



The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School

Student Senate Agenda

Location: Zoom (The virtual space!)

Date: Wednesday, August 12th 2020

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Observation of Attendance and Quorum

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

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (07/29/2020)

- B. Minutes found digitally [here](#).
- C. [Move](#) to approve the minutes: Dekoiya
- D. Seconded: Taylor
- E. Minutes approved by majority

Agenda Items:

I. Student Affairs Update (30 min)

- A. If you haven't picked up your goody bags, you can do so at Tamara's office Thursdays 8:30-1.
- B. Student org leaders, be sure to submit your funding allocation board [form](#) to Tamara by Aug 15 deadline.

II. Culture of Wellness

- A. MS2 check in (Alex, Girija, Lana, Natalie, 5 minutes)
 - 1. Tired and overwhelmed. Nervous to see how the PPE situation plays out. Ascension is supposed to start providing PPE to students starting next block. Will provide updates once we have them.
- B. Social Events/Community Building (Sam, 5 minutes)
 - 1. [Survey updates](#)
 - a) Sam is looking for people to join this task force outside of the senate, especially MS1s.
 - b) Some MS1s not yet in Austin but slotted to start in-person DOCS September 1. This idea could be a great way to integrate everyone.
 - (1) Side plug: MS1s should come to the fireside chat Thursday 8/13 to start meeting upperclassmen!
 - 2. [List of Safe/Responsibly Social Distant Spaces](#)
 - a) Encouraging the student body to add to this list and generate a database
 - 3. Vote: creation of a Task Force
 - a) Social Task Force
 - (1) Sam motions, Megan seconds
 - (2) Approved by unanimous vote
- C. HLB welcoming for MS1s (Kayli, 1 minute)
 - 1. Society lounges tune-up before MS1s start in-person. Whoever is interested in helping can contact Kayli.

III. Student Representation

A. Elections (All, 10 minutes)

1. MS1 elections - allow to express interest or not?
 - a) MS1s in attendance like the idea of blind voting but concerned they don't know each other well enough to hold elections soon. Proposed delaying elections and allowing MS1s to express interest in holding senate position, but not campaign.
 - b) Senate: Zoom allows MS1s the opportunity to understand what senate is all about. Let's encourage them to come observe.
 - c) Next steps:
 - (1) Sam will email class to explain the senate meeting process and invite them to observe and interact.
 - (2) Plan to discuss MS1 representation and roles of senate/UMEC at next Happy Hour. Likely will delay MS1 elections to allow for more time to get to know each other.
 - (3) Need to discuss the timeline for UMEC elections as well. Likely will happen before MS1 senator elections

B. Duty Hours (All, 5 minutes)

1. Proposal updates
 - a) Evelyn, Charlotte, and Ciaura researched other school's policies, working on draft
 - (1) Key points: defining time between shifts, average and max hours per week, days off, what happens if you exceed duty hours. Updates to come. They will send the final draft to UMEC.
 - (2) MS2s who have questions/concerns about duty hours can contact them
2. PTO policies at other schools
 - a) Sam to research. Preliminary search not fruitful.

IV. Academic/Professional/Personal Development

A. COVID testing and quarantine guidelines for medical students (Megan, 1 minute)

1. Confusion as to where students get PPE, testing is likely a problem with diffusion of responsibility. Guidelines are being developed to clarify what exactly Ascension has agreed to and who will be distributing supplies for each clerkship/site.

B. [Branded Scrubs Update](#) (Sam, 1 minute)

1. From the survey, winning colors are gray and blue. We'll be selecting dark gray as the winner of the survey as well as the discussed favorite.
2. Reminder: purchasing scrubs/these scrubs is not a requirement. Need to continue to make this clear to incoming MS1s

C. Peer coaching updates (Megan, 5 minutes)

1. 36 MS1s and MS2s total joined! 44 MS3s and MS4s signed up to coach!
2. Note for the future that some MS2s who were in the program as MS1s dropped due to clerkship demands.
3. The recorded coaching training is very helpful!

V. Communication

A. Slack (Communications TF, 5 minutes)

1. Promoting slack for MS3s
 - a) Some redundancy in classwide communications on both slack and groupme. Could be due to the fragmented end to MS2 year. MS3s to talk to classmates and will come back with their thoughts.

B. MS1 Feedback for the Leadership course (Edy, 15 minutes)

1. MS1 class is very frustrated with the leadership course in regards to structure, content, delivery.
 2. MS1 and MS2 classes likely need to meet with LuAnn and Beth to express concerns.
 - a) Luann.wilkerson@austin.utexas.edu
 3. Reminder to fill out the One45s honestly. That is the school's go to for assessing the concerns of the students.
 4. Natalie and Edy will connect and reach out to the appropriate parties. Madison and Taylor are happy to help as well.
- C. Communication to MS1s.
1. MS1s are frustrated with communication not being timely or direct. They understand COVID presents challenges but feel like the student perspective isn't being considered
 - a) Specific example: insufficient time given to MS1s who are out of town on when they need to come back and self-quarantine prior to in-person DOCS sessions
 2. Currently, town halls are monthly
 3. MS1s would prefer more transparent and frequent communication, i.e. incomplete information/possibilities under discussion is better and easier to plan for than later, more definitive decisions

VI. Student Body Feedback

- A. Addressed during meeting

VII. Violets

- A. Kudos to Will for showing up on his birthday!!
- B. Violets to Evelyn for already organizing an event for Docs 1 fam!!
- C. Violets to our amazing MS1s (Scott, Erin, Edy) who joined the senate meeting and are already making amazing changes and providing new input!
 1. Violets x 1 million
- D. Violets to all our students who signed up to be peer coaches and coaching partners
- E. Violets to docs fam 5 for a great hangout!
- F. Violets to Megan, Charlotte, and Brooke for developing an incredible peer coaching program.
- G. Violets to every class for handling unique COVID challenges!

VIII. Action Items

- A. Natalie and Edy to follow up with each other to discuss action plans for Leadership feedback
- B. Social Events Task Force to start activity and begin generating events
- C. Evelyn, Ciaura, and Charlotte to continue to work on Duty Hours Policy
- D. Sam will look into PTO policies at other schools