

# Student Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2022 | HMEB 460 / Zoom

**Attendance:** Shireen Madani Sims, Jim Gorske, Esther Duqueneay, Eryk Hernandez, Olivia Etienne, Darius Ramkhalawan, Priyanka Devaguptapu, CJ Arcalas

**Recording:** Monica Beyrouti

**Meeting assembled: 12:01 pm**

## Introductions

- All members introduced themselves.

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

- The Class of 2026 started two months ago. There has been a decrease in lecture attendance.
- The students are asking for clarification on the ICM course grade breakdown. In past years, the ICM written exam and practical exam were combined and now it is a stand alone practical. The replacement for the written exam is a clinical skills exam. A 75% is needed to pass the practical.
- Students are having difficulties finding parking. It was suggested that students move closer to campus next year to be able to walk, bike, or take the bus.
- Course directors were asked to consider removing the mandatory attendance requirement for labs that do not have an interactive component. Students are still required to complete the labs, either in class or on their own.
- It was suggested that during orientation, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year students explain the professional expectation of being present during holiday weeks.
- Mr. Gorske is coordinating a remediation presentation and student panel following the exam on Friday, September 23.

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

- Neuro labs are no longer mandatory to attend in-person. Students have the option of attending in-person, virtually, or watching the recording. This will apply to all labs that are not as interactive.
- The Step Practice Test is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon and/or Wednesday morning the week of Thanksgiving. This was added to the calendar recently causing students to adjust their holiday plans. It was suggested to remind students Thanksgiving break starts on Wednesday, November 23 at 5 PM.
- Student leaders are building a network with other professional school's student leaders.
- There is a mandatory Step 1 Prep Session on Tuesday, September 27 at 12 PM. Mr. Gorske is coordinating a follow up student panel.

### 3. MS 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Diversity

- Based on feedback gathered from the Derm/ MSK course, each disease should include a variation of skin tones.

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

- The class is finishing up their first half of rotations.

## **5. MS 4<sup>th</sup> Year**

- The ERAS application is due on Wednesday, September 28.
- A poll was sent to the class asking if ACLS/ PALS training should be offered during 4<sup>th</sup> year. A majority of residency programs are expected to provide the training and have incorporated it into their orientation. The College of Medicine will offer the training for the Class of 2023. Moving forward, it will no longer be offered as part of the curriculum.

## **6. Biomolecular Science**

- Ph.D. students recently received a 3% raise in their stipend. The last raise was 8 years ago. The students will be asking for fee relief due to financial burdens.
- There is a push for Ph.D. students to be more involved in the College of Medicine and collaborate with medical students in diversity panels, outreach and social events. It was suggested that all professional schools compete in the GradCup, a student Olympic event.

**Meeting adjourned: 12:59 pm**