

# Student Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2022 12:00 – 1:00 PM

HMEB 460 / Zoom

**Attendance:** Shireen Sims, CJ Arcalas, Mitsy Audante, Olivia Etienne, Krystal Glasford, Jim Gorske, Eryk Hernandez, Asena Markal, Sonile Peck

**Recording:** Monica Beyrouti

**Begin:** 12:02 pm

## 1. Welcome & Information

- Dr. Madani Sims opened the meeting with an icebreaker.
- Meetings will be moved to Monday afternoons.
- Monica Beyrouti will now be supporting SAC.

## 2. Diversity

- Students reviewing the first-year curriculum noticed discrepancies between lectures discussing race-based medicine. A suggestion was to dive into why certain methods are in place and discuss their effectiveness or lack thereof, such as reporting GFR's separately for African Americans.

## 3. MS 1<sup>st</sup> Year

- Student expressed satisfaction with scheduling this semester and appreciation for UF COM's receptiveness and flexibility to COVID protocols.
- The anatomy dissecting lab has been difficult for ample students due to the new format and shorter time frame. Students were encouraged to utilize office hours, study in groups, and review a pre-made Anki deck.
- Students found the career advising meeting stressful due to no guidance on the next steps. The timing of this meeting will be changed. There was a miscommunication about when the MSRP system would be available.

## 4. MS 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

- The class is doing well. Students expressed concern about how the remediation process at the end of the fall semester was handled. Students suggested standardized communication for the remediation process for all courses. An improvement being discussed is to identify set days for remediation to occur for all courses and allowing students to select what day works best for them.

## 5. MS 3<sup>rd</sup> Year

- Students are confused with the 4<sup>th</sup> year scheduling process. Dr. Madani and Dr. Collins held a meeting explaining ERAS. There was not enough time for the student panel to answer questions. Next year, Dr. Madani is planning for this meeting to be an all-day event and providing students with mock schedules based on students' interests.

## 6. Discussion

- Students discussed their experience with using ExamSoft and noted the features are comparable to UWorld and Step.
- The HSC Library offers 16 study rooms that can be reserved for testing purposes.

**Meeting adjourned:** 12:55 pm