

Student Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2021

12:00 – 1:00 pm, Via Zoom

Attendance: Shelley Collins, Jim Gorske, Mitsy Audate, Ester Duquaney, Samari Blair, Aalekhya Tenali, CJ Arcalas, Hannah Fahsbender, Alejandro Albizu, Krystal Glasford, Beverly Dede

Recording: Renata Dolbier

Begin 12:09 pm

1. Welcome and information

- Dr. Collins welcomed everyone. She informed the committee that moving forward, the 2nd YR class representative would be running the meetings.
- Ester introduced herself and began the meeting by congratulating Dr. Collins on her new role.
- Beginning in the fall the group will split- one for VP student advocates and one for diversity liaisons. Committee is asked to consider whom should chair each board. A Google doc form will be sent out.

2. 1st YR PA

Representative gave an update on a subject that rolled over from previous semester regarding inclusive language being used in lectures. The class representatives met with some faculty to discuss. Resulted in understanding faculty are continuing to better themselves and have open the door for students to bring to their attention. Class representative will reiterate the importance of a respectful exchange. Spring semester looks different for the class as they are doing more patient care. There have been some complaints, but it's an adjustment period.

3. 4th YR

Match is on the minds of the students. They are finishing up interviews. Class representative gave a "Shout out" to all the military members of their class as they all matched. Class is working out the details of the Match Day ceremony. Peer mentorship activities have been going on and the class is welcoming any feedback. 2nd YR sent out a Q&A Google form and will share their results.

4. 2nd YR

Regarding the vaccine, the goal is to get students vaccinated before they go into the hospital. Communication seems to be a bit less than ideal, students are getting mixed messages and not timely. Students are having to ask and have questions about many different things. Probably a result of the unknown and waiting to provide information so as to not have to change it. Dr. Collins will follow up. Students would like to know the CSE dates. Overall class is stressed heading into dedicated, but handling in okay. Students are welcome to meet with Mr. Gorske. He will send out a message to the class.

5. 2nd YR Diversity

Students are concerned about in-person classes, required labs, patient encounters concerning COVID. The group discussed whether these were valid concerns for health reasons or just not wanting to attend in-person. Case numbers are improving, and should not be a concern. The vaccine supply has decreased. There is hope for more by the end of February. Students asked if emails received with vaccine information could be

updated. Dr. Collins will follow up. Lunch workshops will be handed over to the 1st YR liaisons starting in February. The liaisons are doing Black History month posters and feature two different individuals who made significant contributions to medicine. The posters will be displayed in various places. The 1st YR liaisons will host a Black History Month themed lunch workshop. They submitted a paper to the diversity medicine conference happening at the University of Michigan and they were accepted. They are writing a paper about the diversity orientation that they do here so other institutions can pick that up and take back their students. Dr. Collins to review.

6. 1st YR

Students enjoyed their week of preceptorships and first kind of real clinical experience. They have some concerns in regard to communication in terms of what they were suppose to do and what was expected of them. Liaison is encouraged to reach out and request a debriefing. The class is unsure about the Health & Outcomes course, they did not receive any information about it and it is 3 weeks in. Jim Gorske will follow up with the course director. A vote to move the Whitecoat ceremony will be sent out, reason behind this is to bring more guests. Liaison is working on opportunities to create a wellness committee that can bridge the communication with administration. It was suggested that the sustainability chair could have this as an addition to their role.

7. 1st YR Diversity

Students are venting regarding repeated learnings, things that they have already lived through and it feels meaningless. They are asking for diversity bases simulation activities that elevate different understandings. Liaisons have set office hours. Created a monthly newsletter. Working on speakers for the Lunch talks. Beginning a monthly forum. Liaison was cautioned not to take on so much, they are a medical student first.

8. Biomedical Science

Class is doing well. They are doing hybrid courses. Recruitment is almost finished.

Meeting adjourned: 1:00 pm