

Student Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2022 | HMEB 460 / Zoom

Attendance: Shireen Madani Sims, Jim Gorske, Esther Duquaney, Samari Blair, CJ Arcalas, Olivia Etienne, Eryk Hernandez, Sonile Peck, Darius Ramkhalawan, Sarah Chase

Recording: Monica Beyrouti

Meeting assembled: 12:00 pm

Introductions

- Dr. Madani Sims opened the meeting with introductions from each member.

MS 1st Year

- The 1st year medical students' executive board will be decided on in mid-September.
- First year students are experiencing issues with UF Mediasite video streaming. The A/V department is aware and working on a solution.

MS 2nd Year

- Students discovered a discrepancy in the number of hours being recorded on Canvas when assisting in the equal access clinic and the health fair. Time spent at the health fair is longer than what is allotted.
- Students asked if an information session would be held for Step 1. The Office of Student Affairs conducts a presentation in mid-October covering Step 1 registration, preparation, and pre-planning for 3rd year. A few weeks after, a student panel presentation will be held to discuss Step 1 study methods. At the end of the Fall semester Step 1 scheduling will begin.
- Students questioned the impact of the Neuro Shelf Exam on their grades. It does impact the final grade and also plays an informative role. Most exams, including the Neuro Shelf Exam, have implemented NBME-style questions, allowing students to gain additional exposure to these question types.

MS 2nd Year Diversity

- The diversity orientation session for 1st year students was a success and has generated interest in the diversity liaison positions. The 2nd year diversity liaisons are preparing for 1st year diversity liaisons to transition into office. This transition will include passing down semester events and a meeting with ODHE faculty.

MS 3rd Year

- The first clinical grade was released. Overall, student feedback was positive. Some students perceive clinical evaluations as standardized. It was suggested to focus on clinical experiences and not on grades.
- Students shared areas for improvement including the difficulties of staying in the Jacksonville dorms with others on varying schedules. A student suggested holding an orientation to learn about hospital rooms before rotations begin. Also, a student expressed concern about the Surgery rotation hours consisting of 12-hour work days for 6 days a week. There is a COM policy that limits students to a maximum of 80 hours of assigned clinical duties per week averaged over the length of the rotation. The Medical Education Office has implemented two annual clerkship debriefings led by Dr. Huynh.
- Students inquired about career advisors, Step 2, and residency applications. A list of career advisors by specialty will be posted on the Class of 2024 Canvas page. A 4th year student recommended preparing for Step 2 by studying for Shelf Exams and using UWorld, Kaplan videos, NBME practice questions, and the Divine Intervention podcast as resources.

MS 4th Year

- An ERAS information session will be hosted tonight.
- Over the summer, students did not feel prepared for 4th year. It was suggested to offer 3rd year students a Canvas module covering the ERAS application process and Match information before the Office of Student Affairs meeting is held in January.
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MS 4th Year Diversity

- Dr. Sherise Rogers is leading a house staff mentoring program for 3rd year students. The goal is for house staff to be identified as an advocate for students in the clerkship year.

Biomolecular Science

- The incoming cohort had orientation on August 12th.

PA 1st Year

- Students are on a break. Classes resume on Wednesday, August 24th.

Meeting adjourned: 12:56 pm