution not final yet. Dr. Collins will follow up. Students are concerned the HMEB study spaces are being utilized by dental students and none are available for med students. Although, all campus buildings are open to any student, Dr. Collins will follow up to help alleviate the issue.

## 3. 2 YR MS Div.

Lunch & Learn Program schedule to begin again in October via Zoom. Discussion on should this program be handed down each year for sustainability and what that may look like. SEED has been renamed UF COM Student Diversity Council. Medical student representatives met to form a constitution on how this committee will function and they hope to begin next semester. They are reaching out for faculty advisors. Their paper on what has been accomplished and where they want to go next is in process.

## 4. 4<sup>th</sup> YR MS Div.

Class met with Dr. Harrell about teaching positions for under-represented members and changes to the curriculum for sustainability regarding diversity. Class is receiving advise from Dr. Duff for the interviewing process and feel it is adequate.

## 5. 1<sup>st</sup> YR MS Div.

Concerned about the insensitivity towards slavery during lecture. Dr. Harrell is following up. They are interested in a Standardized Diversity Concern Report form, similar to the Professionalism Report. Will think on this more about where the report will go and how to address concerns.

## 6. 1<sup>st</sup> YR MS

Challenged to adjust to medical school due to social distance guidelines and COVID. Working on creative ways to socialize the class. Anxiety level is high as exam volume is increased. Students are uncertain about exam logistics, what's important to study and how to study. Encouraged to connect with other classes (pair up).

## 7. Biomedical Div.

Diversity Liaison for program just formed. Lack of information about available resources on diversity. Two big pushes they are working on are helping to form community

in the program with socials and events where individuals can be themselves and advocate for themselves. The other is to help shift the culture by incorporating use of pronouns.

#### **8. Biomedical**

Concerned with social isolation. They have created a monthly Zoom Happy Hour. Intermural sports are starting up and may help. Working on cohesion with other departments in terms of diversity initiatives.

**Meeting adjourned: 1:15 pm**