



The University of Texas at Austin
Dell Medical School

Student Senate Agenda

Location: Zoom (The virtual space!)

Date: Wednesday, April 22th 2020

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Observation of Attendance and Quorum

- A. Attendance logged digitally [here](#).

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (04/08/2020)

- B. Minutes found digitally [here](#).
- C. [Move](#) to approve the minutes: Megan
- D. Seconded: Dekoiya

Agenda Items:

I. Student Affairs Update

- A. Update from Steve
 - 1. Working on adapting the MS2 schedules
 - 2. Does Dell have more clinical hours than other medical schools?
 - a) We do require [more clinical weeks](#) that most schools
 - b) Was reduced for the class of 2020 by 2 weeks
 - c) Current accreditation requires 20 weeks of electives
 - d) If we were to change, we would need to write to LCME and discuss justification in order to make a change.
 - e) Don't envision other classes needing this adjustment currently but will be open to doing so if it becomes necessary.

II. Culture of Wellness

- A. MS2 update
 - 1. Town hall with Dr. Nelson revealed that either 37 or 38 MS2s are going into dedicated Step 1 studying starting this Friday
 - a) There are a few exceptions for extenuating circumstances: children, illness, and family illnesses
 - 2. Prometric is enhancing a lot of capacity May-Jul, so hopefully MS2s without test dates will hopefully be able to [find a date](#)
 - 3. Any concerns over make up times should go straight to Dr. Nelson and Steve which they will screen before sending along to individual clerkship coordinators and directors
 - 4. The class of 2022 is afraid of burnout -- all studying at home for a month for the shelf and now going straight into dedicated, which will be very similar
 - 5. Many class members are glad to have mentorship from upperclassmen, so it could be [good](#) for the Senate to reach out again to open the door for MS2s to receive more advice if needed.

6. MS2s curious about the possibility of HLB for dedicated studying for their class; Student Affairs pushed for it, but it seems like the school needs to wait for the governor's announcement about possibly updating stay at home orders on Monday
7. Group therapy session on Friday the 27th

III. Student Representation

A. Gathering Info from MS4s (Taylor, 5 minutes)

1. We would like to generate an informal network beyond alumni donations
2. We will reach out to 2-3 people from each class who are social butterflies and know about everyone anyways (class agents)
 - a) MS4s don't currently have a plan apart from making their own slack -- in part because of COVID
3. Steve: Texas exes will be doing this in some form on its own
 - a) May not need to even be a member to get this information
4. Ideas
 - a) Sending cards to interns
 - b) Crashing on people's couches for interviews (hopefully, lol)
 - c) Send congratulations / announcements about weddings, families, other significant life events
 - d) Organize [reunions](#)
 - e) newsletter?
5. Logistics
 - a) We will reach out to find social representatives from the class of 2020 to create an alumni slack and collect optional information from them.
 - b) Create an alumni slack and kick all the [old](#) peeps [out of the Dell Med slack](#)
 - (1) One or two MS4s who can reach out to alumni and make a channel on the general slack to ask for that individual to reach out

IV. Academic/Professional/Personal Development

A. What resources do we get for free? (Natalie, 5 minutes)

1. One MS1 found the free am[boss](#) before the school sent out the email for it
2. So far, MS2's have access to online med ed (but only for that year)
3. Unidays.com -- app that provides discounts on lots of stuff
4. Basically, the resources provided by our school always change, so contact Stephanie Corliss if you would like an updated and official answer.

B. Tutoring Update (Sam, 5 minutes)

1. Made some adjustments to proposal senate had drafted
2. Created to do list to get it going
3. Hopefully will be up and running for the new MS1's to have academic [coaches](#)
4. Proposal included with minutes

C. [Election Timeline](#) (Charlotte, 10 minutes)

1. Now is the time we normally ask senate delegates to be elected, so we have a new proposal due to the changed dedicated Step 1 study time
 - a) Election in the mid to end of June (following dedicated)
 - b) Umec at the start of July
 - c) MS1 elections at the end of July and start of August for senate and umec, respectively
2. Handoff of presidents will occur around the end of August
3. Side related questions that came up with this
 - a) Sam moved to change hiatus to now
 - b) Megan and Noah simultaneously seconded

- (1) Senate will be taking Hiatus from official meetings starting after this meeting until the end of June
 - (2) Sam and Megan will continue to maintain contact with MS1s and 2s to make sure representation is still happening!
 - (3) Note: MS4 delegates are officially [FIRED!](#)
- c) MS1 Orientation difficulties
- (1) Senate is supposed to get 2 hours at MS1 orientation in mid-late June
 - (2) The possibility exists that they might not be able to do orientation in person...might be virtual
 - (3) Then potentially a delayed orientation in August? 2-3 days off crash course; potentially framed as a celebration of reopening campus and finishing C2P?
 - (4) Senate thoughts
 - (a) Need something as starting med school in person is [scary enough!](#)
 - (b) Student lead zoom meetings; better than being from the school because unofficial feels better
 - (c) [Sam personally promises](#) social interaction for the incoming MS1s
- D. Request for a minutes plug (Megan, 5 minutes)
1. There is a new clinical elective, but the senate is not the best place to advertise it
 2. Charlotte acknowledges that there are difficulties with COVID, but potentially a more formal mechanism of announcing and offering electives could be super [valuable](#) -- JENNY as the mechanism
 - a) Might facilitate signing up for electives anyways
 3. We will reach out to appropriate parties to let them know our recommendation
- E. MS1 Leadership Schedule (Will, 5 minutes)
1. Every year there are [elections](#) for MS1s in interest groups at different times, so should we structure this out for the interest groups and standardize it?
 2. This idea would be hard for senate to enforce this, people don't follow our guidelines
 3. We will choose a date, Student Affairs will enforce
 - a) After C2P, beginning of september

V. Communication

- A. Slack Housekeeping (Natalie, 10 minutes)
1. Woody handed down admin to Natalie
 2. Make a separate workspace for alumni
 3. Concerns about student affairs slack; adding interest group channels and other things onto that slack, or keeping it only SA?
 - a) Official communications will still be coming out over email
 - b) The Student Affairs slack will probably not be converted to a paid space
 - (1) Just want to keep channels like upperclassmen advice and med students against birds (check it out, give it a follow, [you won't be disappointed](#)) on the general slack
- B. [Institutional Memory Update, Part II: Return of the Task Force Handbooks](#) (Virginia, 10 minutes)
1. Used for both standing task forces as a guidepost and as a tool for transmitting institutional memory class to class and with onboarding delegates
 2. Currently 7 task forces -- budget, orientation, events, and peer coaching either do not exist or were never official task forces
 3. Changes from previous presentation
 - a) Added OKRs -- stretch goals, [vision](#) casting, broad ideas and performance to experiment with to ultimately improve over time
 - b) Added Task tracker -- keeping the lights on; fundamentals that need to be done

4. Complete all sections by May 13th; office hours on May 6th to have rough drafts and feedback

VI. Student Body Feedback

- A. Online class participation concerns
 1. Dr. Brooks (Women's Health) was concerned about [zoom](#) call with MS1's; many MS1's seemed to have video off during LGIs
 2. Up until that point of MOD, MS1's were instructed to keep video off for bandwidth concerns!
 3. Now, about 1/2 of MS1s have video on and off and are doing better to make sure they are engaging with LGIs
 4. In general, very faculty dependent (especially with varying levels of tech savviness)
 5. Encourage students to reach out to course directors with additional concerns (anytime feedback on canvas is always great!)

VII. Violets

- A. SAM FOR THE TUTORING PROPOSAL
- B. Will's gifs
- C. Our weekly wellness team
- D. Carina Souflee for organizing group wellness for MS2s!
- E. Virginia and Noah for the Task Force Templates!!!
- F. Senate MS4s, for continuing to help to improve our school even as they prepare to leave it

VIII. Action Items

- A. Brooke and Ariane will reach out to the class of 2020 to find social representatives
- B. Sam and Megan will follow up with Dr. Salib
- C. Sam will work with other senators on action items with regard to academic coaching
- D. Sam and Megan will plan Senate Office Hours for students to come to socialize, discuss concerns, and be connected with other students and resources