

Student Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2022 12:00 – 1:00 PM

HMEB 460 / Zoom

Attendance: Shireen Madani Sims, Mitsy Audate, CJ Arcalas, Jim Gorske, Beverly Dede, Morgan Brazel, and Asena Markal

Recording: Monica Beyrouiti

Begin: 12:03 pm

1. MS 2nd Year

- Step 1 exams are complete. The advice offered to second-year students was interpreted differently across the board since the students knew the exam was pass/fail. Going forward, students need more guidance on the resources to use and the amount of time required to study. Also, the students need more clarification on how to best familiarize themselves with question structures. The Step exam questions are a mix of MBNE and UWorld questions.
- There is a task force reviewing course exam questions for all courses. The goal is to provide feedback to course directors on question development. Last year, there was a recommendation to change course exam questions to MBNE format.

2. MS 3rd Year

- Half of the class has completed 3rd year. Dr. Shelley Collins and Dr. Shireen Madani have met with more than half of the class to discuss MSPE Dean's Letters. Students complete an assignment before the meeting and provide their CV in AAMC format. Students are asked to be mindful of the adjectives they use to describe themselves to be inclusive and neutral. The grading scale will be adjusted based on GPA.
- Once charting outcomes information is released, it will be shared with career advisors. This information will be used to provide students with honest feedback on their specific specialty competitiveness. Dr. Madani is still working on templates for 4th-year schedules based on desired residency specialties

3. MS 4th Year

- 4th-year students are graduating on Saturday, May 21.
- The University of Florida health insurance runs out on May 8th, the end of the undergraduate spring semester, and residency health insurance does not start until July therefore the seniors will be uninsured for a month. Students were advised to consider COBRA insurance or UF Summer A insurance. This will be investigated.

Meeting adjourned: 12:43 pm